Limited Submissions

Sponsor: National Science Foundation (NSF)
Program: Partnerships for Innovation (PFI)

Estimated Award Amount: $550,000
JHU Nomination Limit: 1 (PFI-RP)

Opportunity Summary:
The Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) Program funds technology translation and development based on prior NSF-funded research projects from all science and engineering disciplines supported by NSF. The Research Partnerships (PFI-RP) track seeks to support 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.

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. Such partnerships are needed to conduct applied research on a stand-alone larger project toward commercialization and societal impact. In the absence of such synergistic partnership, the project’s likelihood for success would be minimal.

Register for one of the PFI Overview Webinars to ask application-related questions.

Eligibility & Requirements:
• NSF Lineage Requirement: All proposals submitted to the PFI program must meet a lineage requirement under one of the following two paths: (1) NSF-supported research results, or (2) NSF-supported customer discovery results through the NSF I-Corps Teams Program. The only allowed exception is for resubmission of PFI-RP proposals previously declined under solicitation NSF 18-511.
• A PI or co-PI may submit up to two (2) proposals to each solicitation deadline.
• PFI-RP proposals must include, without exception, a co-PI who is a member or employee of the required Industrial Partner organization.
• The PFI-RP track requires the creation and implementation of new multidisciplinary, multi-organization partnerships between academia, industry and other public and private entities to pursue new innovative technology development projects.
• The PFI program strongly encourages projects with NSF Lineage aligned with one or more of the 10 Big Ideas.

Internal Nomination Process:
Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Proposal (maximum of two pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins)
   (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 2 pg. text limit)
3. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
4. Budget (two pages maximum)

Questions? Comments? Email the Research Development Team at resapp@jhu.edu.