



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

Subject: Limited Competitions: Fiscal Year 2021 DoD Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI) Equipment/Instrumentation (W911NF-20-S-0010)

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The Department of Defense (DoD) is soliciting applications for the acquisition of equipment/instrumentation under the Fiscal Year 2021 Research and Education Program for HBCU/MI. The Research and Education Program is designed to enhance the research capabilities of HBCU and MIs and to strengthen their STEM education programs. The purpose of funding under this FOA is to (1) support the acquisition of equipment/instrumentation to augment existing capabilities or to develop new capabilities in **research areas of interest to DoD**, and (2) attract students to pursue studies leading to STEM careers. Information about these research areas is available at the following websites:

**Army Research Office:** <https://www.arl.army.mil/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ARO-BAA-Amendment-7-Final.pdf> (W911NF-17-S-0002)

**Office of Naval Research:** <https://www.onr.navy.mil/en/work-with-us/funding-opportunities/announcements> (BAA N00014-20-S-B001)

**Air Force Office of Scientific Research:** See Research Interests of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research available at: <https://www.grants.gov>. Under “Search Grants” tab, insert keyword: FA9550-19-S-0003.

Individual awards will range from \$100,000 to \$600,000 over a 12-month performance period.

Proposals are due to the sponsor by 4:00 p.m. EDT on August 28, 2020. Please see <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=327228> for additional information.

**This is a limited competition; no more than three (3) applications are allowed per institution. 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:** Submit a **statement of interest to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) by NOON, Monday, June 15, 2020** that includes: a tentative project title and the names and departments of all senior personnel.

**STEP TWO:** Submit a 4 page narrative that clearly describes (1) the equipment to be acquired; (2) how the equipment will augment existing capabilities or provide new capabilities; (3) the academic departments that will use the equipment/instrumentation; (4) how the equipment would advance a specific research of interest to DoD (make reference to priorities and agency identified on the websites listed above); (5) a half-page education plan which describes how the instrument will be used in research-related education; (6) a description of where the instrument will be housed, and how and by whom it will be operated and maintained; and (7) the plan to service and maintain the equipment after the 12-month period of the award.

*Proposers are strongly encouraged to attach a copy of an email from a specific DoD program manager who is encouraging the PI to submit to his/her portfolio. (Does not count against the 4 pages.)*

**Please submit your 4-page preproposal (plus abbreviated budget and 2-page CV for all personnel; all documents in a SINGLE PDF file, 11-point font) by NOON on Monday, June 22, 2020 to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) with the subject line indicating: DOD-HBCU/MI - your name.** 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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