

May 12, 2009

Memorandum to: UO Scientific Researchers  
From: Moira Kiltie  
Re: NSF MRI-R2 announcement and guidance for internal process

This email is to bring your attention to the NSF's announcement of a Major Research Instrumentation competition, in addition to the regular competition held earlier, funded by stimulus money. This is a limited submission program – we can submit up to three proposals (if we have three, one MUST be for instrument development). The program is called MRI-R<sup>2</sup> and the number is NSF 09-561 - you can find the program announcement at <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09561/nsf09561.htm>. **The internal deadline for individuals or groups to register interest in applying for this program will be Tuesday, June 2 at 5pm.** Please send your memo to Mary Fechner via email [mfechner@uoregon.edu](mailto:mfechner@uoregon.edu).

As always, your memo should be a written statement expressing interest in the program with a short explanation of the project, justification for the proposal to move forward as one of the three University submissions and a summary of budget related issues. Requests for campus cost-sharing or other institutional resources or exceptions to campus policies must be identified at this pre-proposal stage. The external deadline is August 10, 2009 - we will do our best to get a response back within 10 business days of the June 2nd deadline

NOTE: If you are planning on being included on a proposal to be submitted by an institution other than the UO you MUST let us know by the June 2nd date so we can confirm that your application does not impact our limits (see the guidelines for the details on this).

**THREE Special notes for this announcement that you should consider BEFORE sending the memo to us:**

- For this MRI competition only, they are willing to waive the cost share component but they want certification from senior leadership on this point – you should consider this and include your intentions within your memo for June 2nd.
- Your June 2<sup>nd</sup> memo should provide some information on how you will address the major points listed in the guidelines as administrative and technical requirements – in brief, we do not expect you to have this all worked out by June 2nd!
- You may NOT apply with a proposal that wholly or substantially duplicates a proposal that was accepted for review under NSF 09-502 ( the most recent regular competition).

Again, you will find the guidelines at [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf09561](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf09561). Feel free to contact Mary Fechner (63196) or Moira Kiltie at (63188) if you have any questions.

Please distribute widely to those who might be interested.