

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

Institutional Limit on Proposal Submissions

National Institutes of Health, National Center for Research Resources

Developing and Improving Institutional Animal Care Resources
(G20)

Request for Applications (RFA) Number: Reissue of [PAR-03-077](#)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-342.html>

LIMITED SUBMISSION – ONE (1) PER INSTITUTION

Below is information about the National Institutes of Health Developing and Improving Institutional Animal Care Resources (G20) for 2009. NIH limits the number of proposals an organization can submit, as described above. Therefore, if the number of preproposals exceeds that limit (1), 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 NIH, a preproposal that includes the information listed below must be submitted 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 by **5 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2009**. A committee of faculty members will screen applications and select the nominee to represent the University.

All preproposals must include:

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

Synopsis of Program:

The National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) encourages the submission of individual animal resource improvement grant applications from biomedical research institutions. The major objective of this program is to upgrade animal facilities to support the conduct of Public Health Service (PHS) supported biomedical and behavioral research. A related objective is to assist institutions in complying with the USDA Animal Welfare Act and DHHS policies related to the care and use of laboratory animals. Support is limited to alterations and renovations (A&R) to improve laboratory animal facilities, and the purchase of major equipment items for animal resources, diagnostic laboratories, transgenic animal resources, or similar associated activities.

Animal resource improvement grants are awarded to assist biomedical research institutions in upgrading animal facilities and developing administratively centralized and uniformly effective programs of research animal care in support of PHS-funded research. Another major objective is to assist institutions in complying, and maintaining compliance, with provisions of the USDA Animal Welfare Act and DHHS policies related to the care and use of laboratory animals.

Full NIH Proposal Deadline: May 28, 2009 per [NOT-RR-08-007](#))

Amount: The total budget request for the improvement grant application and award is limited to \$500,000 (direct costs). This is a change from the previous [PAR-03-077](#). The \$500,000 request may be used (a) entirely for movable equipment (e.g., cages, static racks); (b) for renovation, repair or modernizing the facility and for fixed equipment; and (c) in any combination of option (a) and (b) to reach the \$500,000 maximum request limit of the award.