October 20, 2017

For UVM faculty:

Call for Proposals: NSF EPSCoR FY 2018 RII Track-2 FEC (Focused EPSCoR Collaborations)

The National Science Foundation Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (NSF EPSCoR) has announced the following funding opportunity: Research Infrastructure Improvement Program Track-2 Focused EPSCoR Collaborations (RII Track-2 FEC)

- All proposals must promote collaborations among researchers in EPSCoR jurisdictions and be aligned with the single focus area: “Understanding the relationship between genome and phenome”.
- The number of submissions per state is unlimited but there can be only one per institution.
- An investigator may serve as Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-PI on only one RII Track-2 award at any given time.
- At UVM, the Vice President for Research and VT EPSCoR State Committee, the Vermont Technology Council, will determine which if any proposal goes forward.
- Each proposal must have a collaborator from an institution in a different RII-eligible EPSCoR jurisdiction as Co-PI. The second institution will be issued a subcontract.

If selected to move forward, a required Letter of Intent is due November 27, 2017 and Full proposal is due January 26, 2018 to the NSF.

Please note that you may be a Co-PI on a proposal with a PI from another EPSCoR eligible state, but you are not allowed to be PI or co-PI on more than one proposal; it’s either one or the other.

This announcement is to allow you as much time as possible for preparation for the pre-proposal process. The FY 2018 RFP can be found at: https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2018/nsf18502/nsf18502.htm?WT.mc_id=USNSF_25&WT.mc_ev=click

We ask that you submit the following via epscor@uvm.edu

1. By 4 pm on October 30, a Letter of Intent with title of the proposal and names of PI and Co-PI (with affiliation). This Letter of Intent is required in order to be eligible to submit a full proposal to NSF.
2. By 4 pm on November 3, a 5-page pre-proposal that addresses:
   - A topic area consistent with the NSF FYI 2017 priority programmatic focus area: Understanding the relationship between genome and phenome
   - A plan for collaboration with a Co-PI, preferably with a history of collaboration with the PI. Describe the history of the collaboration.
   - A plan for enhancing the careers of junior faculty.
   - The impact on the states research infrastructure.

There will be a rapid review of the pre-proposals by a panel and a decision made on the selection of the proposal to go forward to NSF by November 10.