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To: UNC Research Community
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Subject: 2017 NSF INCLUDES Proposal Competition ([NSF 17-522](#))
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The National Science Foundation Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science (NSF INCLUDES) program supports efforts to create networked relationships among organizations whose goals include developing talent from all sectors of society to build the STEM workforce. The Design and Development Launch Pilots solicitation ([NSF 17-522](#)) invites proposals that represent bold, innovative ways to solve broadening participation challenges in STEM. NSF anticipates funding ~25 Launch Pilot projects, at levels up to \$300,000 each for up to two years.

Submission of a preliminary proposal to NSF is required. Full Design and Development Launch Pilot proposals may be submitted by invitation only after the review by NSF of the preliminary proposal is completed. The NSF pre-proposal deadline for this program is February 14, 2017 (by 5pm local time).

Proposals should include diverse teams of stakeholders and justify the role of each partner. Partnering institutions may include academic institutions, professional organizations, businesses, industry groups, government organizations, non-profit companies, community-based organizations, and science or industry-focused organizations. Institutions should show high levels of institutional commitment and support.

UNC may submit only one pre-proposal as the lead institution, although it may serve as a collaborating partner on other proposals. 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 INCLUDES pre-proposal by filling out and submitting an [NOI](#) through the OSP website by January 16, 2017. If OSP receives more than two NOIs by the deadline, the timeline for the internal selection shall proceed as follows:

Jan 16	NOIs due to OSP
Jan 17	PIs notified if pre-proposal process required
Jan 25	Pre-proposals for internal selection due
Jan 27	Selection decision made, applicants notified
Feb 10	Final pre-proposal documents due to OSP for review
Feb 14	NSF INCLUDES pre-proposal submission deadline