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Opportunities for Partnerships in Technology with Industry (OPT-IN)

Answers given by Board of Regents staff in response to questions in response
to the Request for Proposals as of **December 9, 2011**,
which was the last day to answer questions.

Proposals Due: December 15, 2011

Question:
For a Category II prototype development proposal, could this encompass the designing, testing and creation of a drug molecule prototype that can then go to the next stage of development?

Answer:
This would fall under prototype development and would be eligible for submission as a Category II OPT-IN proposal.

Question:
It's not clear to me just what disciplines are included in the science and engineering disciplines supported by NSF.

Answer:
Visit the URL provided in the RFP: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/aboutfunding.jsp . Click on "A-Z Index of Funding Opportunities." This provides an exhaustive listing of supported disciplines. It is up to the proposer to determine whether the discipline proposed is one that is supported by NSF.

Question:
I would like to inquire about tuition requests for graduate students. The RFP does not mention any tuition stipulations, but I wanted to confirm with you: is tuition allowed or disallowed for the request?

Answer:
The RFP is silent on this issue, so a request for tuition would not be disallowed; however, it might not be advisable to include it, depending upon how the out-of-state reviewers view this use of funds, the costs of which are typically borne by the university.