



APS, OSA and SPIE Program for LaserFest Outreach: Request for Proposals

The American Physical Society, the Optical Society and the International Society for Optics and Photonics are happy to announce that they will award several grants of up to \$10,000 to encourage outreach activities among APS, OSA and SPIE members during 2010's LaserFest.

About the Program

This program is designed to encourage APS, OSA and SPIE members to undertake physics outreach initiatives in their own communities and institutions during the 2010 celebration of the 50th anniversary of the laser, LaserFest. We also want to encourage innovative ideas and experimental approaches, particularly if they have the potential to lead to sustained activities beyond the duration of the grant. For more information on LaserFest please visit www.laserfest.org.

Proposals that cover any form of public outreach will be considered but activities should be focused on the LaserFest celebration and therefore must have a significant laser component. Special consideration will be given to proposals that impact women and minorities, and to proposals that are exceptionally innovative. Programs may be aimed at any age group. For those that are aimed at students, the thrust of the proposal must involve outreach, as distinct from education.

Because this program is for APS, OSA and SPIE members, the main contact person for the grant must be an APS, OSA or SPIE member. In addition, the extent to which the grant activity involves other APS, OSA and SPIE members will be a factor in the funding decision.

The grant period will be calendar 2010 and total amount of the grant will not exceed \$10,000.

Application Process

To apply for these funds, please submit the following information by September 30th, 2009:

Cover sheet clearly stating the name, address, phone number, and email of the main contact person for your application. Please include the name of your program and the department and institution you represent.

CV for main contact person.

Narrative description (no more than three pages) of your program. Please include details of existing financial support (if any), and description of personnel working on the program (instructional lab technicians, students, professors, etc). Be clear about the role of the laser in your activities.

Rough budget detailing your plans for utilizing the funds.

Letter of support from your department chair or similar administrative official (this can be sent separately, as long as it clearly identifies the main contact person and institution).

Send application materials to laserfest@aps.org.

Recipients will be notified in October 2009.

Important Information

These funds cannot be used for salaries, stipends, etc. of the main participants, but can be used to hire a student or an intern if that is essential for the project

To activate the grant, the main contact person will be required to sign a memorandum of understanding with APS, OSA, and SPIE detailing the work to be undertaken and other associated responsibilities.

All selected programs must submit a final report no later than six months after the end of the funding period. Please direct questions to Rebecca Thompson-Flagg at (301) 209-3206 or laserfest@aps.org.