This message is intended for faculty contemplating applying to the NSF CISE Research Infrastructure (CRI) program.

The CISE Research Infrastructure (CRI) program drives discovery and learning in the core CISE disciplines of the three participating CISE divisions by supporting the creation and enhancement of world-class research infrastructure that will support focused research agendas in computer and information science and engineering. This infrastructure will enable CISE researchers to advance the frontiers of CISE research. Further, through the CRI program, CISE seeks to ensure that individuals from a diverse range of academic institutions, including minority-serving and predominantly undergraduate institutions, have access to such infrastructure.

The CRI program supports two classes of awards:

**Institutional Infrastructure (II) awards** support the creation of new (II-NEW) CISE research infrastructure or the enhancement (II-EN) of existing CISE research infrastructure to enable world-class CISE research opportunities at the awardee and collaborating institutions.

**Community Infrastructure (CI) awards** support the planning (CI-P) for new CISE community research infrastructure, the creation of new (CI-NEW) CISE research infrastructure, the enhancement (CI-EN) of existing CISE infrastructure, or the sustainment (CI-SUSTAIN) of existing CISE community infrastructure to enable world-class CISE research opportunities for broad-based communities of CISE researchers that extend well beyond the awardee institutions. Each CI award may support the operation of such infrastructure, ensuring that the awardee institution(s) is (are) well positioned to provide a high quality of service to CISE community researchers expected to use the infrastructure to realize their research goals.

**Limit on Number of Proposals per Organization:**
A university or organization may submit no more than three Institutional Infrastructure (II) proposals per competition. There is no limit on Community Infrastructure (CI) proposals per competition.

**PI/Co-PI/Senior Personnel Limit:**
In each annual competition, an individual may participate in at most two proposals, across all classes, as PI, Co-PI, or Senior Personnel.

**Preliminary Proposal Deadline (REQUIRED) – due by 5 p.m. proposer's local time:**
November 2, 2017. While multiple preliminary proposals for II projects may be submitted, only three (3) full proposals for an II award can be submitted to the sponsor. Please work with your Pre Award Administrator in Research and Sponsored Programs on submission of your preliminary proposal.

**Full Proposal Deadline (due by 5 p.m. proposer's local time):** January 11, 2018. If you are interested in submitting a full proposal to this program, you will need to take the first required step and submit a preliminary proposal to the sponsor by the deadline stated above. Because of the above restriction on full proposals, if more than three (3) preliminary proposals are submitted by WSU for the II program, Research and Sponsored Programs will utilize, in part, the contents of the preliminary proposal, along with the resulting feedback contained within the
NSF Project Officer Comments in response to each preliminary proposal, during the internal review and selection of projects for full proposal completion and submission.

You may download the complete program description and application guidelines at https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12810&org=NSF&sel_org=CISE&from= fund. If you have any questions about the program or selection procedure, you may contact our office at ext. 2425.