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Dear Colleagues,

The next announced deadline for the National Science Foundation Research Traineeship (NRT) program is for the required Letter of Intent, which is due December 6, 2019. The program description may be found in the solicitation at https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2019/nsf19522/nsf19522.htm UVM may participate in only two proposals per competition whether that be as a lead organization, a non-lead organization, or a sub awardee.

In order to allow adequate time for interested investigators to prepare pre-proposals and for a selection process to occur well in advance of the December 06, 2019 LOI deadline, we are announcing an internal call now for pre-proposals from interested investigators.

The NRT competition is designed to encourage the development and implementation of bold, new, and potentially transformative models for STEM graduate education training. The NRT program seeks proposals that explore ways for graduate students in research-based master’s and doctoral degree programs to develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to pursue a range of STEM careers.

Each institution may participate in two proposals. Participation includes serving as a lead organization, non-lead organization, or subawardee on any proposal.

If you would like to participate in a proposal for this competition as PI, Partner or Subawardee, please upload a preproposal as a single document file into UVM’s InfoReady Portal for Institutional Competitions at https://uvm.infoready4.com/ The pre-proposal should be no more than 3 pages and should include the following: the type of proposal it is (lead, non-lead or subawardee); a description of the research theme and research efforts; the qualifications of the principal investigator and collaborating faculty; any proposed graduate education and training mechanisms; and any other information about why you deem the proposal to be competitive for the award. Pre-proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria: the two standard NSF criteria, Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts; project alignment with the program goals and project feasibility strength. The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is October 1, 2019 before 4:30 p.m.

Selection of the proposal shall be made shortly thereafter by the Dean of the Graduate College and the Vice President for Research in consultation with the Graduate Executive Committee and the Deans of the home units of the potential applicants.

Please be in touch if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Cindy Forehand
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