

Deans, Directors, and Department Heads:

Please forward this information to the appropriate faculty immediately.

Institutional Limit on Proposal Submissions

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) NSF 08-569

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08569/nsf08569.htm>

LIMITED SUBMISSION – An institution that awards baccalaureate degrees is allowed to submit only **ONE** Type 1 proposal, or to be part of only one consortium submitting a Type 1 proposal.

An institution that awards associate degrees, and does not award baccalaureate degrees, is allowed to be the lead institution on only **ONE** Type 1 proposal, and, in addition, may be a partner on one or more Type 1 proposals. There are **no restrictions** on the number of Type 2 proposals that an individual or organization may submit.

Below is information about the NSF Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) NSF 08-569 for 2009. NSF limits the number of proposals an organization can submit, as described above. Therefore, if the number of proposals exceeds that limit, an internal review will be conducted to determine which proposals will be submitted from Mississippi State University.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal to the NSF, please include the information listed below and submit **by 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2009** to the Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED), electronically to Sandra Harpole at sharpole@research.msstate.edu and **copied** to Katie Echols at kechols@research.msstate.edu in the ORED office:

1. Title of NSF Grant and indicate whether you are applying for Type 1 or Type 2
2. Title of proposal
3. Proposal Deadline
4. PI and Co-PIs with title and unit affiliation
5. Partner institutions/industries (if any)
6. Indicate if this is a resubmission – If so include copies of panel summary and all reviews
7. One paragraph providing a brief description of the proposed activities.

Based upon responses, faculty will be notified if there is a need for preproposals. If preproposals are necessary, a committee of faculty members will screen applications and select the nominee(s) to represent the University.

Synopsis of Program:

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) seeks to increase the number of students (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees in established or emerging fields within science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Type 1 proposals are solicited that provide for full implementation efforts at academic institutions. Type 2 proposals are solicited that support educational research projects on associate or baccalaureate degree attainment in STEM.

Full NSF STEP Proposal Deadline:

Letter of Intent Due Date(s) (*optional*) (due by 5 p.m. proposer's local time):

August 18, 2009

Full Proposal Deadline(s) (due by 5 p.m. proposer's local time):

September 29, 2009

Amount:

Grant duration for Type 1A and 1B awards is expected to be 5 years, with the final 2 years of funding contingent on determination that satisfactory progress has been made by the awardee during the first 3 years. The level of funding for which institutions can apply is based on their total enrollments of undergraduate students (full-time equivalents). Institutions enrolling 5,000 or fewer undergraduate students may request up to a total of \$500,000 for a period of five years, those enrolling between 5000 and 15,000 undergraduate students may request up to a total of \$1.0 million for five years, and those enrolling more than 15,000 undergraduate students may request up to a total of \$2.0 million for five years. Consortia of institutions are eligible to request funds within these limits based on their total, combined undergraduate enrollment.