

INTERNAL COMPETITION

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Materials Institutes****FACULTY!**

The National Science Foundation supports International Materials Institutes (IMIs) in order to enhance international collaboration between U.S. researchers & educators & their counterparts worldwide. These Institutes advance **fundamental materials research** by coordinating international research & education projects involving **condensed matter & materials physics, solid state & materials chemistry, polymers, metals, ceramics, electronic materials, biomaterials** &, in general, the design, synthesis, & characterization of & phenomena in materials to meet global & regional needs. The Institutes must be university-based & provide a research environment that will attract leading scientists & engineers. The Institutes' long term goal is the creation of a **worldwide network in materials research** & the development of a generation of scientists & engineers with enhanced international leadership capabilities.

Because NSF limits each institution to one (1) application, there will be an internal competition at Southern Miss to select one concept for submission.

Applicant Instructions:

- **Read** the full announcement at http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08558/nsf08558.htm?govDel=USNSF_25.
- **Prepare & submit** a concept paper of not more than three (3) pages, including a summary budget.
- **Attach** the paper in Word or PDF format to an e-mail message and send it to sponsoredprograms@usm.edu no later than 5:00 pm Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

Deadlines:

- **Concept papers** due at SPA by **5:00 pm Tuesday, May 13, 2008**.
- A committee selected by the USM Vice President for Research & Economic Development will review the concept papers & select one for development into a full proposal and submission to NSF.
- **Full proposal** due at NSF by **5:00 pm Tuesday, July 15, 2008**.

For questions about the competition, contact SPA Information Specialist J. Syd Conner at sponsoredprograms@usm.edu or at 601-266-4119.

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