



From: Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO)  
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: Fiscal Year 2024 DoD Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI) (W911NF-23-S-0015)

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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). This opportunity 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 STEM fields important to the defense mission.

The Program is designed to enhance HBCU/MI research capabilities 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 STEM careers. Awards will be up to \$1M (including F&A) over a 48-month performance period. **Proposals are due to the sponsor by 4pm EDT, October 30, 2023.** For full details, go to: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=349880>.

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 pre-proposal deadline. **You must complete both steps if you are interested in participating.**

**STEP ONE:** Please submit your 200-word **statement of interest** by **NOON on September 5, 2023** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). 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 clearly describing:

- 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.
- The anticipated results and how the project relates to the research interests of the Agency.
- The facilities and equipment available for performing the proposed research.
- The involvement of students, both undergraduates and graduates, is critical to achieving program objectives, but the program will not support student tuition, stipends, or fees. Students can be supported by other resources; the source(s) of said funds must be identified in the budget.

Please submit your 3-page preproposal (w/ abbreviated budget & 2-page CV for all personnel; 11-pt. font) by **NOON on Sept. 12, 2023** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). You will receive an email when the 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](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

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