For the purpose of informing interested University of Tennessee-Knoxville faculty, please be aware of the following opportunity. Please note that the other recipients of this announcement could be potential collaborators on this opportunity.

NSF-10-561: Earth Sciences – Instrumentation and Facilities (EAR/IF)

The Directorate for Geosciences, National Science Foundation, is seeking applications for the Earth Sciences: Instrumentation and Facilities program. This program will consider proposals for:

- Acquisition or Upgrade of Research Equipment
- Development of New Instrumentation, Analytical Techniques or Software
- Support of National or Regional Multi-User Facilities
- Support for Early Career Investigators

Planned research uses of requested instruments, software, and facilities must include basic research on Earth processes. Support is available through grants or cooperative agreements awarded in response to investigator-initiated proposals.

Human resource development and education are expected to be an integral part of all proposals submitted to EAR/IF. Efforts to support participation of underrepresented groups in laboratory and/or field instrument use and training are encouraged.

All proposers to EAR/IF are invited to consider Support of Outreach and/or Broadening Participation Activities. Proposals submitted to the EAR/IF Program may request up to $20,000 for such activities (please refer to Sections V.A Proposal Preparation Instructions and V.B Budgetary Information).

Proposals requesting equipment, infrastructure or personnel that will also serve disciplines outside the Earth sciences may be jointly reviewed with other programs within the Foundation. EAR/IF will consider co-funding of projects with other NSF programs and other agencies.

For detailed information about this opportunity please see the program description (NSF-10-561). To find more opportunities from this agency, please see here.
It is anticipated that $7M will be available to support 40 – 60 awards. Cost sharing is not required. Please see the solicitation for complete award information.

**Deadline for Full Proposals to OR-Sponsored Programs:** 7/12/2010

(Please see the solicitation for complete application & submission information.)

Please contact Sponsored Programs (4-5066) with questions regarding proposal submission requirements for all categories.

**Deadline for Proposal Submission to Agency:** 7/19/2010

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