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

Estimated Award Amount: $550,000
JHU Nomination Limit: 1 (PFI-RP track only)
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Opportunity Summary:
The Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) Program within the Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships (IIP) offers researchers from all disciplines of science and engineering 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 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.

Webinars will be held to answer questions about the solicitation. Registration will be available on the NSF Partnerships for Innovation website (https://www.nsf.gov/PFI). Potential proposers and their partners are encouraged to attend.

Eligibility & Requirements:
- PFI-RP proposals must include a co-PI who is a member or employee of the required Industrial Partner organization.
- PIs with currently active PFI awards are requested to complete their then-current project before submitting a new PFI proposal.
- A PI or co-PI may resubmit a proposal that was previously declined under a previous PFI solicitation or under a previous submission deadline in this solicitation;
- 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.
- A PI or co-PI may submit up to two (2) proposals each deadline: two (2) proposals to PFI-TT or one (1) proposal each to PFI-TT and PFI-RP.
- 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.
- Resubmission of significantly improved revisions of a previously declined PFI proposal is strongly encouraged.

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.