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SUBJECT: NIH/National Center for Research Resources (NCRR)
Shared Instrumentation Grant (SIG) PAR-09-028

As in past years, this letter provides notification concerning the established procedure that the Office of Research follows in reference to the stated eligibility requirements for the NIH/NCRR - *Shared Instrumentation Grant Program* <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-09-028.html> Postings are provided from the Office of Research website under *Selected Upcoming Agency Deadlines* <http://www.pitt.edu/~offres/upcdeadlines.html#select> and *Programs Limiting the Number of Allowed Institutional Submissions* <http://www.pitt.edu/~offres/fundinglmttd.html>

Eligibility requirements state a major user group of **three or more investigators must be identified**. A minimum of three major users must be PIs on NIH peer reviewed research grants at the time of the application and award. For purposes of this program, research grants are defined as those grants awarded with the following activity codes: P01, R01, U01, R35, R37, DP1, and DP2.

Guidelines state that there is no restriction on the number of applications an institution may submit provided the applications are for **different types of equipment**. If **two** or more applications are submitted for **similar** equipment from the same institution, documentation is required from a high-level institutional official stating that this is not an unintended duplication but part of a campus wide institutional plan.

To assure in advance of the deadline that duplicate requests for similar instruments are not submitted to NCRR, the Office of Research will keep a log of the anticipated proposal submissions. Information recorded will include **1)** name of principal investigator assuming administrative/scientific oversight responsibility for the instrumentation requested **2)** other investigators who will share the instrument **3)** description of the instrument and **4)** approximate cost of the instrument or integrated instrument system (at least \$100,000 and maximum award is \$500,000).

Grants and Contracts Officers in the Office of Research should be notified of any anticipated proposal submissions by **February 23, 2009** so PIs can be notified if duplicate equipment requests are received. Application receipt date at NIH is **March 23, 2009**.

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