

CELDi considers adding new academic partners on a rolling basis. In so doing, CELDi requires the potential academic partner to do the following:

1. Visit the CELDi website (www.celdi.ineg.uark.edu) and learn more about CELDi (download the CELDi Presentation and review it).
2. Attend one of the two biannual meetings held each year so that the potential academic partner can obtain detailed information about CELDi (including its operations) and the current CELDi Directors can get to know the faculty at the potential partner's university. We request that 2 faculty attend, if possible.
3. Submit a letter of intent to CELDi (through the Director). In the CELDi LOI,
 - identify a unique capability (intellectual capability) that the potential academic partner adds (either in terms of methodology or application area);
 - identify new member organizations, along with an assessment of the potential of the organization joining CELDi;
 - identify the key faculty members from the potential academic member, including the proposed site director (and associate director, if known);
 - provide examples of prior collaborative research efforts; and
 - provide key performance data for the lead department, including number of full-time graduate students, current level of sponsored research, etc.These are the criteria that the CELDi Directors use in evaluating which recommendation to make for each potential academic partner (see 6 below).
4. Obtain and review the CELDi rules and regulations (our Membership Agreement between members and a CELDi university, Consortium Agreement between CELDi universities, Bylaws, and Operations Manual).
5. Meet with the current CELDi Directors (either at a CELDi meeting or through a conference call) to discuss the CELDi LOI.
6. If a positive recommendation is approved by the CELDi Directors, submit a LOI to NSF, which indicates the intent to submit an I/UCRC Planning Grant Proposal. In the NSF LOI, the PI must stipulate that they will agree and abide to all NSF and CELDi policies. The Director is required to write a letter of support for the potential academic partner and will not do so until a letter is received from the RSP office of the potential academic partner stating such agreement.
7. Submit I/UCRC Planning Grant Proposal to NSF with letter of support from CELDi Director.

CELDi Deadlines:

- CELDi LOI: rolling basis

NSF Deadlines:

- Letter of Intent Deadline Date: January* and June* (yearly)
 - Full Proposal Deadline Date: March* and September* (yearly)
- *see NSF Program Announcement for specific dates: www.nsf.gov/eng/iip/iucrc/