



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

Subject: Limited Competitions: NSF: Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers  
(MRSEC) 19-517

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Good Afternoon,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting e-mails of interest for the NSF Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers (MRSEC) (NSF-19-517) funding opportunity. The funding agency limits the number of preproposals per institution to **one**. See the following link for further details: [https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=5295](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5295).

The MRSEC program provides sustained support of interdisciplinary materials research and education of the highest quality while addressing fundamental problems in science and engineering. Each MRSEC addresses research of a scope and complexity requiring the scale, synergy, and multidisciplinary provided by a campus-based research center. The MRSECs support materials research infrastructure in the United States, promote active collaboration between universities and other sectors, including industry and international organizations, and contribute to the development of a national network of university-based centers in materials research, education, and facilities. A MRSEC may be located at a single institution, or may involve multiple institutions in partnership, and is composed of up to three Interdisciplinary Research Groups (IRGs), each addressing a fundamental materials science topic aligned with the [Division of Materials Research, DMR](#).

A MRSEC proposal must contain a minimum of 2 IRGs and a maximum of 3 IRGs.

The deadline for required preproposals to the agency is June 24, 2019. MRSEC full proposals may be submitted by invitation only and are due November 26, 2019. Full proposals may request budgets of \$2.6 million/year for a 2-IRG MRSEC to a maximum of \$4.0 million/year for a 3-IRG MRSEC for up to six years.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal to the NSF MRSEC award, please send a brief statement of interest with your proposed title, proposed IRG research areas, PI's name, department, proposed team including the names of team leads for the IRGs and their departments, and a short (200 word maximum) description of your proposed project idea via e-mail to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) by **NOON, Monday, April 29, 2019**. Based on the number of responses received, the Limited Competition Management Team may announce a call for preproposals. Late submissions will not be considered.

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