Capacity-Building Workshop for Preparing Competitive Proposals to the National Science Foundation S-STEM Program – Reno, NV June 5-7, 2019

This project, supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), is designed to provide support and professional development for STEM educators and other leaders from two-year colleges (2YCs) across the western United States to prepare competitive proposals for the NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) program.

The mission of the S-STEM program is to increase the number of STEM degrees earned by students in American colleges and universities. The program provides grant funds to institutions of higher education to support the efforts of low-income, academically talented STEM majors. The support includes scholarships for students and funds to implement and assess evidence-based curricular and co-curricular practices that enhance the STEM learning environments for the students. More details about the S-STEM program can be found here.

In order to increase the number of S-STEM grants to 2YCs, this project will offer a 2.5-day proposal preparation workshop in Reno, NV in June 2019, along with pre-workshop support to enhance the efficiency and outcomes of the workshop activities. The primary goal of the workshop is to facilitate submission of competitive S-STEM proposals in 2020 from the colleges that participate. **Travel and lodging expenses for two representatives from each college invited to the workshop will be covered.** One of the representatives must be teaching in a STEM discipline supported by the S-STEM program.

The project is focused exclusively on providing support to 2YCs that** have not received prior support from the S-STEM program.** This can include institutions that have never submitted proposals to the S-STEM program and those that have submitted proposals to the S-STEM program that did not result in an award. Please check with your institution to ensure you qualify for support from this project prior to submitting an application to participate.

A relatively brief online application to participate in the workshop is found here. Please note that it is required to sign into a Google account in order to complete the application, as part of the application includes uploading a letter of support from a college administrator at the rank of Dean or higher. The letter does not need to commit any financial resources on the part of the college but should indicate that that participation in the workshop and the submission of an NSF S-STEM proposal aligns with institutional priorities and vision for STEM education. Applications submitted by 5:00 p.m. PST February 1, 2019 will receive priority consideration.

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