

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) -- 2026 CTR Non-Proliferation

Website: <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/a97c191f-3f73-45fb-8f4d-a91fa7bdef1f>

Funding Opportunity Number: DFOP0017675

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-01-29

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-03-06

Description: The Office of Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) is a key component of the Department's and ACN's (Bureau of Arms Control and Nonproliferation) efforts to advance the Administration's top national security and foreign policy objectives in a cost-effective and impactful manner. CTR uses programming and training with foreign partners to advance President Trump's America First Investment Policy (NSPM-3) and America's AI Action plan by disrupting the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) exploitation of critical U.S. intellectual property (IP) and dual-use technologies, including AI, biotechnologies, quantum, semiconductor, and space technologies, through research security, cybersecurity and IP protection training.

As the programmatic lead for the Foundational Infrastructure for the Responsible Use of Small Modular Reactor [SMR] Technology (FIRST) program, CTR implements Section 8(e) of EO 14299 on Deploying Advanced Nuclear Reactor Technologies for National Security by helping U.S. vendors deploy secure, safe U.S. SMRs to strategic regions, including Latin America, the Indo-Pacific, and the Middle East, to outcompete strategic competitors for decades-long partnerships, generating multi-billion dollar deals for U.S. companies and creating thousands of American jobs. CTR implements maximum pressure on Iran (NSPM-2), by training foreign partner countries to implement U.S. sanctions on Iran's nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs, and disrupts proliferation networks tied to the CCP, DPRK, and Russia that undermine U.S. interests.

Required Internal Application: Upload the following information to the Google Form -- <https://forms.gle/qgpY9Qyrl9bLg2CfA> by the internal deadline.

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- "Line(s) of Effort" as Stated in the NOFO numbers 1 through 10
- List the Country or Countries of focus
- Names of ND Collaborators: For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary (maximum of three (3) pages). The Project Summary should align with the Review Criteria outlined on pages 38 and 39 of the NOFO and address the following areas:
 - Quality and Feasibility of the Project Idea

- Project Planning/Ability to Achieve Objectives
- Monitoring and Evaluation Plan
- Sustainability

Questions? Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.