

## Highlighted Programs (updated 9/2/09)

The internal deadline has expired for the following highlighted programs:

### [Extramural Research Facilities Improvement Program grant \(CO6\) \(RFA-RR-09-008\)](#)

This program supports the costs of improving non-Federal basic research, clinical research and animal facilities to meet the needs of biomedical or behavioral research, research training or research support needs of an institution. Limits: This is a limited submission program requiring institutional approval of proposals prior to submission. If you are interested in applying for this program please contact [Moira Kiltie](#), in the Vice President's Office by March 20, 2009.

### [Core Facility Renovation, Repair and Improvement grant \(G20\) \(RFA-RR-09-007\)](#)

The primary objective of this program is to upgrade core facilities to support the conduct of PHS supported biomedical and or behavioral research. Core facility is defined as an entity that provides essential technical support or service to a defined group of users. Limits: This is a limited submission program requiring institutional approval of proposals prior to submission. If you are interested in applying for this program please contact [Moira Kiltie](#), in the Vice President's Office by March 31, 2009.

### [Core Centers for Enhancing Research Capacity in U.S. Academic Institutions \(P30\) \(RFA-OD-09-005\)](#)

This program invites applications to support the hiring of newly-recruited faculty to develop research projects within the context of Biomedical Core Centers. Core Center Grants are institutional awards that provide funding to hire, provide appropriate start-up packages, and develop pilot research projects for newly independent investigators, with the goal of augmenting and expanding the institution's community of multidisciplinary researchers focusing on areas of biomedical research relevant to NIH. Limits: Vary by participating NIH Institute or Center ([see contacts](#)). This is a limited submission program requiring institutional approval of proposals prior to submission. If you are interested in applying for this program please contact [Mary Fechner](#) by April 20, 2009.

### [Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research](#)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) posted information for this opportunity on March 4, 2009. Challenge Grants are one mechanism by which the NIH plans to award some of the \$10.4 billion for the agency included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA, often referred to as the stimulus bill). The NIH has designated at least \$200 million for Challenge Grants. Applications are due by 5pm PST on April 27, 2009. Limits: There are no institutional limits on this program.

### [NCRR High end Instrumentation Grant \(HEI\) program \(PAR-09-118\)](#)

This program supporting the costs of purchasing a single major item of equipment to be used for biomedical research that costs at least \$600,000, maximum award is \$8 million. Examples of types of equipment include structural and functional imaging systems, macromolecular NMR spectrometers, high resolution mass spectrometers. Applications are due on May 6, 2009. Limits: There are no institutional limits on this program.

**[Northwest Regional Center of Excellence \(NWRCE\) for Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases \(RFA-AI-08-002\)](#)** This opportunity provides support for Regional Centers of Excellence for Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases Research. To qualify for support through the ARRA, projects must be exceptionally innovative. Deadline is May 13, 2009. Limits: There are no institutional limits on this program.

**[Oregon Arts Commission \(OAC\)](#)** was allotted \$307,600 to regrant to Oregon arts organizations to preserve jobs in the arts. Guidelines are posted here. Organizations which received OAC funding in FY2008 or FY2009 are eligible to apply. **[Western States Arts Federation \(WESTAF\)](#)** was allotted \$593,000 to regrant to Oregon arts organizations to preserve jobs in the arts. **[WESTAF's guidelines](#)** are posted alongside OAC guidelines; OAC may forward up to 5 proposals for WESTAF consideration. You can not apply to WESTAF directly, all applications must flow through OAC. Groups can receive an ARRA supported award from only one agency (NEA, OAC or WESTAF). Please contact **[Robert H. Long](#)** if you have questions. Requests for funding will be accepted online until May 15, 2009. Limits: There are no institutional limits on this program.

**[Research and Research Infrastructure "Grand Opportunities" \(RFA-OD-09-004\)](#)** This program intends to fund novel approaches in areas that address specific knowledge gaps, scientific opportunities, new technologies, data generation, or research methods that would benefit from an influx of funds to quickly advance the area in significant ways. Applicants may propose to address either a specific research question or propose the creation of a unique infrastructure/resource designed to accelerate scientific progress in the future. This program is a trans-NIH effort. Deadline for submission is May 27, 2009. Limits: There are no institutional limits on this program.

**[Advanced Research Project Agency - Energy \(ARPA-E\) \(DE-FOA-0000065\)](#)** Focuses on applicants with a well-formed R&D plan for a transformational concept or new technology that can make a significant contribution towards attainment of the President's Energy Plan; anticipates awarding agreements totaling up to \$150 million. This program will fund projects that (1) translate scientific discoveries and cutting-edge inventions into technological innovations and (2) accelerate transformational technological advances in areas that industry is not likely to undertake independently because of high technical or financial risk. Deadline for submission is June 2, 2009. Limits: There are no institutional limits on this program.

**[NSF Major Research Instrumentation Program \(MRI-R<sup>2</sup>\) \(NSF 09-561\)](#)** This MRI competition is in addition to the regular MRI program with its deadline in January and is funded by the ARRA legislation. The program is meant to assist in the acquisition or development of major research instrumentation by U.S. institutions that is, in general, too costly for support through other NSF programs. **[This is a limited submission program requiring institutional approval of the proposal prior to submission.](#)** If you are interest in applying for this program you must register your interest in the program via a memorandum to **[mfechner@uoregon.edu](mailto:mfechner@uoregon.edu)** no later than June 2, 2009. If you have questions about this program please contact **[Moira Kiltie](#)** in the Vice President's Office before June 2, 2009.

### **NSF Academic Research Infrastructure Program (ARI- R<sup>2</sup>) (09-562)**

The ARI-R<sup>2</sup> program is a supplement to the regular ARI program and is funded through the ARRA legislation. The program will invest in the repair, renovation or in exceptional cases the replacement of existing research facilities. It will not support the construction of new research facilities. This is a limited submission program requiring institutional approval of the proposal prior to submission. If you are interest in applying for this program you must register your interest in the program via a memorandum to [mfechner@uoregon.edu](mailto:mfechner@uoregon.edu) no later than June 4, 2009. If you have questions about this program please contact [Moira Kiltie](#) in the Vice President's Office before June 4, 2009.

### **NIST Construction Grant Program (2009-NIST-ARRA-CONSTRUCTION-01)**

This program is intended to support research science buildings through the construction of new buildings or expansion of existing buildings. For purposes of this program, "research science building means a building or facility whose purpose is to conduct scientific research, including laboratories, test facilities, measurement facilities, research computing facilities, and observatories. In addition, "expansion of existing buildings means that space to conduct scientific research is being expanded from what is currently available for the supported research activities. This is a limited submission program requiring institutional approval of the proposal prior to submission. If you are interest in applying for this program you must register your interest in the program via a memorandum to [mfechner@uoregon.edu](mailto:mfechner@uoregon.edu) no later than June 11, 2009. If you have questions about this program please contact [Moira Kiltie](#) in the Vice President's Office before June 11, 2009.

### **Department of Energy Early Career Award (DE-PS02-09ER09-26)**

The purpose of this program is to support the development of individual research programs of outstanding scientists early in their careers and to stimulate research careers in the areas supported by the DOE Office of Science. The expected award size is over \$750,000 over five years. There are certain restrictions on individual eligibility and areas of research that will be considered. Letter of intent (encouraged) due date: 8/3/09 by 4:30pm ET. Application deadline: 9/1/09 by 8:00pm ET. Limits: There are no institutional limits on this program.