



Limited Submission

Limited Submission occurs when a sponsoring agency limits the number of proposals an institution may submit for a given funding opportunity. Because of these restrictions and some opportunities that attract broad interest within the university, the UM ORSP follows a standardized internal competition process to select proposals to submit on behalf of the University.

Key Information

Funding Opportunity Name: National STEM Teacher Corps Pilot Program

Funding Opportunity Number: NSF 24-577 Sponsor Name: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Program URL: https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/national-stem-teacher-corps-pilot-program

Estimated # of Awards: NSF estimates funding 8-10 Regional Alliance awards and up to 15 Planning Grants.

Award Range: \$1M to \$5M for Regional Alliances.

Project Period: up to 5 years for Regional Alliance awards (with the potential to extend for an additional 5 years)

Key Dates

Internal Letter of Intent (LOI) Due Date: 07/18/24 Internal Pre-Proposal Due Date: 08/01/24

Pre-Proposal Selected and Announced: 08/15/24 LOI Submitted to Sponsor Due Date: 08/20/24

Proposal Due Date: 10/01/24

Eligibility:

The Principal Investigator must hold a terminal degree in a STEM discipline, Education, STEM Education, or a related field. An individual may serve as PI or Co-PI of one proposal submitted in response to this solicitation. An eligible institution may submit no more than one proposal in response to this solicitation. An institution may have only one active National STEM Teacher Corps Pilot Program award at any given time. Alliances should aim to include PIs and Co-PIs that are both education and STEM faculty.

Program Summary:

The purpose of this program is to elevate the profession of STEM teaching by establishing a National STEM Teacher Corps Pilot Program to recognize outstanding STEM teachers in our Nation’s classrooms, reward them for their accomplishments, elevate their public profile, and create rewarding career paths to which all STEM teachers can aspire, both to prepare future STEM researchers and to create a scientifically literate public.

Program Purpose:

NSF invites proposals to establish an initial set of Regional Alliances responsible for (a) recruiting eligible applicants to become members of the National STEM Teacher Corps; (b) screening, interviewing, and selecting members; and (c) supporting other activities detailed in the Program Description and the law. Each Alliance will be awarded as a cooperative agreement that represents the breadth of activities important to National STEM Teacher Corps Pilot Program and serves to elevate the public profile of STEM teachers within the region. Collectively these Alliances are expected to have a national impact.

Additional Information

PLANNING GRANTS

A consultation with a program officer is required prior to proposal submission of a Planning Grant proposal. This should happen if and after you are conditionally selected by ORSP to be UM's lone proposal. If the program director approves the submission of a planning proposal, the proposal must be prepared in accordance with the instructions for the planning type of proposal contained in Chapter II.F of the PAPPG and must be submitted through Research.gov. Proposers should select the current PAPPG as the funding opportunity in Research.gov and direct the proposal to the National STEM Teacher Corps Pilot program in the Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE) in the Directorate for STEM Education (EDU).

Additional Information

NUMBER OF TEACHERS PER ALLIANCE

Email Feedback from Lead PO, Patrice Waller: During the initial webinar that provided an overview of the newly established National STEM Teacher Corps Pilot Program (NSF 25-577), a line of questions was posed regarding specific language from the solicitation: "Each Corps Alliance shall select a minimum of 5 regional teachers yearly throughout the life of the project." To help clarify the questions that arose regarding the apparent conflict between this statement and the expectations that teachers selected for the National STEM Teacher Corps Pilot Program must agree to serve a 4-year term, with a possibility for reappointment, NSF cognizant program officers would like to share the following: The intent of the statement in question is to ensure that each Corps Alliance maintains a minimum of five (5) regional teachers each year throughout the life of the project. As a result, projects are encouraged to select as few as 8 – 10 Teacher Corps members during the selection process to allow for any attrition that may result from a variety of factors. If, for some reason, a Corps Alliance is unable to maintain the minimum number of five (5) STEM Teacher Corps members, then a special exception will need to be made to allow the Alliance to identify and select the number of teachers needed to maintain the minimum requirement. In this case, the required 4-year term would be prorated based on the number of years remaining on the project.

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How to Apply

ORSP RD will determine who may submit to this limited submissions opportunity based on our standard protocol for limited submission, including requesting notices of intent (NOIs) from those interested to lead a proposal, and possibly internal applications for an internal competition based on the NOIs. See ORSP RD's separate Call for Notices of Intent to compete to lead a Regional Alliance Proposal or Planning Grant Proposal for NSF's National STEM Teacher Corps Pilot Program.

If selected, this is how Research Development can support you:

- Create and route your SPAN Form and Transmittal (if applicable)
- Navigate the Sponsor Portal
- Manage your proposal by providing you with a timeline and resources
- Assist with developing required documents such as your Budget
- Provision an Enhanced Review of your narrative (if requested; fees may apply)
- Research Administrator Support: Amy Williams: amyw@olemiss.edu. (ext. 1780)