

## Funding Opportunity: Department of Defense Releases FY 2022 DURIP BAA

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The Department of Defense (DOD) released a broad agency announcement (BAA) for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP) competition. DURIP, an annual program under DOD's University Research Initiative (URI), provides acquisition funding for equipment and instrumentation used to support defense-related research activities. DURIP funding supports the purchase of major, state-of-the-art equipment (from \$50,000 to \$1.5 million) that augments current research institutions' capabilities or develops new capabilities to perform cutting edge defense research in disciplines of importance to DOD. According to DOD, DURIP funding is not appropriate for the construction or modification of buildings, building support systems, fixed equipment (i.e. clean rooms or fume hoods), general-purpose computing facilities, or purely instructional equipment, as well as salaries of faculty, postdoctoral associates, or students. DURIP remains an extremely competitive funding program with the decline in similar instrumentation programs across federal agencies. In FY 2021, DOD awarded \$50 million to 150 university researchers at 85 institutions in 33 states.

As in previous years, the Army Research Office (ARO), Office of Naval Research (ONR), and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) jointly support the solicitation, which is issued in cooperation with the Office of the Director of Basic Research in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. DOD recommends that proposers review each Service branch research agency's interests contained in recent long-range BAAs to align proposals with stated DOD research needs. Proposals must address research of interest to one or more Services and may be submitted to more than one Service for consideration. While an application may be submitted to multiple Services, funding can only be received from one. DOD encourages interested researchers to contact the appropriate program managers relevant to their field to discuss the relevance of proposed ideas.

In addition to research efforts, DURIP emphasizes related educational enhancement and requires proposals to address how DURIP funding would strengthen educational opportunities for students in DOD-relevant fields.

**Question Submission Deadline:** Questions to respective program managers concerning the BAA are encouraged and must be submitted by **April 23, 2021**. Appropriate points of contact can be found in each of the respective agencies' BAAs.

**Full Proposal Deadline:** Full proposals should be submitted no later than **May 14, 2021 at 11:59 PM ET**.

**Total Funding and Award Size:** DOD anticipates awarding approximately \$48 million under the FY 2022 DURIP competition, with individual awards ranging from \$50,000 to \$1.5 million. Awards are typically for one year. Note: This program is supplemented by additional funding from the Defense Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR). DEPSCoR-eligible applicants should indicate their DEPSCoR status in their DURIP application.

**Eligibility:** The competition is open to accredited U.S. institutions of higher education with degree-granting programs in science, mathematics, or engineering.

*Sources and Additional Information:*

- The full FY 2022 DURIP solicitation issued by each military Service is available at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by searching “FOA-AFRL-AFOSR-2021-0002” (Air Force), “W911NF-21-S-0004” (Army), and “N00014-21-S-F002” (Navy).
- The Long Range Broad Agency Announcement for Navy and Marine Corps Science and Technology can be found [here](#) or at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by searching for “N00014-21-S-B001.”
- The Research Interests of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research Broad Agency Announcement can be found [here](#).