



From: Faculty Research Development Office
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: NSF, Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) (NSF 23-538).
Research Partnerships track only.

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The **NSF Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) Program** offers researchers from all science and engineering disciplines funded by NSF the opportunity to perform translational research and technology development, catalyze partnerships and accelerate the transition of discoveries from the laboratory to the marketplace for societal benefit. The **Research Partnership (RP)** track offers the opportunity to translate prior NSF-funded research results in any field of science or engineering into *technological innovations* with promising commercial potential and societal impact by supporting complex, multi-faceted technology development projects that are typically beyond the scope of a single researcher or institution, and require a multi-organizational, interdisciplinary, synergistic collaboration. There is also a **Technology Translation (TT)** track, which is not described here because it is not limited.

A PFI-RP project requires the creation of partnerships between academic researchers and third-party organizations, such as industry, non-academic research organizations, federal laboratories, public or non-profit technology transfer organizations, or other universities. Awards will be up to \$1,000,000 for 36 months. **Lineage Requirement:** All PFI proposals must meet lineage requirements in either path: 1) NSF-supported research results, or 2) NSF-supported customer discovery results via the NSF I-Corps Teams Program. More details can be found in the program solicitation: <https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/partnerships-innovation-pfi/nsf23-538/solicitation>. The deadline for submitting full proposals to the agency is **September 3, 2024**.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to ONE (1) application as lead for the RP track.** If you are interested in applying to this program, please enter your ~100-word **statement of interest** by **NOON on June 4, 2024** in UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). No late submissions will be considered. Based on the number of responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals. There are three deadlines a year for this opportunity. The next deadline will be January 7, 2025. We will run another limited competition in advance of that deadline.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact limited@unm.edu.

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