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Subject: Limited Competition: NSF Cultural Transformation in the Geoscience Community (CTGC), NSF 22-562

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Dear UNM Researchers,

The CTGC funding opportunity invites creative proposals to foster an innovative and inclusive geoscience community that reflects the diversity of the United States and is ready and well prepared to understand how the Earth system can continue to sustain society and propose solutions to the complex challenges society is facing due to climate and environmental change. The Geosciences Directorate (GEO) proposes a novel approach to simultaneously address two major challenges that require immediate action, (1) foster a just, equitable and inclusive geoscience research community that reflects the diversity of the United States and (2) develop a workforce with the skills required to understand how the Earth system can continue to sustain society. Proposals are expected to be rooted in evidence-based best practices on justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion and learning ecosystems to tackle multidimensional and transdisciplinary questions that require different perspectives. Proposals will need to show how these perspectives will not only be brought to the scientific enterprise but also how they ensure that participants from groups that were historically excluded will be welcomed, supported, and fully included in the laboratories, research facilities, or any other place where research and related activities take place. There are two tracks: Planning and Implementation.

NSF expects to make up to 11 awards through this competition, with up to 3 awards for implementation grants and up to 8 awards for planning grants. Implementation grants have a limit of \$1.5M per year for up to 5 years; planning grants have a limit of \$120,000 per year for up to 2.5 years. Implementation grants are eligible for renewal for an additional 5 years pending availability of funds and favorable review. There is no cost share requirement for this award. More details can be found in the [Program Solicitation](#). Letters of Inquiry (required for implementation grants only) are due to NSF **March 14, 2022** with full proposals due **May 2, 2022**.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to ONE proposal as the sole submitting or lead organization, regardless of track.** Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; 11 point font) by **NOON on Wednesday, February 23, 2022** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). No late submissions will be considered.

The pre-proposal should address the major points that will be included in the proposal narrative, including:

- An overview of the specific activities that will be undertaken to achieve your project objectives and how those objectives align with the CTGC program goals as described in the solicitation;
- The PI's (or other key personnel's) relevant experience;
- Plan for evaluating and reporting on the project;
- Plan for community partnerships (if relevant);
- **For Implementation projects only:**
  - cohort recruitment, selection, and mentoring plan;
  - a clear articulation of the institution's commitment to Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated PI CV**.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

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