For the purpose of informing interested faculty, please be aware of the following limited submission opportunity:

THEC-2009-ITQP: Improving Teacher Quality Program

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) is soliciting proposals for the Improving Teacher Quality Grant Program. The Improving Teacher Quality State Grants represent the largest federal initiative for using professional development to improve teaching and learning. The Commission will sponsor two types of grants through a General Competition and a Capacity Building Competition. Projects differ somewhat across the two competitions. Overall, this program seeks to provide sustained professional development activities in core academic subjects to K-12 teachers, paraprofessionals, and (if appropriate) principals.

The General Competition funds professional development opportunities aligned with the state’s curriculum framework objectives. Approximately 15-20 General Competition projects will be funded for up to $75,000 each. The Capacity Building Competition focuses on the creation of coalitions that would plan, implement and evaluate professional development on an ongoing basis. As many as six Capacity Building Projects may be funded for up to $175,000 each. Proposal writers will be allowed to submit one General Competition grant proposal and one Capacity Building Competition grant proposal. In the event that a proposal writer is funded in both the General and Capacity Building competitions, the Project Director must choose one project to implement. No one director may implement more than one project in a funding year.

For complete information on these grants, please see the full solicitation (attached).

This is a limited submission opportunity. As an eligible applicant institution The University of Tennessee (Knoxville, UTSI, and Institute of Agriculture) may only submit ten proposals for this opportunity. The Office of Research requires that interested faculty submit a notification of interest to limitsub@utk.edu by 12 PM 9/14/09 for your proposal to receive consideration. In your email include:
• The name and contact information for the principal investigator
• Names of all internal co-investigators
• A descriptive name of the research project proposed
• A brief (one paragraph) description of the research project

Only faculty who have e-mailed their intent to propose by **12 PM 9/14/09** will be allowed to participate if an internal competition is necessary. If an internal competition is necessary all who submitted notifications of interest will be contacted and will be provided with information regarding competition requirements. For more information regarding UT limited submission guidelines, please see [here](#).

**Deadline for Notification of Interest to OR: 9/14/2009 12PM**

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