

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

Institutional Limit on Proposal Submissions

National Science Foundation

Science Master's Program (SMP)

NSF 09-607

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09607/nsf09607.htm>

NSF Letter of Intent Due Date(s) (*required*): October 05, 2009

Full Proposal Deadline(s): November 20, 2009

Accepted only if a Letter of Intent was submitted.

LIMITED SUBMISSION – ONE (1) PER INSTITUTION

Below is information about the NSF Science Master's Program (SMP), NSF 09-607 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 as a pre-proposal and submit **by 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 11, 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. PI Vita
6. Partner institutions/industries (if any)
7. Indicate if this is a resubmission – If so include copies of panel summary and all reviews
8. 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 Science Master's Program prepares graduate students for careers in business, industry, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies by providing them not only with a strong foundation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines, but also with research experiences, internship experiences, and the skills to succeed in those careers. The program is intended to catalyze the creation of institution-based efforts that can be sustained without additional federal funding. This program is also intended to encourage diversity in student participation so as to contribute to a broadly inclusive, well-trained science and engineering workforce.

The Science Masters Program (SMP) awards made in response to this solicitation will be funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) (Public Law 111-5). As such, awards will include special reporting requirements and other non-standard terms and conditions. Unless otherwise specified, ARRA funding should be considered one-time funding.

Estimated Number of Awards: 21 new awards, up to \$700,000 per award, depending on the quality of awards.