



Grants Available For Industry-University Partnerships

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DURHAM, N.H. – The New Hampshire Innovation Research Center is soliciting proposals for research collaborations between New Hampshire industries and academic institutions. The NHIRC's Granite State Technology Innovation Grant program assists companies by funding research on their behalf at a university or college laboratory. Letters of intent are due Sept. 14, 2007.

Suppose you're the chief technical officer of a New Hampshire company in the business of manufacturing a product. Your engineers have been struggling with a design question or process problem. They have tried various solutions but haven't been able to definitely resolve the issue. Perhaps they need to do some testing on high-end analytical equipment that the company does not own, or they need some help designing experiments to better understand and control the manufacturing process.

Your company could benefit from a highly focused project with a university scientist or engineer. You describe the problem in a letter of intent and apply for a Granite State Technology Innovation Grant. If you do not already have a working relationship with an academic laboratory, the NHIRC will seek an appropriate partner, typically at the University of New Hampshire or Dartmouth College.

The Granite State Technology Innovation Grant is a competitive process and applications are reviewed for scientific merit and commercial feasibility. While projects may be proposed in any discipline, applications are particularly encouraged in the following areas: bioinformatics, computational tools, environmental technologies, geospatial analysis, information technology, materials science, medical technologies, nanotechnology, optics, precision engineering, robotics, sensors.

The objective of the Granite State Technology Innovation Grant is to help New Hampshire companies retain or create high-quality jobs, improve their profitability and contribute to technology-based economic development in New Hampshire. A new request for proposals was issued Aug. 1 and can be downloaded from the NHIRC website (www.nhirc.unh.edu/RFP.pdf). Letters of intent are due Sept. 14, with full proposals due Oct. 15.

The New Hampshire Innovation Research Center was established by the state legislature in 1991. It has awarded more than \$4.5 million, in 156 grants, to 111 companies. State funds are matched 1:1 by company contributions of cash, staff time, equipment, supplies or services.

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