

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](#).

[NSF Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic-Serving Institutions \(HSI Program\) Program Overview](#)

The Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI Program) seeks to enhance the quality of undergraduate STEM education at HSIs and to increase retention and graduation rates of undergraduate students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at HSIs. In addition, the HSI Program seeks to build capacity in undergraduate STEM education at HSIs that typically do not receive high levels of NSF grant funding. The National Science Foundation (NSF) established the HSI Program in response to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (P.L. 115-31) and the American Innovation and Competitiveness Act (P.L. 114-329). The HSI Program is aligned with NSF's commitment to increase access for underrepresented groups to the Nation's STEM enterprise.

In designing the HSI Program, NSF sought community input by several mechanisms (<https://nsf.gov/ehp/HSIProgramPlan.jsp>) and has continued to gather community input to inform future components of, or modifications to, the HSI Program.

The HSI Program will accept proposals in two tracks:

1. **Track 1: Building Capacity** funds projects up to \$2,500,000 for up to 5 years and is open to all eligible institutions. This track has three priority areas: Critical Transitions; Innovative Cross-Sector Partnerships; and Teaching and Learning in STEM.
2. **Track 2: HSIs New to NSF** funds projects up to \$300,000 for up to 3 years and is open only to eligible institutions that have never received NSF funding, or that have not received NSF funding in the five years preceding the proposal deadline. **UTSA is not eligible to apply as a lead organization towards this track.**

The HSI Program will host 2 PI webinars to address this solicitation (NSF 19-540):

- Monday, December 17, 2018; 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET
Register here:
<https://nsf2.webex.com/nsf2/j.php?RGID=rc38581f9bfd5ed17bdf5d69ba4f98cc4>
- Thursday, January 10, 2019; 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET
Register here:
<https://nsf2.webex.com/nsf2/j.php?RGID=rb7c863036bfaae87f52019d93743ee2f>

Eligibility

- Eligible institutions must be accredited and offer undergraduate educational programs in STEM and satisfy the HSI definition as specified in section 502 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101a). The HSI Certification Form is required with submission of the proposal. (See section V of the solicitation.).

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- The Lead Principal Investigator (PI) must be employed by the eligible institution submitting the proposal.

Application Limit

For Track 1 (Building Capacity), an institution can submit only **one** proposal.

Award Amount

Up to \$2,500,000 for up to five (5) years.

Cost Share Requirement

Inclusion of voluntary committed cost sharing is prohibited.

Internal Evaluation Criteria

The attached review matrix will be utilized for internal review/scoring. Pre-proposals should be responsive to these criteria.

Timeline

Internal Notice of Intent Due (Preferred)	Limited Submission Application Due	Selection Notification	Application Due to Funder
January 4, 2019*	January 10, 2019*	January 28, 2019	March 6, 2019

**If a limited number of applications are received and there may be an opportunity for teaming amongst groups rather than moving ahead with review/scoring/selection, we will explore this.*

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Questions? Please reference the [UTSA Limited Submission website](#) or contact LimitedSubmissions@utsa.edu