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From: Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO)
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Subject: Limited Competition (1st-come, 1st-served): Army Research Laboratory: HBCU/MI Early Career Program (ECP) under DEVCOM-Special Announcement

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Dear UNM Researchers,

DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory announces the Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI) Early Career Program (ECP) under the DEVCOM ARL BAA (W911NF-23-S-0001-0002). The program embodies the high priority placed on maintaining the leadership position of the United States in science by producing outstanding scientists and engineers and nurturing their continued development. Each award will support basic research contributing to Army modernization needs conducted by outstanding scientists and engineers beginning their careers at HBCUs/MIs.

Opportunity Highlights:

- Open to U.S. citizens, U.S. Nationals, or Lawful Permanent Residents of the U.S. who have held a tenure track position at a covered educational institution for fewer than five years at the time applications are due in response to this special notice.
- Proposals must be submitted on grant.gov, under Broad Agency Announcement: W911NF-23-S-0001-0002
- Minority Serving Institutions (not to incl. HBCUs or Tribal Colleges and Universities) are asked to submit a current Department of Education eligibility letter.
- Collaboration with one other degree-granting Institute of Higher Education (IHE) is permitted, but is limited to no more than 30% of the total budget.
- Funds Basic Research in response to ARO Programs within the ARL BAA.

DEVCOM ARL plans to award up to eight (8) new HBCU/MI ECP grants at a total cost of \$990,000 each over a duration of 5 years, with funding profile of \$110,000 in year one, \$165,000 in year two, \$220,000 in year three, \$330,000 in year four, and \$165,000 in year five. Note this is more funding and longer duration than the typical ECP award specified in the DEVCOM ARL BAA.

Full details on the HBCU/MI ECP Special Notice can be found in these locations:

grants.gov/search-results-detail/344592

or

<https://arl.devcom.army.mil/collaborate-with-us/opportunity/devcom-arl-hbcu-mi-early-career-program/>

The deadline for submitting full proposals to the sponsor is January 12, 2024 at 2:00pm MST.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution may submit no more than three (3) applications for this call.** If you are interested in applying to this program, please submit a statement of interest (200 words) describing your project, with a tentative project title by **NOON on November 27, 2023** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). ****Because of the short turnaround time, this limited competition will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. This means that the first three SOIs we receive will be given the three UNM slots.**** To see if applicants for a first-come, first-served opportunity have already been selected, visit the [Limited Competition website](#) and use the "Filter by Award Title" function to search for the opportunity if it isn't visible on the first page.

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

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact HSC Limited Competition at HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu for more information.