

TIGER TIPS

RESOURCES FOR AUBURN RESEARCHERS

PAIR UPDATES AND CLARIFICATIONS

For those who are preparing proposals for the **March 2nd deadline** for the Presidential Awards for Interdisciplinary Research (PAIR) and were unable to attend the Open Forums held on January 16th and 22nd, the following are some updates and clarifications that were shared during the sessions.

First and foremost, be sure to review and follow the guidelines shared via the [PAIR website](#), as well as the associated [Application Instructions](#). As a reminder, proposals must be submitted through the [AU Competition Space](#).

EXPANDED GUIDANCE FOR TIERS

- Proposers should develop a broad approach to seeking funding without limiting to a narrow view of funders. PSFS (Marc Haon) can assist in searches for potential sponsors.
- In addition, all tiers should consider industry, foundations and nongovernmental organizations in addition to the vast array of federal opportunities and solicitations.

Tier I – New Teams: Potential outcomes of Tier I funding should reflect a team that is strongly positioned to pursue interdisciplinary funding opportunities from both federal and non-federal entities such as (but not limited to) NEH Collaborative Research grants; NIH R15 and R21 grants; foundation grants; industry funding; federal/non-federal planning grants, etc.

Tier II – Established Teams: Potential outcomes of Tier II funding should reflect a team that is well-positioned to pursue highly competitive federal and non-federal funding opportunities such as (but not limited to) NIH R01 grants; NSF INSPIRE, IGERT, and GOALI programs; various agency SBIR/STTR programs; new programming within the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA); and Gates Foundation Grand Challenges, etc.

Tier III – High Impact Teams: Potential funding opportunities that may be pursued through Tier III funding may include (but not limited to) NSF Center grants; NIH Program or Center grants, etc.

REMINDER REGARDING COMPLIANCE

Please note that all compliance requirements will need to be met prior to the release of funds. This includes (as applicable):

- IACUC
- IRB
- IBC

- Intellectual property/proprietary information
- Security

EXAMPLES OF LEVERAGED RESOURCES (note that this is not an exhaustive list)

- Space
- Shared effort (investigators)
- Technical/administrative support
- Graduate/undergraduate support (including Ph.D. students)
- Priority use of existing equipment or new equipment
- Contributions from external partners (both monetary and in-kind)
 - Effort
 - Space
 - Other incurred expenses
 - Materials/products/transport
 - Access to equipment
 - Sponsorship of meeting/conference

POTENTIAL PAIR ACTIVITIES/EXPENSESⁱ (note that this is not an exhaustive list)

- Symposia/conferences (both targeted and large-scale)
- Preliminary studies needed to further the development of the team's proposed concept
- Supplemental data collection
- Sponsor visits (both governmental, nongovernmental, industrial)
- Travel to meet with collaborators and partners (all entities)
- Museum/archival visits
- Partial effort (investigators/students/etc.)
- Literature searches
- Proposal development expenses
- Consultant support
- Prototype development
- Training of team members
- Research-specific equipment not already available

ⁱ NOTE: All PAIR activities will require justification in accordance with the 2018 PAIR Application Instructions.