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Subject: Limited Competition: National Science Foundation, Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM), (NSF 23-527)

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Dear UNM Researchers,

The specific objective of the **NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) Program** is to enable low-income students with academic ability, talent or potential to pursue successful careers in promising STEM fields. Ultimately, the S-STEM program seeks to increase the number of low-income students who graduate with a S-STEM eligible degree and contribute to the American innovation economy with their STEM knowledge. Recognizing that financial aid alone cannot increase retention and graduation in STEM, the program provides awards to institutions of higher education (IHEs) not only to fund scholarships, but also to adapt, implement, and study evidence-based curricular and co-curricular activities that have been shown to be effective supporting recruitment, retention, transfer (if appropriate), student success, academic/career pathways, and graduation in STEM.

The program supports four types of projects subject to availability of funds:

- **Track 1 (Institutional Capacity Building):** Track 1 projects may not exceed \$1 million total for a maximum duration of 6 years. **UNM is ineligible for Track 1 awards because we have had an S-STEM award in the past.**
- **Track 2 (Implementation: Single Institution):** Track 2 projects may not exceed \$2.5 million total for a maximum duration of 6 years.
- **Track 3 (Inter-institutional Consortia):** Track 3 projects may not exceed \$5 million total for a maximum duration of 6 years.
- **Collaborative Planning:** projects may not exceed \$100,000 for a maximum duration of 1 year. Collaborative Planning grants are intended to help a collection of institutions plan for a future Inter-institutional Track 3 proposal.

There is no cost share requirement for this award. More details can be found in the solicitation: <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2023/nsf23527/nsf23527.pdf>. The deadline for full proposals to the agency is **February 20, 2024**.

This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to 2 proposals total (either as a single applicant institution or as a lead applicant, subawardee, or member of an inter-institutional consortia project). This restriction does not apply to Collaborative Planning grant proposals. If you are interested in applying to this program, please submit a 200-word statement of interest with a tentative project title along with the name(s) and department(s) of all senior personnel by **NOON November 13, 2023** via UNM's InfoReady portal <https://unm.infoready4.com/>. Based on the number of responses received, the Limited Competition Management Team may announce a call for preproposals. No late submissions will be considered. For Collaborative Planning proposals, you may submit your application through Streamlyne by the agency deadline without going through the limited competition process.

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

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