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SUBJECT: NSF - IGERT – NSF 11-533

The program announcement for IGERT—*Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship* is available at:
<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11533/nsf11533.pdf>. For a list of funded projects connect to:
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12759&from=fund

The IGERT program has been developed to meet the challenges of educating U.S. Ph.D. scientists and engineers with interdisciplinary backgrounds, deep knowledge in chosen disciplines, and technical, professional, and personal skills. The program is intended to establish **new** models for graduate education and training in a fertile environment for collaborative research that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries. It is also intended to facilitate diversity in student participation and preparation, and to contribute to a world-class, broadly inclusive, and globally engaged science and engineering workforce. Building upon the IGERT platform, the purpose of this IGERT solicitation is to support new models in graduate education in which students are engaged in an environment that supports innovation to learn through hands-on experience how their own research may contribute in new ways to benefit society and to learn the processes for the successful implementation of such contributions.

This year there is a **limit of one (1) proposal** that may be submitted by an institution either as a single institution or as a **lead** institution in a multi-institution proposal. A multi-institutional proposal is defined as one that has at least one co-PI at a different academic institution than that of the PI, a subaward to a different academic institution than that of the PI, or both. **Any given individual may participate as PI or co-PI in only one proposal submission.** A PI or co-PI on one proposal may serve as a faculty participant on other proposals.

The anticipated funding amount in FY2012 is \$13,500,000. Up to \$3.3M to \$3.5M per award may be budgeted over 5 years pending availability of funds.

Because of the limit placed on the number of full proposal submissions and to also allow enough time for the internal review process, PI's interested in submitting a proposal should **send to Elaine Riberich** by January 23, 2012 the following information:** 1) a description of the proposed project 2) indicate how the institutional commitment to facilitate and further the plans and goals of the IGERT project will be accomplished.

Required full proposals are due at NSF on July 2, 2012 with a required Letter of Intent due May 1, 2012. For a list of additional *Programs Limiting the Number of Allowed Institutional Submissions* connect to
<http://www.pitt.edu/~offres/funding/lmtd.html>

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