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**Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) Overview**

The Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) program seeks to advance new approaches to and evidence-based understanding of the design and development of STEM learning opportunities for the public in informal environments; provide multiple pathways for broadening access to and engagement in STEM learning experiences; advance innovative research on and assessment of STEM learning in informal environments; and engage the public of all ages in learning STEM in informal environments.

The AISL program supports six types of projects:

1. Pilots and Feasibility Studies,
2. Research in Service to Practice,
3. Innovations in Development,
4. Broad Implementation,
5. Literature Reviews, Syntheses, or Meta-Analyses,
6. Conferences

The AISL program’s priorities are: (1) Maximizing Strategic Impact, (2) Enhancing Knowledge-Building, (3) Promoting Innovation, (4) Advancing Collaboration, (5) Strengthening Infrastructure and Building Capacity, and (6) Broadening Participation. Through these priorities, described in more detail throughout the solicitation, the program contributes to STEM engagement and literacy, workforce development, and educational success. It may also narrow the gap between the advancements in scientific discovery and the public’s understanding of science.

**Eligibility**

There are no restrictions on who may serve as a PI; however, an individual may be included as a Principal Investigator (PI) /Co-PI on no more than three (3) proposals.

**Application Limit**

An institution or organization may serve as lead on no more than three (3) proposals. However, an institution or organization may partner as a subaward on other proposals submitted.

**Award Amount**

Limits for funding requests of AISL proposals are as follows:

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Cost Share Requirement
Inclusion of voluntary committed cost sharing is prohibited.

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