

From: Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO)

Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: Fiscal Year 2023 DoD Research and Education Program for

Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions

(HBCU/MI) (**W911NF-22-S-0010**)

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The Department of Defense (DoD) is soliciting applications to fund basic research at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority-Serving Institutions (MIs). As defined by DoD, "basic research" is systematic study directed toward greater knowledge or understanding of the fundamental aspects of phenomena and of observable facts without specific applications towards processes or products in mind. It includes all scientific study and experimentation directed toward increasing fundamental knowledge and understanding in those fields of the physical, engineering, environmental, life sciences, and information sciences related to long-term national security needs. UNM is eligible to submit to this program given our approved FY 2022 Title III/Title V eligibility status per the Department of Education.

The Research and Education Program is designed to enhance the research capabilities of HBCUs and MIs and to strengthen their STEM education programs. PIs are encouraged to consider innovative approaches for their research projects with a view toward enhancing the ability of their institution to develop stronger science and engineering programs that will enable the institution to participate more competitively in a variety of defense research programs, attract and retain good students by exposing them to state-of-the art research, and encourage them to pursue careers in STEM disciplines. Awards will be up to \$800,000 over a 48-month performance period. **Proposals are due to the sponsor by August 12, 2022.** Please see https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=340470 for additional information.

This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to 3 (THREE) applications. We will be conducting a two-step internal competition to ensure we have a review committee in place by the preproposal deadline. You must complete both steps if you are interested in participating.

STEP ONE: Please submit your 200-word statement of interest by <u>NOON on Monday, July 25, 2022</u> via UNM's <u>InfoReady Review portal</u>. This is a required step and no late submissions will be considered.

STEP TWO: Submit an abbreviated budget, 2-page CV, and a 3-page preproposal that clearly describes:

- a. The research and approaches to be used, and the relationship of the project to the state of knowledge in the field and to any related work at the applicant institution or elsewhere.
- b. The anticipated results and how the project relates to the research interests of the Agency(ies).
- c. The facilities and equipment available for performing the proposed research.
- d. The involvement of undergraduate and/or graduate students in the research. Although HBCU/MI program funds will not support students' tuition, stipends, or fees, the involvement of students, both undergraduates and graduates, in the research project is critical to achieving program

objectives. Students may be supported by other resources. If students are to be supported, the source(s) of funds must be identified in the budget.

Please submit your 3-page preproposal (<u>plus abbreviated budget and 2-page CV for all personnel</u>; 11-point font) by <u>NOON on Wednesday, July 27, 2022</u> via UNM's <u>InfoReady Review portal</u>. You will receive an email when the InfoReady competition has been converted from the SOI application to the preproposal application, but you can work on your documents outside the system before that. No late submissions will be considered.

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 <u>HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu</u> for more information.