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The Innovations in Graduate Education (IGE) program is designed to encourage the development and implementation of bold, new, and potentially transformative approaches to STEM graduate education training. The program seeks proposals that explore ways for graduate students in research-based master's and doctoral degree programs to develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to pursue a range of STEM careers.

IGE focuses on projects aimed at piloting, testing, and validating innovative and potentially transformative approaches to graduate education. IGE projects are intended to generate the knowledge required for their customization, implementation, and broader adoption. The program supports testing of novel models or activities with high potential to enrich and extend the knowledge base on effective graduate education approaches.

The program addresses both workforce development, emphasizing broad participation, and institutional capacity building needs in graduate education. Strategic collaborations with the private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), government agencies, national laboratories, field stations, teaching and learning centers, informal science centers, and academic partners are encouraged.

IGE Awards (6 to 10 anticipated in FY 2018) are expected to be up to three (3) years in duration with a total budget between \$300,000 and \$500,000. More details can be found at [https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17585/nsf17585.htm?WT.mc\\_id=USNSF\\_25&WT.mc\\_ev=click](https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17585/nsf17585.htm?WT.mc_id=USNSF_25&WT.mc_ev=click). The full proposals are due to the NSF on October 25, 2017.

**This is a limited competition;** An eligible organization may participate in **two (2)** Innovations in Graduate Education proposals per competition. *Participation includes serving as a lead organization on a non-collaborative proposal or as a lead organization, non-lead organization, or subawardee on a collaborative proposal.* If you are interested in submitting a proposal, send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and brief description (200 words max) by **noon, August 8, 2017** via e-mail to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) with the subject line: **NSF IGE – 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](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

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