The Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program serves to increase access to multi-user scientific and engineering instrumentation for research and research training in our Nation's institutions of higher education and not-for-profit scientific/engineering research organizations. An MRI award supports the acquisition or development of a multi-user research instrument that is, in general, too costly and/or not appropriate for support through other NSF programs. The program has two tracks:

Track 1: proposals requesting funds greater than or equal to $100,000 and less than $1 million
Track 2: proposals requesting funds greater than or equal to $1 million up to and including $4 million

Harvard University, as one institution, may submit up to (3) proposals for this opportunity, provided that only one application is for track 2. OVPR will administer the university-wide competition and Chan applicants should follow the instructions below.

Send NOIs to Elizabeth Sylvester (esylvester@hsph.harvard.edu) no later than September 19, 2022 at 11:59 pm. Please include the following information:

- Identify the proposal track
  - Track 1 ($100,00 to less than $1M)
  - Track 2 ($1m up to $4m)
- Provide the name of the instrument
- Provide the amount of funding requested
- Submit a two (2) page (max.) proposal that provides an overview of the equipment requested
  - How and where it is envisioned being used
  - Who will use the equipment?
  - What impact might this have on research, collaboration, and learning?
- CV of the PI (Note: For this opportunity the OVPR is relaxing the maximum 2-page CV requirement as we think longer CVs will better express the need for and/or potential for research with the requested instrument).
- CV of the Co-PI (if applicable)
- Cost Sharing: A statement (1 page max) written by the applicant’s Divisional or School Dean that includes specific information on how the cost sharing requirement for this opportunity will be met. The rationale behind this request is to ensure that Deans are supportive of any related capital costs.

The sponsor deadline for this award is January 19, 2023. Applicants will be notified in October if they are selected to move forward to the NSF competition. Deans are supportive of any related capital costs.

Please reach out to Elizabeth Sylvester at esylvester@hsph.harvard.edu with any questions.