Limited Submission Opportunity

**National Science Foundation: Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI)**

- **Limited Submission Internal Deadline**: October 31, 2019 (see below for requirements)
- **Selection of Applicants for full proposal submission**: November 20, 2019
- **NSF Submission Window**: January 1, 2020 – January 21, 2020

The Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program serves to increase access to multi-user scientific and engineering instrumentation for research and research training. An MRI award supports the acquisition or development of a multi-user research instrument that is, in general, too costly and/or not appropriate for support through other NSF programs.

MRI provides support to acquire critical research instrumentation without which advances in fundamental science and engineering research may not otherwise occur. MRI also provides support to develop next-generation research instruments that open new opportunities to advance the frontiers in science and engineering research. Additionally, an MRI award is expected to enhance research training of students who will become the next generation of instrument users, designers and builders.

An MRI proposal may request up to $4 million for either acquisition or development of a research instrument. Each organization may submit **no more than two submissions in Track 1** and **no more than one submission in Track 2**.

- **Track 1**: Track 1 MRI proposals are those that request funds from NSF greater than or equal to $100,000 and less than $1,000,000.
- **Track 2**: Track 2 MRI proposals are those that request funds from NSF greater than or equal to $1,000,000 up to and including $4,000,000.

Cost sharing of precisely 30% of the total project cost is required for submission to this program. Interested applicants must submit the following information to ospa@siu.edu **no later than close of business on Thursday, October 31, 2019**:

- Complete and Submit a [Proposal Notification](#)
- Complete and Submit a [Limited Submission Form](#)
- Submit a complete Pre-Proposal consisting of:
  - 2-page project description describing the scope of the project, expected/intended outcomes, the personnel involved, and existing resources;
  - 1-page budget;
  - 2-page curriculum vitae.