NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research
RC1- RFA-0D-09-003

Deadline: April 27th

Guidelines can be found at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-09-003.html

This new program will support research on Challenge Topics which address specific scientific and health research challenges in biomedical and behavioral research that will benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds. Challenge Areas, defined by NIH, focus on specific knowledge gaps, scientific opportunities, new technologies, data generation or research methods that would benefit from an influx of funds to quickly advance the area in significant ways.

- PI Checklists should be submitted to ORSP no later than April 13th.
- Electronic submission – Grants.gov (no registration required) SFSU is registered.
- When you go to the Grants.gov/Apply for Grants website please type in the following where it asks for CFDA Number – 93.701 to get the application instructions and/or forms.
- You must be registered in the eRA Commons if you are not, please contact Jackie White – whitej@sfsu.edu who can get you registered.
- There will be 200 Challenge Grants awarded.
- Requires use of the electronic SF424 Forms which your Grant Administrator will prepare for you.
- Your application must be considered a new grant.
- If you are submitting an unfunded application you cannot submit your application to the Challenge Grant Program as a resubmission.
- Multiple PIs and Project Directors are allowed.
- Projects will be funded for 2 years
- Budget requests cannot exceed $500K total costs per year (this includes – indirect costs and contractual consortium agreements). Modular budgets will not be accepted.
- There is no cost matching required.
- Budget period should not begin before October 1, 2009.
- All projects proposing Multiple PDs/PIs will be required to include a new section describing the leadership plan approach for the project. There is a new section of the research plan, entitled "Multiple PD/PI Leadership Plan", which must be included. A rationale for choosing a multiple PI approach should be described.

Your proposal package must include the following components:

- **Project Summary/Abstract**: is limited to 1 page. Begin this page with the specific Challenge Topic that your application addresses.

- **Biosketches**: are not to exceed 2 pages for the PI and Key Personnel. The number of publications should be 10 or fewer**. Note: Do not include "other support" information in your biosketch.**

- **Research Plan : (include project title on the 1st page)**

- **Specific Aims:** 1 page maximum.

- **Research Design and Methods:** consists of the following 4 elements (12 page limit)
     1) statement of the Challenge Area and specific Challenge Topic
     2) the Challenge and Potential Impact
     3) the Approach
     4 timeline and milestones
     Organize the Research Plan in the specified order as stated above. (all in a single pdf)

Please note that Background and Significance and Preliminary Studies are omitted.

> (12 page limit of the Research Plan **excludes** the Project Summary/Abstract; Specific Aims; Bibliography/Literature Cited; and Biosketches (all separate pdfs)

> **Appendix Materials are not allowed.**

- Applicants are encouraged to contact an NIH program officer for assistance in choosing the Challenge topic that best fits their research program.
- Each of the NIH institutes and centers have developed a website to explain their Challenge grant program and provide you with access to staff members who can help you. http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/IC_ChallengeWebPage.htm

If you have any questions or need any clarification on the guidelines, please contact Jackie White at whitej@sfsu.edu or call 8-3578.