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NSF MRI

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INSTRUMENT DEVELOPMENT & ACQUISITION

The National Science Foundation's Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) seeks to improve the quality & expand the scope of science research & to foster the integration of research & education by supporting the development & acquisition of research instrumentation for shared inter-/intra-organizational use & in concert with private sector partners. Proposals are taken from any NSF-supported field of science (including computer/information science; education; human resources; geosciences; physical sciences; social, behavioral, and economic sciences); and mathematics.



NSF limits submissions to 3 per institution (see RFP details!). At Southern Miss, there will be an internal competition to determine which proposed projects may be submitted to NSF.

INSTRUCTIONS

http://www.usm.edu/spa/policies/internal_competitions.htm#mri

DEADLINES

- **Concept papers** due at SPA by **5:00 pm Monday, November 23, 2009**
- **Full proposals** due at NSF by **5:00 pm January 28, 2010 (projected)**

For more information . . .

- **On MRI (2009 RFP):** <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09502/nsf09502.htm>;
direct MRI questions to mri@nsf.gov or 703-292-8040.
- **Competition questions:** Southern Miss Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA) at sponsoredprograms@usm.edu or 601-266-4119.