LIMITED SUBMISSION: NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT)

Best wishes for a productive and meaningful 2010. What follows is a heads up. As you may have seen, the NSF has announced this year's Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) competition. Only four preliminary proposals can be submitted by TTU; these are due at the end of March. There is potentially great interest here in submitting proposals to develop new and innovative interdisciplinary Ph.D. programs. The NSF Program announcement reads…" The program is intended to catalyze a cultural change in graduate education, for students, faculty, and institutions, by establishing innovative new models for graduate education and training in a fertile environment for collaborative research that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries. It is also intended to facilitate diversity in student participation and preparation, and to contribute to a world-class, broadly inclusive, and globally engaged science and engineering workforce. "

These are highly competitive and significant matching resources are usually required.

Please be advised of two things. First, the Office of the Vice President for Research, in concert with the Graduate School and the Office of the Provost may reserve two or more of the available slots for strategic proposals that are developed by the Research Advisory Council and aligned with the eight strategic research themes of the institution. Second, as it is rare for full proposals to be funded in the first go around, careful consideration may be given to prior full submittals that have been favorably reviewed, but not funded.

Please discuss your intent and ideas by the 4th of February with your respective College Research Associate Deans who can bring them to the Research Advisory Council.

Dr. Michael San Francisco will be directing and coordinating these efforts on behalf of the office. More information will be shared in the coming weeks. Thank you for your potential interest in this opportunity.

Best regards,

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