

We are pleased to call your attention to the newly released program announcement for the Partnerships in International Research and Education (PIRE) program of the National Science Foundation's Office of International Science & Engineering (NSF/OISE). The PIRE program will support projects that 1) undertake frontier research that cannot be done without the unique and complementary contributions of both the U.S. and international partners, 2) help develop a globally engaged U.S. science/engineering workforce, AND 3) facilitate strengthened involvement by U.S. institutions in mutually beneficial international research and education collaborations.

The PIRE program announcement number is NSF 09-505. A link to the program announcement as well as additional information, including links to abstracts of 32 active PIRE awards, can be found at:

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12819.

PIRE is a two-stage competition, beginning with required preliminary proposals, which are due on February 26, 2009. U.S. universities that granted one or more Ph.D.s in a science or engineering field since 2006 are eligible to submit preliminary proposals. Each eligible institution may submit up to three preliminary proposals. Researchers may be involved as PI, co-PI, senior personnel, consultant or subawardee on no more than one proposal. PIRE awards support the U.S. side of the international collaboration.

A PIRE webcast will be held on Friday, December 5, 2008 from 2:00-4:30 PM. Registration details can be found on the PIRE website at the above link. Participants will have the opportunity to e-mail questions in advance as well as during the webcast.

The Ecological community has done well in past competitions and we wish to encourage submissions to this competition. For further information, please contact:

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