EPSCoR RII Track 4: EPSCoR Research Fellows
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WVU Internal Due: Friday, January 20, 2017   Agency Proposal Due: February 28, 2017

Synopsis
RII Track-4 provides opportunities for <u>non-tenured</u> investigators to further develop their individual research potential through extended collaborative visits to the nation's premier private, governmental, or academic research centers. Any research topic within NSF's traditional portfolio will be considered for support. Through these visits, the EPSCoR Research Fellows will be able to learn new techniques, benefit from access to unique equipment and facilities, and shift their research toward transformative new directions. The experience gained through the fellowship is intended to provide a foundation for research collaborations that span the recipient's entire career. PIs must hold a non-tenured faculty appointment or its close equivalent, either in the form of a pre-tenure tenure-track position or a long-term non-tenure-track position. Persons holding transitional (<3 years) fixed-term postdoctoral appointments are not eligible.

RII Track-4 awards will provide up to six months of salary support for the period of the fellowship visit(s). In addition, each award will provide support for the PI's travel between the home institution and host site as well as living expenses while at the host site. Up to six months of salary support and travel and living expenses may also be requested for one additional trainee-level researcher (typically a graduate student or postdoctoral member of the PI's group). A small amount of additional support will be allowed to cover direct costs associated with the work to be completed at the host site (*e.g.*, purchasing supplies, shipping equipment, publication costs, etc.).

Internal Proposal Guidelines:

Email to: Deanna.Whorton@mail.wvu.edu with subject line: "EPSCoR Fellows Internal Competition"
To include:
- PI, Rank and Departmental Affiliation (only single PI proposals allowed)
- Proposal Title
- Name of Host(s), Institution and Location (Note: must be in US or territories). Only single host site allowed and host sites are generally outside of PIs home jurisdiction and located at such a distance as to make temporary relocation necessary unless a persuasive case to the contrary is made. (Please provide documentation of the cooperation of the potential host, copy of an email is sufficient.) Hosts can be academic institutions, government labs, federally funded research and development centers, or commercial or non-profit research centers.
- Provide documentation (copy of email is sufficient) indicating that your unit chair is supportive of your leave.

In no more than 3 pages provide the following:
- Outline: In two (or more) separate paragraphs address the intellectual merit and broader impacts of the project. The summary should be informative and understandable to a scientifically or technically literate reader.
- Proposed Research Activities: Successful RII Track-4 proposals should present exciting, vibrant fellowship ideas that have potential to transform the PI's individual career trajectory and more

broadly impact his/her research field, institution, and jurisdiction. All proposals should include motivation and context for the work to be conducted, the PI's specific plans for the fellowship period, and a discussion for how the benefits gained from the fellowship would be sustained beyond the award period (*e.g.*, by including plans for future proposal submissions). It is crucial that the proposals explain clearly what specific opportunities will be made possible *via* the PI's extended visit(s) to the host site.

Feel free to contact Sheena.Murphy@mail.wvu.edu with questions.