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Subject: Limited Competition: NSF, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education  
Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (STEM Ed PRF), Institutional Cohort Postdoctoral  
Fellowship, (NSF 22-531)

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Dear UNM Researchers,

The Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) STEM Education Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (STEM Ed PRF) program funds individual and institutional postdoctoral awards designed to enhance the research knowledge, skills, and practices of recent doctoral graduates in STEM, STEM Education, Education, and related disciplines, with a goal of advancing their preparation to engage in fundamental and applied research in STEM education that advances knowledge within the field. As part of NSF's goal to cultivate an inclusive world-class STEM workforce, the STEM Ed PRF program encourages proposals with a focus on broadening the participation of women and people who are members of groups underrepresented in the STEM workforce.

Pending availability of funds, NSF anticipates approximately \$8,000,000 will be available for the FY2022 competition. Funds will be awarded as follows: (1) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship awards up to \$300,000 with a duration of up to 24 months (\$150,000 maximum annually); and (2) Institutional Cohort Postdoctoral Fellowship awards up to \$1,250,000 for awards to single institutions or up to \$2,500,000 for awards to collaborating institutions, with a duration of up to 36 months. Consistent with Individual Postdoctoral Fellowships, Institutional Cohort Postdoctoral Fellowship awards must allocate a \$70,000 salary per postdoctoral fellow annually with a duration of up to two years. There is no cost share requirement for this award. More details can be found in the [Program Solicitation](#). The deadline for submitting full proposals to the agency is **March 01, 2022**.

**This is a limited competition.** Each institution is limited to one proposal for the Institutional Cohort Postdoctoral Fellowship track. **Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; 11 point font) by NOON on Thursday, January 27, 2022 via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#).** No late submissions will be considered.

The preproposal should briefly address the major areas that will be included in the proposal narrative: the significance of the project; the research and professional development training plan; the recruitment/application/selection plans; the evaluation plan; the roles and responsibilities of the PI and co-PI(s) as mentors for the cohort; and, if relevant, an explanation of the rationale for an institutional collaboration. 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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