

Sponsor/Title: National Institutes of Health (NIH) -- Limited Competition: Basic Instrumentation Grant (BIG) Program (S10 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Website: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-24-326.html>

Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-24-326

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: 2026-02-24

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-06-01

Purpose: The Basic Instrumentation Grant (BIG) Program encourages applications from groups of NIH-supported investigators to purchase a single piece of new, costly, specialized, commercially available instrument or an integrated instrumentation system.

The BIG Program is limited to institutions that have not received S10 instrumentation funding of \$500,001 or greater in any of the preceding 3 Federal fiscal years (FY).

According to NIH RePORTER, University of Notre Dame qualifies for this opportunity for 2026 under this category: S10 funding in FYs 2023-2025.

The minimum award is \$25,000. There is no maximum price limit for the instrument; however, the maximum award is \$350,000. Instruments supported include, but are not limited to, basic cell sorters, confocal microscopes, ultramicrotomes, gel imagers, or computer systems.

The main objective of the BIG Program is to make available modern scientific instruments that are needed by NIH-funded investigators and other groups of biomedical scientists to advance their research and to broaden access to modern technologies at academic and research institutions nationwide. Typically, state-of-the-art technologies that are indispensable for today's research are too costly for a single investigator to purchase or operate. Their acquisitions can only be justified on a shared-use basis.

The program requires that three Major Users with NIH-funded research projects demonstrate a significant need for the requested instrument.

See Section III.3. Additional Information on Eligibility for the Major User Group requirement

Required Internal Application: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/6buVvhwwdLzwpziHA> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Equipment:
 - Describe the requested instrument by stating its manufacturer, model number, specific features, and accessories. (one page maximum)
- Identify three Major Users, as defined in Section III. 3 in the NOFO. For each Major User, include a list of currently active NIH research awards that are eligible for consideration under this NOFO. List PI, title, and start and end dates of each award. (no page limit)

- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following [Application Review Information](#).
 - Scored Review Criteria:
 - Justification of Need
 - Technical Expertise
 - Research Projects
 - Administration

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

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

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.