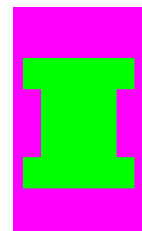
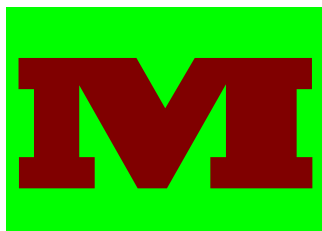


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The **National Science Foundation's** Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) seeks to improve the quality and expand the scope of research and research training in science and engineering, and to foster the integration of research & education by providing instrumentation for research-intensive learning environments. The program encourages the **development** and **acquisition** of **research instrumentation** for shared inter- and /or intra-organizational use and in concert with private sector partners.

Proposals may be for a single instrument, a large system of instruments, or multiple instruments that share a common or specific research focus. Proposals will be considered for instrumentation used for **any NSF-supported field of science** (including, among others, **computer & information science/engineering; education; human resources; geosciences; mathematics; physical sciences;** as well as **social, behavioral, & economic sciences**).

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