



Dear Investigators:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), provides significant investments in biomedical research and the physical sciences. Specifically, the bill authorizes a significant allocation of research funding in fiscal year 2009 to federal agencies such as NIH (\$10.4 billion), NSF (\$3 billion), DOE (\$1.6 billion), etc. These funds need to be obligated and expended by the close of fiscal year 2010 (September 30, 2010).

Federal agencies are currently considering proposals recently submitted and reviewed. In order to be funded, these proposals need to focus on objectives that can be accomplished in two years. In addition, two-year administrative and competitive supplements have also been announced. I encourage you to contact your program officers to follow on these as well as other initiatives for weekly announcements are made.

On March 27, 2009, the Vice Presidency for Research and Technology sent a memo to the Chancellors recommending the creation of working groups in each campus that will coordinate efficiently the responses to funding announcements as well as provide assistance in identifying areas of strength and unique resources.

Please remember that grant applications need to be submitted through Grants.gov. Due to the difficulties experience with this portal and the short submission deadlines of ARRA-applications it is essential that you contact the Office of Sponsored Programs in your campus and discuss with them the time schedule for the successful electronic submission of your proposal.

You should also be aware that the stimulus plan calls for transparency and accountability for ARRA funding. Thus, additional and more frequent reporting requirements have been established to collect and report data on the economic impact of ARRA.

If you need additional information, do not hesitate to contact us.

I wish you good luck with your proposals!

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