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MEMORANDUM

To: UNC Research Community
From: *LHB* Linda Black, Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate School, Research & Sponsored Programs
Subject: 2019 NSF-MRI Proposal Competition
Date: October 23, 2018

The [NSF Major Research Instrumentation Program](#) (NSF-MRI) serves to increase access to shared scientific and engineering instruments for research and research training. Each MRI proposal may request support for the acquisition or development of a single research instrument for shared inter- and/or intra-organizational use. The NSF deadline for this program is January 22, 2019.

Track 1 proposals are those requesting from NSF \$100,000 to less than \$1 million and Track 2 proposals are those requesting from NSF \$1 million up to and including \$4 million. Proposal requesting less than \$100,000 are only accepted from for the disciplines of mathematics or social, behavioral and economic sciences.

Up to three instrument acquisition NSF-MRI proposals may be submitted from UNC (two for Track 1 and one for Track 2). An internal competition will be required if more than three notices of intent for the NSF-MRI program are submitted by the deadline below. The OSP [policy on limited submissions](#) specifies the procedures for selecting limited submissions proposals.

Faculty should notify OSP of their intent to submit an NSF-MRI proposal by completing a [Notice of Intent to Submit](#) (NOI) through the OSP website by **October 30, 2018**. If OSP receives more than three intent notices by the deadline, the timeline for the internal selection shall proceed as follows:

Oct 30	Notices of Intent are due to OSP
Oct 31	Faculty notified if pre-proposal process is required
Nov 14	Pre-proposals for internal selection due to OSP
Dec 7	Faculty notified of selection decision
Jan 18, 2019	All final proposal documents submitted to OSP, by 9am MT
Jan 22	NSF MRI proposal deadline, by 5pm MT