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Dear Department Chair/Program Director, and Colleagues,

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) program has an upcoming deadline date of January 8, 2020 (see the program description at https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2019/nsf19506/nsf19506.htm). This program contains two separate tracks for submission: PFI-Technology Translation (PFI-TT) and PFI-Research Partnerships (PFI-RP). NSF PFI Research Partnerships (PFI-RP) track is limited to one proposal per institution. There are no institutional limits on the PFI-Technology Translation (PFI-TT) track. All proposals submitted to the PFI program (either track) must meet a lineage requirement under one of the following two paths: (1) NSF-supported research results, or (2) NSF-supported customer discovery results through the NSF I-Corps Teams Program. The only allowed exception is for resubmission of PFI-RP proposals previously declined under solicitation NSF 18-511.

This call for pre-proposals is just for the PFI-Research Partnerships (PFI-RP) track, which seeks to achieve the same goals as the PFI-TT track but supports complex, multi-faceted technology development projects that are typically beyond the scope of a single researcher or institution and require a multi-organizational, interdisciplinary, synergistic collaboration. This track limits UVM to one submission or resubmission of PFI-RP proposals previously declined under solicitation NSF 18-511.

If you are interested in submitting a PFI-RP proposal, please upload a pre-proposal as a single document file into UVM’s InfoReady Portal for Institutional Competitions (https://uvm.infoready4.com/). The pre-proposal should be no more than 3 pages and should indicate how you meet the lineage requirement. It should also include a brief description of the proposed project, information regarding the proposed partnership/s and a statement about why you deem the proposal to be competitive for this competition. Pre-proposals will be evaluated on: 1) Intellectual Merit; 2) Broader Impacts; 3) Innovation; 4) Strength of the collaborative academic and industrial partnership and; 5) Feasibility. The deadline for submitting pre-proposals through the InfoReady Portal is October 7, 2019 before 4:30 pm.

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