

**Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented
Discoverers in Engineering and Science (INCLUDES)
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Pre Application Due: 4/15/16

Full Application Due: 6/20/16

Award ceiling: \$300,000 for 2-year pilot project

Purpose: To broaden STEM participation and achieve national level impact and progress toward STEM inclusion.

Particular Interest:

NSF INCLUDES wants to fund approaches to scaling and growth such as collective impact, networked communities and strategic partnerships. This will serve to develop networks that involve representative organizations and consortia from different sectors committed to a common agenda to solve a specific STEM inclusion problem at scale.

Examples of Collective Alliances (spanning both education levels and public/private sectors):

- Collective impact approaches that incorporate key success determinants of common agenda,
- Shared measurements,
- Mutually reinforcing activities,
- Continuous communications, and
- Backbone support organizations (OSIT???)

Long-Term Goal: of NSF INCLUDES is to support, over the next ten years, innovative models, networks, partnerships, and research that enable the US science and engineering workforce to thrive by ensuring that Blacks, women, Hispanics, and people with disabilities are represented in percentages comparable to their representation in the US population.

Successful Project Will:

- ✓ Deliver models or prototypes of collective efforts to increase active participation from traditionally underserved or under-represented in all fields of STEM;
- ✓ Identification of specific goal and measureable objectives;
- ✓ An Argument that the set of partners being assembled includes all that are needed to address the objective;
- ✓ Early in the first year, partners expected to refine their collective commitment to a common set of objectives and plans to achieve them;
- ✓ No later than the second year, successful teams are expected to carry out and report results of projects; Early in 2017, Pilots will share their goals and plans in a live event; and Present a plan for scaling.