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To: UNC Research Community  
From: Robert P. Houser, AVP for Research & Sponsored Programs  
Subject: 2017 NSF S-STEM Proposal Competition ([NSF 17-527](#))  
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The National Science Foundation (NSF) Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) program addresses the need for a high quality STEM workforce in STEM disciplines and for the increased success of low-income academically talented students with demonstrated financial need who are pursuing degrees in STEM.

The S-STEM program provides awards to fund scholarships, *and* to advance the adaptation, implementation, and study of effective evidence-based curricular and co-curricular activities that support recruitment, retention, transfer (if appropriate), student success, academic/career pathways, and graduation in STEM. Partnerships among different types of institutions; collaborations of STEM faculty and institutional, educational, and social science researchers; and partnerships among institutions of higher education and local business and industry (if appropriate) are encouraged.

Three types of projects are supported by the S-STEM program: *Institutional Capacity Building* (Track 1) projects may request up to \$650,000 for five years. *Design and Development: Single Institution* (Track 2) projects may request up to \$1.0 million for five years. *Design and Development: Multi-Institutional Consortia* (Track 3) projects may request up to \$5.0 million for five years. Totals are inclusive of direct and indirect costs. The NSF full proposal deadline for this program is March 29, 2017 (by 5pm local time).

UNC may submit only one proposal per STEM degree-granting college.‡ An internal competition will be required if more than two Notices of Intent (NOIs) for this program are submitted by the deadline below. The OSP [policy on limited submissions](#) specifies the procedures for selecting limited submissions proposals.

PIs should notify OSP of their intent to submit an NSF S-STEM proposal by filling out and submitting an [NOI](#) through the OSP website by January 23, 2016. If OSP receives more than two NOIs by the deadline, the timeline for the internal selection shall proceed as follows:

Jan 23	NOIs due to OSP
Jan 25	PIs notified if pre-proposal process required
Feb 6	Pre-proposals for internal selection due
Feb 13	Selection decision made, applicants notified
Mar 27	Final proposal documents due to OSP for review
Mar 29	NSF S-STEM full proposal submission deadline

‡Interested PIs are encouraged to carefully read the program solicitation and confer with OSP regarding eligibility prior to submitting an NOI.