SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: TRIF FUNDING FOR NEW INITIATIVES/INFRASTRUCTURE IN OPTICS AND IMAGING

Program:
The University of Arizona (UA) Technology Research Initiative Fund (TRIF) Optics/Imaging Program announces a special funding opportunity to help support new initiatives and/or equipment for advanced imaging research. The intent of the program is to provide support for new initiatives, infrastructure, or imaging equipment that, ideally, will serve a broad segment of the UA research community. Preference will be given to applicants who can provide strong evidence that the new initiative, or equipment, will lead to expanded capability and increased competitiveness of the University of Arizona in attracting future extramural research funding. Initiatives associated with improved education and/or outreach will be considered. Although not required, cost sharing with other campus units (Colleges, Departments, Centers) is encouraged and will add strength to an application.

Support and Eligibility:
Any UA faculty member working in the area of imaging is eligible to apply as the principal investigator. TRIF Optics/Imaging has committed $50K to this funding mechanism due to budget constraints. The program anticipates funding a limited number of meritorious proposals. This funding mechanism is not intended to support the purchase of small pieces of equipment, which are generally considered usable/affordable by individual investigators or laboratories. Based on UA TRIF requirements, award funds must be expended by 6/30/2016.

Application:
Applicants should provide a description of the initiative/equipment and a justification based on what new opportunities will be created. Applicants should identify the investigators and academic units that will be involved and benefit from the new research initiative/equipment. A description of future plans and goals for attracting extramural funding to support the research in the initiative or use of the equipment will assist the review committee when evaluating the impact and significance of the proposal. The application should be no more than 5 pages total length. Interested faculty may contact Dr. Jim Schwiegerling (jschwieg@u.arizona.edu) regarding questions about this funding opportunity. The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, November 20, 2015 (no exceptions), with notification of award by January 2016.

Scanned or electronic applications should be sent to:

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