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UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting e-mails of interest for the NSF Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science (NSF INCLUDES) funding opportunity. The funding agency limits the number of proposals per institution to one.

From the solicitation: The NSF INCLUDES initiative invites proposals for Design and Development Launch Pilots, which are pilot projects that represent bold, innovative ways to solve broadening participation challenges in STEM. Each Launch Pilot will be funded for up to two years, for a maximum of \$300,000. Successful pilots will deliver models or prototypes, including measurement/data infrastructures, enabling collective efforts aimed at increasing the active participation of those who have been traditionally underserved and underrepresented in particular STEM fields or across all fields of STEM. Teams of organizations might come together locally, regionally, nationally, by disciplinary focus, or by other multisector categories. Key to a successful proposal will be the identification of a specific goal and measurable objectives, and an argument that the set of partners being assembled includes all who are needed to successfully address the objective. The plan must articulate its potential for expansion if funded as a NSF INCLUDES Alliance. Researchers and practitioners at minority serving institutions are strongly encouraged to participate in this activity given their experience and expertise in broadening participation. These planning and start-up activities are aimed at engaging appropriate communities in testing the feasibility of developing and implementing a comprehensive plan and process for change, creating a support infrastructure involving shared measurement and technologies, and identifying other support mechanisms for sustaining the efforts.

See the following link for further details:

https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?WT.z_pims_id=505289&ods_key=nsf17522

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, send a statement of interest with a brief description (200 words) and identification of the lead PI and any key partners by noon, Thursday, December 1, 2016 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: Includes - 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.

The deadline for *required* preliminary proposals to the agency is February 14, 2017. Invited full proposals are due May 16, 2017.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact Corey Ford at CFord@salud.unm.edu for more information.