Internal competition for Track 1, Acquisition proposals 2016
(Please contact Kris Wolff if you are interested in Track 2, Development, instead.)

Please Provide:
1) Instrument Location and Type – specify the building/room and the instrument (one sentence).

2) Description of the Research Instrument and Needs – please provide a brief technical description of the instrument and why it is needed at Fordham (half a page maximum).

3) Research Activities to be Enabled – describe the specific research projects and research training activities currently active at Fordham that will be enabled with the desired instrumentation (1 page maximum).

4) Impact on Research and Training Infrastructure – briefly describe how the instrument will serve to attract researchers and make a substantial improvement in Fordham's capabilities to conduct leading-edge research. If appropriate, describe how the instrument will improve the quality of research training (1 page maximum).

5) Estimated Budget and Plan for Cost Match – NSF welcomes proposals in the range of $100,000 to $4 million from all departments; proposals for less than $100,000 will only be accepted from departments of mathematics or the social, behavioral and economic sciences.

Please provide an estimated budget for your total request, including the 78.5% indirect costs on any salaries or wages, broken down between the 70% from NSF and the required 30% cost match. Provide a plan to secure the 30% match: this can be a combination of a cash contribution from another (non-Federal) Fordham budget, in-kind such as waived indirect costs or donated time, and third-party contributions. Extra tricky bit this year: “For acquisition proposals, at least 70% of the Total Project Cost must consist of items that can be included on the Equipment line of the NSF budget form, (Line D). Institutions that are subject to the cost-sharing requirement may only include entries on Line D and Line M (cost sharing) of the NSF budget forms (i.e. funds requested from NSF can only be for items included on Line D) and should not include subawards.” This means that the entire 70% requested from NSF must qualify as capital equipment, and the 30% cost share can contain other things such as maintenance costs, salary for tech support staff, etc. The NSF states that “historically, the fraction of the Total Project Cost for MRI acquisition proposals devoted to equipment has been much higher than 70% on average” so they don’t expect this new requirement to cause an issue.

If available, provide supporting documentation for the match and a quote for the instrumentation.

Email to Kris Wolff (kwolff@fordham.edu) by 5pm on Friday, December 4.