LIMITED SUBMISSION

The Division of Research announces limited submissions on their website and coordinates the internal review process to identify the institution's nominee.

NSF Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL)

Deadlines

Internal deadline: August 7
Agency deadline: November 7
Limit: 3

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.

Anticipated Type of Award: Standard Grant or Continuing Grant Estimated Number of Awards: 60 to 85 Pending availability of funds. It's estimated that the following awards will be made: 15-20 Pilots and Feasibility Studies awards; 8-10 Research in Service to Practice awards; 10-15 Innovations in Development awards; 4-6 Broad Implementation awards; 8-10 Literature Reviews, Syntheses, and/or Meta-analyses awards; and 12-18 Conference awards.

AISL will also fund 8-10 awards made through the EAGER, RAPID, Research Coordination Networks mechanisms and 2-4 each CAREER awards and REU supplements.

Anticipated Funding Amount: $33,000,000 to $44,000,000

Limits for funding requests of Advancing Informal STEM Learning proposals are as follows:

1) Pilots and Feasibility projects: up to $300,000 with durations up to two years
2) Research in Service to Practice projects: from $300,000 to $2,000,000 with durations from two to five years
3) Innovations in Development projects: $500,000 to $3,000,000 with durations from two to five years
4) Broad Implementation projects from $1,000,000 to $3,000,000 with durations from three to five years
5) Literature Reviews, Syntheses, or Meta-analyses projects up to $250,000 with durations of up to two years

6) Conferences up to $250,000 with durations of up to two years.

Limit on Number of Proposals per Organization: 3

An institution or organization may serve as lead on no more than three (3) proposals submitted to the November deadline. However, an institution or organization may partner as a subaward on other proposals submitted.

To download the solicitation, click here.

For details and to submit an internal application, click here.