TO: BUMC Faculty  
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SUBJECT: NSF - EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Track 4: EPSCoR Research Fellows (RII Track-4)

OBJECTIVES: The National Science Foundation (NSF), Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) is designed to fulfill the mandate of the NSF to promote scientific progress nationwide. EPSCoR jurisdictions that are eligible for RII competitions are listed in the RII Eligibility table, which can be found here. Through this program, NSF establishes partnerships with government, higher education, and industry that are designed to effect sustainable improvements in a jurisdiction’s research infrastructure, Research and Development (R&D) capacity, and hence, its R&D competitiveness. One of the strategic goals of the EPSCoR program is to establish sustainable Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) professional development pathways that advance STEM workforce development.

RII Track-4 provides awards to build research capacity in institutions and transform the career trajectories of non-tenured investigators and to further develop their individual research potential through extended collaborative visits to the nation’s premier private, governmental, or academic research centers. Through collaborative research visits at the host site, fellowship awardees will be able to learn new techniques, develop new collaborations or advance existing partnerships, benefit from access to unique equipment and facilities, and/or shift their research toward potentially transformative new directions. The experiences gained through the fellowships are intended to have lasting impacts that will enhance the Fellows’ research trajectories well beyond the award period. These benefits to the Fellows are also expected to in turn improve the research capacity of their institutions and jurisdictions more broadly. Those submitting proposals must either hold a non-tenured faculty appointment at an institution of higher education or an early-career career-track appointment at an eligible non-degree-granting institution.

FUNDING INFORMATION: $300,000 over 24 months.

INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS: BU Medical Campus interested faculty should submit the following materials listed below via InfoReady Review by Friday, April 10. If you are a BMC investigator and wish to apply for this opportunity, please contact Jennifer Fleming, Director of Foundation Relations and Government Grants at jennifer.fleming@bmc.org.

- Questions outlined in InfoReady Review application
- A brief statement (up to 2 pages) by the candidate describing their scientific achievements and proposed project
- A brief budget outline for the proposed project
• Up-to-date CV or NIH biosketch.

A faculty committee drawn from both campuses will review internal proposals and select nominees.

**DEADLINES:**

**Internal Deadline:** Friday, April 10  |  **Sponsor Deadline:** Tuesday, May 12

In requesting to be considered for this limited submission funding opportunity, you are making a commitment, if selected, to submit your proposal to the sponsor in a timely manner and to Sponsored Programs in accordance with the [Proposal Submission Policy](mailto:Proposal Submission Policy).