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**SUBJECT:** NIH/National Center for Research Resources (NCRR)  
*Shared Instrumentation Grant (SIG) (S10) PAR-12-017*

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-12-017.html>

*For eligibility, a major user group of three or more investigators who are Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) on active NIH research grants with the following activity codes, P01, R01, U01, R35, R37, DPI and DP2 must be identified. Once this eligibility requirement has been met, additional users with other types of active NIH research grants (such as but not limited to R03, R21, R55, P30, P41, P50) mechanisms can be added as major or minor users. NIH training grants and contracts are not eligible. To demonstrate the clear need for the requested instrumentation, the projects supported by NIH research grants should together require at least 75 percent with the major user group accounts for at least 35 percent -of the total usage time.*

There is no restriction on the number of applications an institution can submit to the SIG program each year provided the applications request **different types of equipment**. However, if **two** or more applications are submitted for **similar** equipment (for example, two 600 MHz NMR spectrometers) from the same institution, documentation from a high level institutional official must be provided 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 responsibility for the instrumentation requested **2)** other investigators who will share the instrument **3)** detailed description of the instrument and **4)** approximate cost of the instrument or integrated instrument system (at least \$100,000 and maximum award is \$600,000).

Grants and Contracts Officers in the Office of Research should be notified of any anticipated proposal submissions by **February 6, 2012** so PIs can be notified if duplicate equipment requests are received. Application receipt date at NIH is **March 21, 2012**.

This announcement is posted at 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/fundinglmtd.html>

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