

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) - EnglishxSTEM

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/362626>

Funding Opportunity Number: S-DR860-26-NOFO-0006

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

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Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-06-12, at 1:00 pm

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-07-01

Purpose: EnglishxSTEM builds on the Embassy-supported Open Learning Program (2022–2024), which successfully expanded access to practical English instruction across the Dominican Republic through specialized courses, webinars, hybrid learning, and workforce-focused programming. Previous initiatives demonstrated strong demand for sector-specific English training, particularly in tourism, healthcare, and professional development, while also highlighting the importance of interactive learning, oral communication, and flexible virtual delivery models. EnglishxSTEM expands these efforts by introducing advanced English for Specific Purposes (ESP) programming tailored to strategically important sectors such as semiconductors, AI, cybersecurity, biotechnology, energy, and research, directly supporting U.S.-Dominican economic collaboration, workforce development, and nearshoring priorities.

Through this NOFO, the Public Diplomacy Section seeks to expand high-quality English for Specific Purposes (ESP) programming that strengthens Dominican collaboration with U.S. companies, universities, and research institutions in strategic sectors. Building on lessons learned from the Embassy-supported Open Learning Program, EnglishxSTEM incorporates proven practices such as hybrid delivery, interactive instruction, and industry-specific curricula aligned with workforce needs. The initiative responds to demand for more practical, communication-focused English training in sectors including semiconductors, AI, cybersecurity, biotechnology, and energy. Success will include improved English proficiency, stronger U.S.-Dominican institutional partnerships, expanded professional opportunities, and sustainable nationwide ESP programming. Program participants will be selected through open call and final decisions will be made based on agreed-upon criteria in consultation with the U.S. Embassy.

Project Goal: Strengthen English-language capacity and professional collaboration between Dominican and U.S. institutions in strategically relevant productive sectors to support workforce development, innovation, and economic engagement.

Project Objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Design and implement at least five English for Specific Purposes (ESP) programs aligned with U.S. technical and industry standards for STEM and productive sectors.
- **Objective 2:** Improve technical English proficiency and professional communication skills for at least 500-800 Dominican students, faculty, and professionals over three years.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/9FtqfQWGycAXQrrT7> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:

- For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following Review Criteria as outlined on pages 15-16 in the NOFO.
 - Quality and Feasibility of the Program Idea
 - Project Planning/Ability to Achieve Objectives
 - Sustainability

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

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

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.