



Directorate for Engineering
Division of Engineering Education and Centers
Industry/University Cooperative Research Center Program

Industry/University Cooperative Fellowship Supplement to the Industry/University Cooperative Research Center (I/UCRC) Program Solicitation (NSF 01-116)

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Dear Colleague:

The Industry/University Cooperative Research Center program of the National Science Foundation invites researchers involved in existing NSF I/UCRCs to request Industry/University Cooperative Fellowship Supplements to encourage research interactions between universities and industry. These supplements will provide support for an I/UCRC researcher (faculty or non-student research staff) to perform research in a company. It is expected that these experiences will increase the quality of joint research after the researcher returns to the center.

Request Deadline Date

None.

Award and Budgetary Information

This supplement will provide up to \$25,000 per applicant to support salary, wages, fringe benefits, relocation costs, travel, etc. for the temporary stay in the I/UCRC member company. A minimum of 100% cost match is required by the center member company.

Eligibility

Researchers must be engaged in active research in an existing I/UCRC. Researchers are expected to return to the I/UCRC and share knowledge gained in the company experience with other I/UCRC researchers and students.

Supplement Request Submission Procedures

Requests for an Industry/University Cooperative Fellowship supplement must be submitted via NSF FastLane [www.fastlane.nsf.gov] by selecting these options:

1. Proposals, Awards, and Status
2. Award and Reporting Functions
3. Supplemental Funding Request
4. Choose the award to be supplemented.

The supplement request must not exceed three pages and must:

- State clearly that this is a request for an Industry/University Fellowship supplement to an existing I/UCRC.
- Include a commitment letter from the company agreeing to provide a dollar-for-dollar cost match -- equal to the amount provided to the I/UCRC by NSF for this supplement -- up to a total cost match of \$25,000. The cost match amount should be shown on Line M of the NSF supplement budget.
- Describe the form and nature of the company appointment, including a brief description of the research that will be performed at the company.
- Provide a brief biographical sketch of the researcher and include a statement describing the involvement of the researcher in the I/UCRC.
- State the anticipated start date and duration of the industry stay.

Supplement Request Review and Award Administration

General review procedures and award administration information, including notification, award conditions, and reporting requirements are described in the I/UCRC Solicitation (NSF-01-116). Supplement requests in response to this letter will be reviewed for the appropriateness and value of the industry appointment experience for the researcher, particularly with regard to the significance of the researcher's work assignment in augmenting the research program in the I/UCRC at the university. The supplement will be awarded under the grant award conditions of the I/UCRC grant, any numbered amendments thereto, and any special conditions stated in this Dear Colleague Letter.

Additional Information

This Dear Colleague letter is also available online at www.eng.nsf.gov/iucrc and on the NSF online document system. You may call the I/UCRC Program at 703-292-8383, if there are any questions.

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