

## Limited Submissions Announcement

A limited submission opportunity is available from the National Science Foundation and has been posted to the [UTSA Limited Submission Opportunities webpage](#).

### Cultivating Cultures for Ethical STEM (CCE STEM) Program Overview:

Cultivating Cultures for Ethical STEM (CCE STEM) funds research projects that identify (1) factors that are effective in the formation of ethical STEM researchers and (2) approaches to developing those factors in all the fields of science and engineering that NSF supports. CCE STEM solicits proposals for research that explores the following:

- ‘What constitutes responsible conduct for research (RCR), and which cultural and institutional contexts promote ethical STEM research and practice and why?’
- Factors one might consider include: honor codes, professional ethics codes and licensing requirements, an ethic of service and/or service learning, life-long learning requirements, curricula or memberships in organizations (e.g. Engineers without Borders) that stress responsible conduct for research, institutions that serve under-represented groups, institutions where academic and research integrity are cultivated at multiple levels institutions that cultivate ethics across the curriculum, or programs that promote group work, or do not grade.
- Do certain labs have a ‘culture of academic integrity’?
- What practices contribute to the establishment and maintenance of ethical cultures and how can these practices be transferred, extended to, and integrated into other research and learning settings?

Successful proposals typically have a comparative dimension, either between or within institutional settings that differ along these or among other factors, and they specify plans for developing interventions that promote the effectiveness of identified factors.

CCE STEM research projects will use basic research to produce knowledge about what constitutes or promotes responsible or irresponsible conduct of research, and how to best instill students with this knowledge. In some cases, projects will include the development of interventions to ensure responsible research conduct.

Proposals for awards from minority-serving institutions (e.g. Tribal Colleges and Universities, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions), women's colleges, and institutions primarily serving persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged. Proposals including international collaborations are encouraged when those efforts enhance the merit of the proposed work by incorporating unique resources, expertise, facilities or sites of international partners. The U.S. team's international counterparts generally should have support or obtain funding through other sources.

### Eligibility

NSF expects project teams to include persons with appropriate expertise. This might include expertise in the domain or domains of science or engineering on which the project focuses, in ethics, values, evaluation, and pedagogy. For Institutional Transformation Research Grant

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proposals, it is highly recommended that one or more senior members of the administration (e.g. Provost, VP, and/or President) serve as a PI.

### **Application Limit**

Only **one** proposal may be submitted by an eligible organization, as defined above, in which a member of their organization serves as the PI. There is no limit on the number of proposals under which an organization may be included as a non-lead collaborator or sub-awardee.

### **Award Amount**

Estimated total annual funding amount is \$3,150,000 - subject to the availability of funds. The maximum amount for 5-year awards is \$600,000 (including indirect costs) and the maximum amount for 3-year awards is \$400,000 (including indirect costs). The average award is \$275,000.

### **Timeline**

Limited Submissions Proposal Due	Selection Notification	Proposal Due to Funder
March 1, 2018	March 16, 2018	April 17, 2018

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