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The Collections in Support of Biological Research (CSBR) Program provides funds: 1) for improvements to secure, improve, and organize collections that are significant to the NSF BIO-funded research community; 2) to secure collections-related data for sustained, accurate, and efficient accessibility of the collection to the biological research community; and 3) to transfer collection ownership responsibilities. The CSBR program provides for enhancements that secure and improve existing collections, result in accessible digitized specimen-related data, and develop better methods for specimen curation and collection management. Requests should demonstrate a clear and urgent need to secure the collection, and the proposed activities should address that need. Biological collections supported include established living stock/culture collections, vouchered non-living natural history collections, and jointly-curated ancillary collections such as preserved tissues and DNA libraries.

The CSBR Program expects to make 15-20 awards. The total amount available for new awards in this program for FY2016 is \$4,500,000 pending availability of funds. More details can be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2014/nsf14564/nsf14564.pdf>. The deadline for full proposals to the NSF is July 13, 2015.

This is a limited competition, with NSF allowing up to three proposal submissions from any institution or organization.

Please send a one-page statement by June 12, 2015, indicating your interest in submitting a proposal, to limited@unm.edu, with the subject line indicating: NSF-14-564 - your name.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Monica Fishel (mlfishel@unm.edu or 277-8114).