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Subject: Limited Competition: Fiscal Year 2020 DoD Basic Research Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions, FOA W911NF-19-S-0009

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The Department of Defense announces the Basic Research Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions. The program aims to: (a) enhance research programs and capabilities in science and engineering 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. Applications for basic research projects are requested in areas of research interest to the Army Research Office, Office of Naval Research, and Air Force Office of Scientific Research, as presented in their broad agency announcements.

PIs are encouraged to consider innovative approaches to their research projects, with a view of enhancing the ability of their institution to develop stronger science and engineering programs that will enable the institution to participate more competitively in defense research programs and attract and retain students by exposing them to state-of-the-art research.

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 Division on behalf of the ARO and DoD as project grants. Each grant will be fully funded for a performance period of 36 months in an amount up to \$660,000 (total of direct and indirect costs). Funds awarded under this FOA may not be used for equipment purchases, student support, nor foreign travel.

**Proposals must be received by the DoD no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 15, 2019.** To download the FOA, please go to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and enter W911NF-19-S-0009 into the "Opportunity Number" box in the Search Section (upper left of screen). Follow the link to download the file "HBCU MI Award FOA.pdf" from the Related Documents tab.

This is a limited competition. An institution may submit no more than **three (3)** applications. **If you are interested in submitting a pre-proposal, you *must* first submit a statement of interest to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) by noon on Monday, April 22, 2019** that includes: a tentative project title, the DoD area of research interest and Agency(ies), and a brief description of the research and objectives.

Following this statement of interest, a **3-page pre-proposal addressing the required elements listed below** (including a budget overview and PI CV in a single PDF file) **is due by noon on Tuesday, May 14, 2019** to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) with the subject line indicating: DOD-HBCU/MI Basic Research Program - your name. **No late submissions will be considered.**

The pre-proposal narrative must include, and will be evaluated based on, descriptions of the following:

- Research to be undertaken, including objectives and approaches to be used, and the relationship of the project to the state of knowledge in the field and any related work;
- Anticipated results, and how the project relates to the area(s) of research interest of one or more of the DoD Agencies;
- Facilities and equipment available to perform the research; and
- Involvement of undergraduate and/or graduate students in the research, as well as the sources of funds that will be used to support student involvement.

The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated PI CV**.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

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