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Dear UNM Researchers,

The goals of the HSI program are to enhance the quality of undergraduate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and to increase the recruitment, retention, and graduation rates of students pursuing associate's or baccalaureate degrees in STEM. Intended outcomes of the HSI program include broadening participation of students that are historically underrepresented in STEM and expanding students' pathways to continued STEM education and integration into the STEM workforce. The need for tailored initiatives, policies, and practices (mindful of socio-cultural awareness) should meet the students' needs and institutions' expectations while advancing undergraduate students at HSIs toward higher levels of academic achievement in STEM. There are three HSI program tracks: Planning or Pilot Projects (PPP) (Track 1); Implementation and Evaluation Projects (IEP) (Track 2); Institutional Transformation Projects (ITP) (Track 3).

The agency estimates that they will make 30 to 60 awards: 20-40 for Planning or Pilot Projects funded at a rate of \$200,000-\$400,000; up to 15 Implementation and Evaluation Projects funded at a rate of \$500,000-\$1 million; 3-7 Institutional Transformation Projects funded at a rate of up to \$3 million. There is no cost share requirement for this award. More details can be found in the [Program Solicitation](#). The deadline to submit full proposals to the agency is **March 28, 2022**.

This is a limited competition for Institutional Transformation Projects (Track 3) ONLY. Each institution is limited to one proposal for Track 3. Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; 11 point font) by **NOON on Friday, February 11, 2022** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). No late submissions will be considered.

The preproposal should address the major sections from the proposal narrative including: the need for and design of the proposed project; the project management plan; the communication plan; the evaluation plan; the research plan; and a discussion of the project's support and sustainability. 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.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact [Corey Ford](#) or [Cassandra Misenaar](#) for more information.