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Subject:[FAC-L] Limited Submission Opportunity: NSF Partnerships for Innovation - Research Partnerships (PFI-RP) (Internal deadline: January 8, 2021)

This message is intended for applicants contemplating applying to the NSF Partnerships for Innovation – Research Partnerships (PFI-RP)

The Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) Program funds technology translation and development based on prior NSF-funded research projects from all science and engineering disciplines supported by NSF.

PFI contains two separate tracks for submission: PFI-Technology Translation (PFI-TT) and PFI-Research Partnerships (PFI-RP).

The PFI-RP track requires the creation and implementation of new multidisciplinary, multi-organizational partnerships between academia, industry and other public and private entities to pursue new innovative technology development projects.

The PFI program has an NSF Lineage Requirement under one of the following two paths: (1) NSF-supported research results or (2) NSF-supported customer discovery results through the [NSF Innovation Corps \(I-Corps™\) Teams](#) program. The NSF lineage requirement applies now to both proposal tracks PFI-TT and PFI-RP. The only allowed exception is for resubmission of PFI-RP proposals previously declined under solicitation NSF 18-511. An I-Corps Node award, training at an NSF [I-Corps Site](#), or any I-Corps-related training imparted by federal agencies and organizations other than NSF do not meet the NSF Lineage Requirement.

The educational component of the PFI program has been clarified to a) emphasize the leadership in innovation and entrepreneurship training of student and postdoctoral team members; and b) include additional mandatory NSF I-Corps training for PFI awardees.

Proposals must include at least one (1) letter of support from potential commercialization partners (not associated with the proposal) that validates the claim of market potential and broader societal impact for the proposed technology.

PFI-RP projects will be funded for up to \$550,000 for 36 months. Approximately 10-15 awards are anticipated.

LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION:

The limit on the number of proposals submitted by an eligible organization has been eliminated for the PFI-TT track. However, an organization can only submit **one proposal** to the PFI-RP track per submission deadline.

LETTERS OF INTENT: Not required

FULL PROPOSAL TARGET DATE: (due by 5 p.m. proposer's local time): February 10, 2021

Because of the above restrictions, Research and Sponsored Programs is requesting that all those interested in applying to the NSF PFI-RP track, please submit an abstract for their project to Sheila Bensman by **Friday, January 8, 2021**. This will enable us to ensure that the University does not submit more than the allotted amount of proposals for our institution. If the number of abstracts we receive

exceeds the number of proposals we are allowed to submit, we will advise the relevant applicants on how a selection will be determined and, subsequently, how to proceed with the submission of the proposal to the National Science Foundation.

For further details, you may download the complete program description NSF 19-506 and application guidelines at <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2019/nsf19506/nsf19506.htm>

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

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WSU RSP Internal Deadlines:

5 business days prior to submission deadline RSP must receive:

- The final budget (both requested and cost share), budget justification, and abstract

2 business days prior to the submission deadline:

- The complete proposal ready for submission is due at RSP

Wright State University has taken steps to slow the spread of COVID-19. The Office of the Vice Provost for Research and Innovation is available to faculty and staff for all the research development, proposal submission, award management, research compliance and technology transfer services that we routinely provide. I am working remotely, please reach out to me by email.