

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION WINDOW

(NSF 00-76)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINDOW FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING IN FY2001 AND BEYOND

Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences
Division of Chemistry

Dear Colleagues:

In order to ensure both the timely handling of proposals and fairness in comparing competing requests for funding, the Division of Chemistry established a *Proposal Submission Window* for proposals received for funding in Fiscal Year 2000. The window for Fiscal Year 2001 *and beyond* will extend annually from the **second Monday in July (8:00 AM local time)** to the **second Friday in January (5:00 PM local time)**. Only proposals submitted during this period will be considered for review. Any changes in this procedure in future years will be announced on the Division's web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/chem>). Those planning to submit proposals for consideration by the Division are encouraged to consult this web site from time to time for information on procedures for submitting proposals, new funding opportunities, and other information about the Division.

The above dates for the *Proposal Submission Window* do not apply to proposals sent to the Chemistry Division in response to Foundation-wide solicitations with their own target or deadline dates, such as Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER), or special initiatives, such as the Information Technology Research initiative. The *Proposal Submission Window* dates also do not apply to Division of Chemistry initiatives, such as the Chemistry Research Instrumentation and Facilities solicitation, with specific deadline dates. The window does not apply to submission of requests for supplements and for Small Grants for Exploratory Research (SGER).

The Division of Chemistry requires that all proposals submitted during this window be submitted via FastLane (<http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/fastlane.htm>). All proposals submitted to the Division must adhere to the guidelines described in the most recent issue of the Grant Proposal Guide, including correct formatting of references and discussion of results from prior NSF support. Proposals not adhering to these guidelines will be returned without review. To allow time to address any problems with format or submission, we urge you to submit your proposal well before the window-closing date in January.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The National Science Foundation (NSF) funds research and education in most fields of science and engineering. Grantees are wholly responsible for conducting their project activities and preparing the results for publication. Thus, the Foundation does not assume responsibility for such findings or their interpretation.

NSF welcomes proposals from all qualified scientists, engineers and educators. The Foundation strongly encourages women, minorities, and persons with disabilities to compete fully in its programs. In accordance with federal statutes, regulations, and NSF policies, no person on grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from NSF (unless otherwise specified in the eligibility requirements for a particular program).

Facilitation Awards for Scientists and Engineers with Disabilities (FASSED) provide funding for special assistance or equipment to enable persons with disabilities (investigators and other staff, including student research assistants) to work on NSF-supported projects. See the program announcement or contact the program coordinator at (703) 306-1636.

The National Science Foundation has Telephonic Device for the Deaf (TDD) and Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) capabilities that enable individuals with hearing impairments to communicate with the Foundation regarding NSF programs, employment, or general information. TDD may be accessed at (703) 306-5090, (800) 281-8749 or through FIRS on 1-800-877-8339.

PRIVACY ACT AND PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENTS

The information requested on proposal forms and project reports is solicited under the authority of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended. The information on proposal forms will be used in connection with the selection of qualified proposals; project reports submitted by awardees will be used for program evaluation and reporting within the Executive Branch and to Congress. The information requested may be disclosed to qualified reviewers and staff assistants as part of the review process; to applicant institutions/grantees to provide or obtain data regarding the proposal review process, award decisions, or the administration of awards; to government contractors, experts, volunteers and researchers and educators as necessary to complete assigned work; to other government agencies needing information as part of the review process or in order to coordinate programs; and to another Federal agency, court or party in a court or Federal administrative proceeding if the government is a party. Information about Principal Investigators may be added to the Reviewer file and used to select potential candidates to serve as peer reviewers or advisory committee members. See Systems of Records, NSF-50, "Principal Investigator/Proposal File and Associated Records," 63 Federal Register 267 (January 5, 1998), and NSF-51, "Reviewer/Proposal File and Associated Records," 63 Federal Register 268 (January 5, 1998). Submission of the information is voluntary. Failure to provide full and complete information, however, may reduce the possibility of receiving an award.

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YEAR 2000 REMINDER

In accordance with Important Notice No. 120 dated June 27, 1997, Subject: Year 2000 Computer Problem, NSF awardees are reminded of their responsibility to take appropriate actions to ensure that the NSF activity being supported is not adversely affected by the Year 2000 problem. Potentially affected items include: computer systems, databases, and equipment. The National Science Foundation should be notified if an awardee concludes that the Year 2000 will have a significant impact on its ability to carry out an NSF funded activity. Information concerning Year 2000 activities can be found on the NSF web site at <http://www.nsf.gov/oirm/y2k/start.htm>.

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