Grant Title: INTERDISCIPLINARY BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Funding Opportunity Number: 12-614. CFDA Number(s): 47.075.

Agency/Department: National Science Foundation.

Area of Research: Interdisciplinary research by teams of investigators in the social and behavioral sciences.

Release and Expiration: Release Date: September 27, 2012.

Application Deadline: January 23, 2013; December 03, 2013; December 02, 2014.

Amount: IBSS Large Interdisciplinary Research Projects: Maximum award size $1,000,000. IBSS Interdisciplinary Team Exploratory Projects: Maximum award size $250,000. Expected Number of Awards: 15.

Length of Support: No IBSS Large Interdisciplinary Research Project award may be more than five years in duration. No IBSS Interdisciplinary Team Exploratory Project award may be more than two years in duration.

Eligible Applicants: Unrestricted.

Summary: The Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Science Research (IBSS) competition promotes the conduct of interdisciplinary research by teams of investigators in the social and behavioral sciences. Emphasis is placed on support for research that involves researchers from multiple disciplinary fields, that integrates scientific theoretical approaches and methodologies from multiple disciplinary fields, and that is likely to yield generalizable insights and information that will advance basic knowledge and capabilities across multiple disciplinary fields. The IBSS competition establishes new opportunities to encourage, facilitate, and support interdisciplinary research that brings together researchers from different SBE disciplinary communities. It will focus on research problems that can be fully addressed only by interdisciplinary teams using approaches from multiple fields, and it will support research that promises results that will be meaningful across the contributing disciplines and that will explicitly advance science beyond existing intellectual boundaries. The IBSS competition seeks to support research conducted by SBE scientists as collaborating members of teams that come from multiple disciplines, who engage in integrated research that employs methods and techniques from multiple disciplines, and whose results are likely to enhance theories and/or methodological approaches or have other stimulating and/or catalytic impact across a range of disciplinary fields. The IBSS competition invites proposals for two different kinds of projects: 1. IBSS Large Interdisciplinary Research Projects with awards as large as $1,000,000. Most projects will extend from two to five years in duration. 2. IBSS Interdisciplinary Team Exploratory Projects. Support for exploratory efforts by emerging multidisciplinary teams is designed to facilitate the kinds of contact, interaction, and active research activities necessary to enable researchers from multiple disciplines to engage in effective interdisciplinary research. Emphasis is to be placed on the conduct of research and potential outcomes, not on the preparation of plans and proposals for future research. Exploratory projects may be supported by awards as large as $250,000. Most exploratory projects will extend from one to two years in duration. Proposals seeking IBSS support may address any topic, issue, or problem. Researchers are encouraged to pursue research on one of the four cross-cutting themes identified in the Rebuilding the Mosaic report (population change; sources of disparities; communication, language, and linguistics; and technology, new media, and social networks), but the IBSS competition will be open and receptive to other topics that address topics having theoretical and societal significance. Proposals submitted for IBSS funding should focus on basic research projects. Development of new methods, collection of new databases of broader value, engagement in education and training activities, and/or other forms of infrastructural activity may be a part of the project's activities, but the project's primary emphasis should be on scientifically exploring the validity of answers to focused, theoretically based questions.