Sponsor: National Science Foundation (NSF)
Program: Mid-Scale Innovations Program in Astronomical Sciences (MSIP)
Estimated Award Amount: $4,000,000 to $30,000,000
JHU Nomination Limit: 3
For more detailed information: NSF MSIP

A vigorous Mid-Scale Innovations Program (MSIP) was recommended by the 2010 Astronomy and Astrophysics Decadal Survey, citing "many highly promising projects for achieving diverse and timely science." As described in this solicitation, the Division of Astronomical Sciences has established a mid-scale program to support a variety of astronomical activities within a cost range up to $30M. This program will be formally divided into four subcategories: 1) limited term, self-contained science projects; 2) longer term mid-scale facilities; 3) development investments for future mid-scale and large-scale projects; and 4) community open access capabilities. The MSIP will emphasize both strong scientific merit and a well-developed plan for student training and involvement of a diverse workforce in instrumentation, facility development, or data management. The demand in this funding range covers a wide variety of activities, from highly focused short-term science experiments to long-term multi-use facilities. Other opportunities for support include major new instruments for existing telescopes, laboratory astrophysics experiments, and design and development programs for possible future mid-scale and MREFC initiatives.

Eligibility & Requirements:

- Any one individual may be the Principal Investigator (PI) or co-Principal Investigator (co-PI) for no more than one preliminary or full proposal.

Internal Nomination Process:

Interested applicants should send the following documents in sequence in one PDF to resapp@jhu.edu no later than 4 p.m. on August 19, 2015:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Project summary (one (1) page max.)
3. Project description (eight (8) pages max.)
4. Biographical sketch/CV (two pages each for PIs and all co-PIs)
5. Budget & budget justification including any subawards

Each applicant should expect to receive a confirmation of receipt of their materials. If an applicant does not receive an acknowledgement, or has any questions, please contact Janet Palmer via resapp@jhu.edu, or by phone to 410-516-5917.