

Limited Submissions Announcement

A limited submission opportunity is available from the National Science Foundation and has been posted to the [UTSA Limited Submission Opportunities webpage](#).

NSF Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI)

The Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program serves to increase access to multi-user scientific and engineering instrumentation for research and research training in our Nation's institutions of higher education and not-for-profit scientific/engineering research organizations. An MRI award supports the acquisition or development of a multi-user research instrument that is, in general, too costly and/or not appropriate for support through other NSF programs.

MRI provides support to acquire critical research instrumentation without which advances in fundamental science and engineering research may not otherwise occur. MRI also provides support to develop next-generation research instruments that open new opportunities to advance the frontiers in science and engineering research. Additionally, an MRI award is expected to enhance research training of students who will become the next generation of instrument users, designers and builders.

Eligibility

- The Lead Principal Investigator (PI) must be employed by the eligible institution submitting the proposal, and must have the technical skills required to lead and execute the proposed research project.
- Since demographic diversity may be greater among early-career researchers the MRI program also encourages proposals with early-career PIs and proposals that benefit early-career researchers.

Application Limit

Maximum of three (3) proposals:

- Two (2) submissions in Track 1
- One (1) submission in Track 2

Award Amount

Track 1: greater than or equal to \$100,000 and less than \$1,000,000.

Track 2: greater than or equal to \$1,000,000 up to and including \$4,000,000.

Cost Share Requirement

Cost sharing at the level of (precisely) 30% of the total project cost is required for Ph.D.-granting institutions and non-degree-granting organizations. National Science Board policy prohibits voluntary committed cost sharing.

A **Resource Commitment Form** has been developed for documenting resource commitments, including cost-share, specifically for limited submission opportunities. The form and instructions for it can be found here: <http://research.utsa.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/LS-Resource-Commitment-Form.pdf>.

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All applicable Resource Commitment Forms are due at the time of submission, 11:59pm on September 24, 2020.

Internal Evaluation Criteria

The attached review matrix will be utilized for internal review/scoring. Pre-proposals should be responsive to these criteria.

Timeline

Internal Notice of Intent Due (Required)	Limited Submission Application Due	Selection Notification	Application Due to Funder
September 17, 2020	September 24, 2020	October 9, 2020	January 21, 2021

Questions? Please reference the [UTSA Limited Submissions website](#) or contact LimitedSubmissions@utsa.edu

[Limited Submissions Process Overview](#) | [Guidelines](#) | [Application Form](#)