

Subject: Community Notice: NSF Important Notice regarding
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

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The National Science Foundation has issued its first detailed plans for supporting research and related activities with the \$2-billion provided under ARRA. The following is a brief summary of NSF's plans:

1) The majority of Recovery Act funds will be used by NSF for proposals that are already in house and will be reviewed and/or awarded prior to September 30, 2009.

2) NSF will also consider proposals declined on or after October 1, 2008, based on both the high quality of the reviews received on the initial submission and the lack of available funding at the time the original decision was made. The cognizant program officer will notify NYU when a reversal is being considered. Specific procedural information regarding this process is available at:
<http://www.nsf.gov/recovery/>

3) Later this Spring, NSF expects to solicit proposals for three programs toward which ARRA funding is dedicated:

- Academic Research Infrastructure
- Science Masters
- Major Research Instrumentation

No other solicitations are anticipated in response to the Recovery Act.

4) Funds have also been added to the Math and Science Partnership and Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Programs, as well as to NSF's Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction account.

5) All grants issued with Recovery Act funds will be standard grants with durations of up to 5 years. (N.B: this is at odds with plans at NIH, which has thus far limited Recovery Act funding to FY 2009 and 2010.) However, awardees will be expected to expend available funds in a timely manner which NSF will monitor.

6) Funding of new PIs and high-risk, high-return research will be top priorities.

For the full NSF Important Notice, see:

http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/issuances/in131.pdf?govDel=USNSF_109

For more information about ARRA funding initiatives and opportunities, see OSP's website at:

<http://www.nyu.edu/osp/recovery/>