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From: Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO)
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: HSI Program Network Resource Centers & Hubs (NSF 22-602)

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Dear UNM Researchers,

The goals of the HSI Program are to enhance the quality of undergraduate STEM education and to increase the recruitment, retention, and graduation rates of students pursuing associate's or baccalaureate STEM degrees at Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs). Through this solicitation, the NSF seeks to establish HSI Program Network Resource Centers and Hubs:

- Up to 2 centers: 1 HSI Program Center for Community Coordination (HSI-CCC) and 1 HSI Center for Evaluation, Research, and Synthesis (HSI-CERS)—awarded as cooperative agreements that are national in scope, represent the breadth of activities important to HSIs, and amplify the range of activities in the HSI Program.
- Up to 5 HSI Program Resource Hubs (HSI-Hubs)—for innovative initiatives organized around key issues that are designed to effectively serve the HSI community and its stakeholders.

The Centers and Hubs will conduct activities designed to:

1. Build a network to establish the infrastructure that will guide the HSI communities as they work to achieve the goals of the HSI Program, incentivize institutional transformation, and support community partnerships.
2. Grow and strengthen organizational capacity at HSIs, developing structures that foster student and/or faculty development and growth, meeting the students where they are in their college careers academically, financially, and socially.
3. Promote research on and broadening participation in STEM at HSIs and topics related to the HSI Program goals.
4. Produce communication and generate collaborative programming to bring together existing and prospective PIs for purposes of building capacity, developing new knowledge about the HSI community, and reporting on and enhancing the impacts of the HSI Program.

The goals of the **HSI-CCC** are to create coordination mechanisms, foster communication, organize collaborations, and strengthen connections between HSIs in the U.S. and its territories and the HSI stakeholders, including current awardees and prospective PIs from the HSI Program. The goals of the **HSI-CERS** are to develop tools and approaches to support robust evaluation, research, and synthesis efforts within the HSI community. The goals of the **HSI-Hubs** are to support and promote collaboration within the HSI community, including prospective PIs, to build capacity at HSIs. The HSI-Hubs will support

initiatives and activities that address any area(s) of need in the HSI community, identified by the proposer and community, and supported by evidence. These should be designed to effectively serve the HSI STEM communities and increase participation of historically underrepresented individuals in STEM.

The funding limits and award periods are as follows: **HSI-CCC & HSI-CERS**, \$7M and 6 years; **HSI-Hubs**, up to \$3M and 5 years. Go to <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2022/nsf22602/nsf22602.htm> for full details. The deadline for submitting full proposals to the NSF is December 15, 2022. However, **HSI-CCC** or **HSI-CERS** applications require Letters of Intent to the NSF by November 14, 2022.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to 1 application for each of the 3 tracks.** We will be conducting a two-step internal competition to ensure we have a review committee in place by the pre-proposal deadline. **You must complete both steps if you are interested in participating.**

STEP ONE: Submit your 200-word **statement of interest** by **NOON on Monday, September 12, 2022** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). This is a required step, and no late submissions will be considered.

STEP TWO: Submit an abbreviated budget, 2-page CV, and a 3-page preproposal that clearly describes:

- a. The approaches and activities to be used, the rationales for those choices, and how best practices will be disseminated to the greater HSI community.
- b. The anticipated results and how the project relates to the goals of the HSI Program.
- c. An overview of the evaluation plan; What does success look like?
- d. Plans to include and leverage the diversity of constituents, approaches, disciplines, and ideas at HSIs, particularly from those with a deep understanding of the HSI community and those that give the institution the HSI designation. A strategy to adapt successful existing frameworks for effectively diversifying the STEM enterprise and student success should also be included.

Please submit your 3-page preproposal (**plus abbreviated budget and 2-page CV for all personnel**; 11-point font) by **NOON on Wednesday, October 5, 2022** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). You will receive an email when the InfoReady competition has been converted from the SOI application to the preproposal application, but you can work on your documents outside the system before that. No late submissions will be considered.

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

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