

U.S. Geological Survey Mineral Resources External Research Program

The Mineral Resources Program (MRP) of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) announces a grant and/or cooperative agreement opportunity called the Mineral Resources External Research Program (MRERP). The program announcement and application for the MRERP will be available from March 7 through April 15, 2005, at <http://www.grants.gov/>. Applications must be submitted through the Grants.gov web site.

Who is eligible to apply?

The program is open to everyone in the non-Federal sector that has the ability to conduct research in topics that meet the goals of the MRP. Individuals associated with universities, state agencies, tribal governments or organizations, and industry or other private sector groups are eligible. **Federal agencies are not eligible.**

How much funding is available in MRERP?

The **total** amount of funding available for the MRERP is \$250,000. The awards will be made for fiscal year 2005; it is anticipated that 5-8 proposals will be funded.

What are some of the requirements?

All proposals must be research based and address one or more of the goals of the MRP in order to be considered. MRP goals are defined in the program announcement. All research funded as part of the MRERP must begin before October 1, 2005 and must be completed no later than one year from the start date. Awards will be made as either grants or cooperative agreements. In the case of a cooperative agreement, substantial interaction between the USGS and recipient is expected when carrying out the proposed work.

How do I apply?

Applications must be submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov/Apply>, no later than **April 15, 2005 @ 4:00 p.m. EDT**. In addition, 9 copies of proposals must be submitted to the USGS Office of Acquisition and Grants by the same deadline. Please refer to the web site for further details. You will need to enter the CFDA number for the grant; the CFDA number is 15.808. The Program Announcement Number is 05HQPA0006.

More questions?

For technical questions concerning the application process at Grants.gov, contact:
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For questions concerning the Program Announcement, contact:

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