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The **Advancing Informal STEM Learning** (AISL) program seeks to advance new approaches to and evidence-based understanding of the design and development of STEM learning opportunities for the public in informal environments; provide multiple pathways for broadening access to and engagement in STEM learning experiences; advance innovative research on and assessment of STEM learning in informal environments; and engage the public of all ages in learning STEM in informal environments.

The AISL program supports six types of projects: (1) Pilots and Feasibility Studies, (2) Research in Service to Practice, (3) Innovations in Development, (4) Broad Implementation, (5) Literature Reviews, Syntheses, or Meta-Analyses, and (6) Conferences.

Limits for funding requests of AISL proposals are as follows: (1) Pilots and Feasibility projects: up to \$300,000 with durations up to two years; (2) Research in Service to Practice projects: from \$300,000 to \$2,000,000 with durations from two to five years; (3) Innovations in Development projects: \$500,000 to \$3,000,000 with durations from two to five years; (4) Broad Implementation projects from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 with durations from three to five years; (5) Literature Reviews, Syntheses, or Meta-analyses projects up to \$250,000 with durations of up to two years; and (6) Conferences up to \$250,000 with durations of up to two years. More details can be found at <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17573/nsf17573.htm>. The full proposals are due to the NSF on November 6, 2017.

This is a limited competition; An institution or organization may serve as lead on no more than three (3) proposals. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, send a statement of interest with a tentative project title, indication of the type of proposal, and a brief description (200 words) by **noon, August 16, 2017** via e-mail to limited@unm.edu **with the subject line: NSF AISL – your name**. Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competition Management Team may announce a call for preproposals. Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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