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From: Faculty Research Development Office
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: Fiscal Year 2018 DoD Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI), W911NF-17-S-0010

Date: July 5, 2017

The Department of Defense (DoD) announces the Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI). The program aims to (a) enhance research programs and capabilities in scientific and engineering disciplines critical to the national security functions of the DoD; (b) enhance the capacity of HBCU/MI to participate in DoD research programs and activities; and (c) increase the number of graduates, including underrepresented minorities, in fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) important to the defense mission. Applications for basic research projects are requested in areas of research interest to the Agencies, as presented in their broad agency announcements. Information about these areas is available at the following websites:

Army Research Office:

<http://www.arl.army.mil/www/default.cfm?page=8>

See the most recent ARO Core Broad Agency Announcement for Basic and Applied Scientific Research, W911NF-17-S-0002.

Office of Naval Research: <https://www.onr.navy.mil/Contracts-Grants/Funding-Opportunities/Broad-Agency-Announcements> See Long Range Broad Agency Announcement for Navy and Marine Corps Science and Technology, N00014-17-S-B001.

Air Force Office of Scientific Research: See BAA-AFRL-AFOSR-2016-0007, Research Interests of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. Go to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and enter BAA-AFRL-AFOSR-2016-0007 in the Opportunity Number search box.

NOTE: Use the above-referenced documents **only** to identify research areas of interest to the Agencies. Disregard instructions contained therein regarding proposal preparation, content, and submission requirements. Instead, **follow the instructions in this FOA.**

DoD intends to award approximately \$25 million. All awards will be made by the U.S. Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground Research Triangle Park (ACC_APG_RTP) Division on behalf of the ARO as project grants. Each grant will be fully funded for a performance period of 36 months in an amount

up to \$600,000 (total of direct and indirect [facilities and administration] costs). No applications for renewal or supplemental awards will be considered. There will be no collaborations outside the PI's institution. **Equipment will not be funded under this BAA.** Proposals must be received through Grants.gov no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 10, 2017. Please see the following website for further information: <http://www.arl.army.mil/www/default.cfm?page=8>

This is a limited competition; No more than three (3) applications are allowed per institution. Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; all documents in a SINGLE PDF file, 11 point font) by NOON on Thursday, July 6, 2014 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: DOD-HBCU/MI Research Program - your name. No late submissions will be considered. The preproposal narrative should include and will be evaluated based on the following: 1) a description of the research to be undertaken, with objectives and approaches to be used and the relationship to the state of knowledge in the field and to related work elsewhere; 2) a description of the anticipated results and, if known, the manner in which the work will contribute to the DoD mission, particularly as it relates to the research interests of the Agencies; and 3) a description of the involvement of undergraduate and/or graduate students in the research effort and an estimate of the number of students who will be involved with the project. The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated PI CV**.

Please note: A copy of the DoEd letter dated November 2016 or later certifying eligibility for Title III or Title V assistance must be included with each proposal submitted under this BAA. Otherwise the applicant will be deemed ineligible and DoD will not consider the proposal. Here is a link to the letter: [USDE Title III / Title V 2017](#)

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact Corey Ford at 272-6950 for more information.