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](#).

**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.

**Eligibility**

- The Lead Principal Investigator (PI) must be employed by the eligible institution submitting the proposal, and must have the technical skills required to lead and execute the proposed research project.
- 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.

**Award Amount**

Limits for funding requests of AISL proposals are as follows:

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<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Award Amount</th>
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<td>Pilots and Feasibility</td>
<td>$300,000</td>
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**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**

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**Limited Submission Process Overview**

- **Guidelines**
- **Application**

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