

**Deans, Assoc. Deans for Research, Directors, and Department Heads:
Please forward this information to the appropriate faculty immediately.**

Institutional Limit on Proposal Submissions

Biological Research Collections

NSF 06-569/09-548

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06569/nsf06569.htm>

LIMITED SUBMISSION – ONE (1) PER INSTITUTION

Below is information about the NSF Biological Research Collections, NSF 06-569 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, April 17, 2009** to the Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED), electronically to Sandra Harpole at sharpole@research.msstate.edu and **copied** to Katie Echols at kechols@research.msstate.edu in the ORED office:

1. PI/Co-PI Name and Department
2. Title of NSF Grant
3. Title of Proposal
4. One or two paragraphs 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 Biological Research Collections Program provides support for biological collection enhancement, computerization of specimen-related data, research to develop better methods for specimen curation and collection management, and activities such as symposia and workshops to investigate support and management of biological collections. Biological collections supported include those housing natural history specimens and jointly curated collections such as frozen tissues and other physical samples, e.g. DNA libraries and digital images. Such collections provide the materials necessary for research in a broad area of biological sciences.

Full NSF Proposal Deadline: July 24, 2009

Amount: The maximum that may be requested in a proposal is \$500,000 per award.