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Please forward this information to the appropriate faculty immediately.**

Institutional Limit on Proposal Submissions

National Science Foundation

Opportunities for Enhancing Diversity in the Geosciences (OEDG)

NSF 08-605

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08605/nsf08605.htm>

Full Proposal Deadline: November 3, 2009

LIMITED SUBMISSION – ONE (1) PER INSTITUTION

Below is information about the NSF Opportunities for Enhancing Diversity in the Geosciences (OEDG), NSF 08-605 for 2009. NSF limits the number of proposals an organization can submit, as described above. Therefore, if the number of proposals exceeds that limit, an internal review will be conducted to determine which proposals will be submitted from Mississippi State University.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal to the NSF, please include the information listed below and submit **by 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 7, 2009** to the Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED), electronically to Teresa Gammill at tgammill@research.msstate.edu and **copied** to Katie Echols at kechols@research.msstate.edu in the ORED office:

1. Title of NSF Grant
2. Title of proposal
3. Proposal Deadline
4. PI and Co-PIs with title and unit affiliation
5. Partner institutions/industries (if any)
6. Indicate if this is a resubmission – If so include copies of panel summary and all reviews
7. One paragraph providing a brief description of the proposed activities.

Based upon responses, faculty will be notified if there is a need for preproposals. If preproposals are necessary, a committee of faculty members will screen applications and select the nominee(s) to represent the University.

Synopsis of Program:

The Directorate for Geosciences of the National Science Foundation supports research and education in the Atmospheric, Earth, and Ocean Sciences. The Opportunities for Enhancing Diversity in the Geosciences (OEDG) Program is designed to address the fact that certain groups are underrepresented in the geosciences relative to the proportions of those groups in the general population. The primary goal of the OEDG Program is to increase participation in the geosciences by African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans (American Indians and Alaskan Natives), Native Pacific Islanders (Polynesians or Micronesians), and persons with disabilities. A secondary goal of the program is to increase the perceived relevance of the geosciences among broad and diverse segments of the population. The OEDG Program supports activities that will increase the number of members of underrepresented groups who:

- Are involved in formal pre-college geoscience education programs;
- Pursue bachelor, master, and doctoral degrees in the geosciences;
- Enter geoscience careers; and
- Participate in informal geoscience education programs.

OEDG Planning Grants - This new Track supports planning workshops, conferences, symposia and related short-term activities that facilitate either: 1) development of **new** strategic plans to implement systemic, community-wide programs to broaden participation in the geosciences; or, 2) development of **new** partnerships or collaborations between multiple institutions seeking to establish sustainable projects that address the goals of the OEDG program.