

Foundation Name: National Science Foundation (NSF) -- NSF 25-514: NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program (S-STEM)

External Link:

<https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/s-stem-nsf-scholarships-science-technology-engineering-mathematics/nsf25-514/solicitation>

Funding Opportunity Number: NSF 25-514

Submission Limitation per Institution: Two (2)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Focus: The main goal of the S-STEM program is to enable academically talented, low-income students to pursue successful careers in promising STEM fields. Ultimately, the S-STEM program seeks to increase the number of academically promising low-income students who graduate with an S-STEM eligible degree and contribute to the American innovation economy with their STEM knowledge. Recognizing that financial aid alone cannot increase retention and graduation in STEM, the program provides awards to institutions of higher education (IHEs) not only to fund scholarships, but also to adapt, implement, and study evidence-based curricular and co-curricular[a] activities that have been shown to be effective in supporting recruitment, retention, transfer (if appropriate), student success, academic/career pathways, and graduation in STEM.

To be eligible, scholars must be domestic low-income students with academic ability, talent, or potential and demonstrated unmet financial need who are enrolled in an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree program in an S-STEM eligible discipline. Proposers must provide an analysis that articulates the characteristics and academic needs of the population of students they are trying to serve. NSF is particularly interested in supporting the attainment of degrees in fields identified as critical needs for the Nation. It is up to the proposer to make a compelling case that such a field serves a critical need in the United States.

[a] an activity at a school or college pursued in addition to the normal course of study.

S-STEM Eligible Degree Programs:

- Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Engineering, and Associate of Applied Science
- Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Applied Science
- Master of Arts, Master of Science, and Master of Engineering
- Doctoral (Ph.D. or other comparable doctoral degree)

S-STEM Eligible Disciplines:

Disciplinary fields in which research is funded by NSF, including technology fields associated with the S-STEM-eligible disciplines (e.g., biotechnology, chemical technology, engineering technology, information technology, etc.).

The following degrees and disciplines are excluded:

- Clinical degree programs, including medical degrees, nursing, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, and others not funded by NSF, are ineligible degrees.
- Programs for STEM teacher certification or licensure currently covered by the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program (NOYCE) are ineligible for S-STEM funding.
- Business school programs that lead to Bachelor of Arts or Science in Business Administration degrees (BABA/BSBA/BBA) are not eligible for S-STEM funding.
- Masters and Doctoral degrees in Business Administration are also excluded.

Required Internal Application Materials: Upload the documents to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/Hk4AMBUufwWWANNJ7> by the internal deadline.

- Name of Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- ND Collaborators
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Specify the Listing Track by indicating Track 1, 2, or 3.
- Indicate the STEM-eligible discipline associated with your submission.
- Project Summary: A three (3) page project summary (maximum) based on the [NOFO Merit Review Principles and Criteria](#) outlined:
 - Merit Review Criteria
 - Criterion One: Intellectual Merit
 - Criterion Two: Broader Impacts
 - Address the two (2) additional Solicitation Specific Review Criteria
 - Describe the regional or national need for professionals with the degrees being awarded through this project.
 - Explain the likelihood that low-income scholars supported by this project will obtain rewarding employment in the STEM workforce upon graduation.

Internal Interest Deadline: 2025-09-25

Sponsor Full Proposal Deadline: 2026-03-03

Questions? Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.