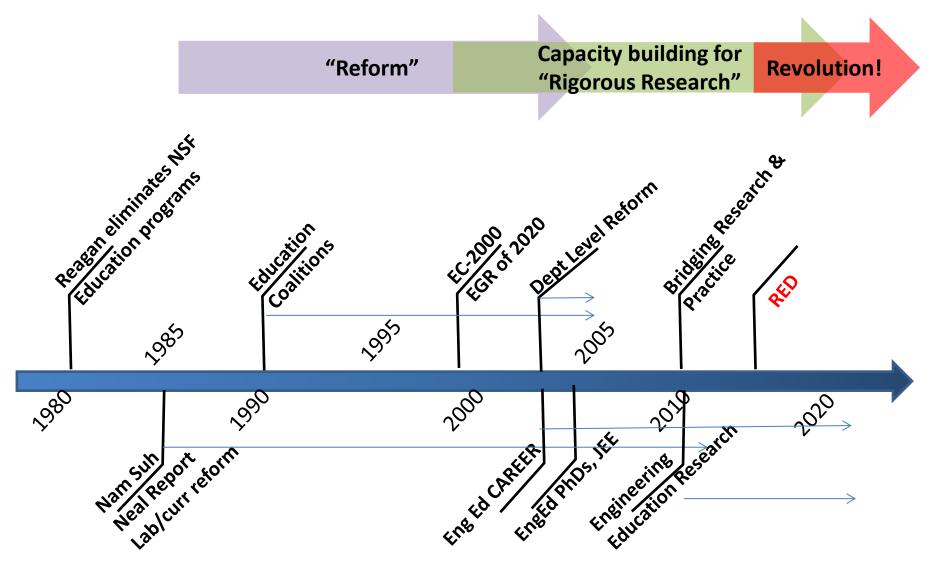
Revolutionizing engineering and computer science Departments (RED)

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NSF Engineering Education History





NSF Education Initiatives

- Professional Formation of Engineers (PFE)
 - The formal and informal processes and value systems by which people become engineers.
 - "To form is more ontological than to instruct or educate, for one's entire being is at stake."
- Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE)
 - The key guiding principle of IUSE is to ensure focused, strategic investments that address the greatest challenges in U.S. undergraduate STEM education.



Engineering Education at NSF

EEC Programs

- RED
- Research in the Formation of Engineers
- Research Initiation in Engineering Formation
- Broadening Participation in Engineering
- REU and RET
- Workforce development component of ERC

EHR programs

- IUSE:EHR; Engaged Student Learning, Institutional and Community Transformation
- EHR Core

Crosscutting programs

- Cyberlearning
- Cultivating Cultures of Ethical STEM



Inputs to RED

- Engineering Coalitions
 - Reform of first year, senior capstone design
 - Key role of learning communities and faculty engagement with engineering education research
 - Scholarship of teaching not always valued in faculty reward structure
- Department Level Reform
 - Primarily pedagogical changes
 - Local reform, little systemic change
- EEC 2013 COV Report
 - Develop programs focused on implementation at test sites
 - Support larger scale projects to transform the academy

Cross-Directorate Activity

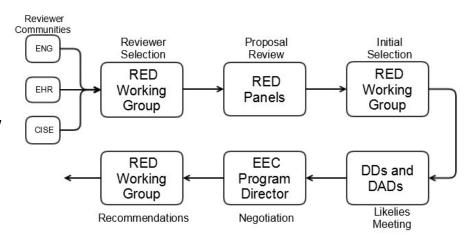
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Funding

– ENG: \$5M

- EHR: \$5M

- CISE: \$2M





RED Goals

- Support student success in attaining professional formation
- Broaden participation through cultures of inclusion
- Disseminate successful change processes nationally

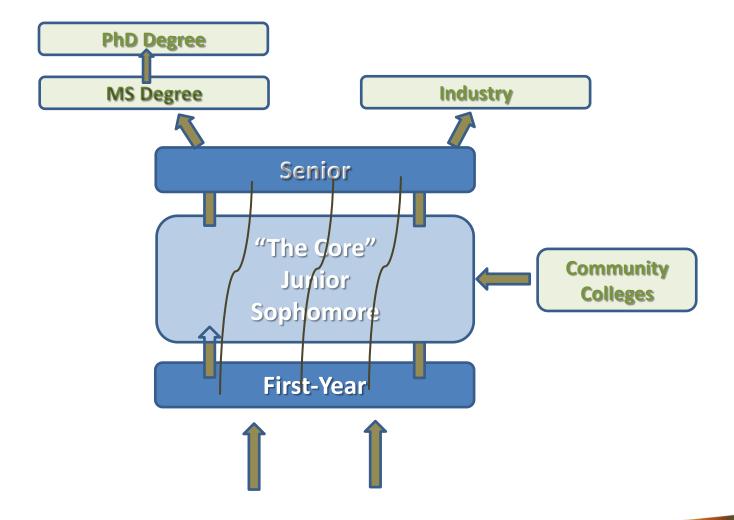


RED Outcomes

- Fund programs that can serve as exemplars of change
- Revolutionary change to middle two years of undergraduate curriculum
- Connect engineering education research and practice
- Contribute to the literature on change

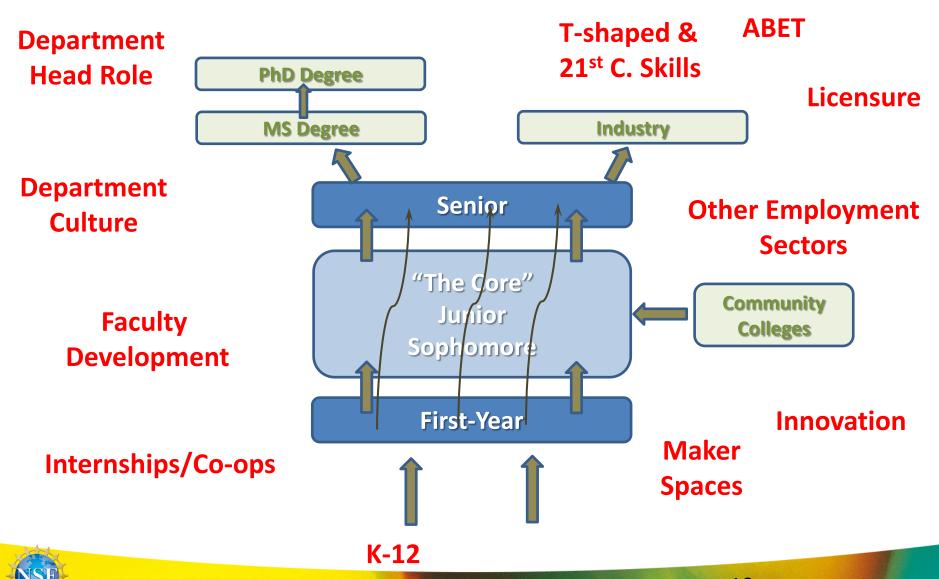


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Key Elements of RED

- Vision
- Department Chair as PI
- Appropriate Team
- Institutional Commitment
- Connection to Professional Practice
- Faculty Development Plan
- Potential for Success and Scalability
- Connection to Research on Engineering Education
- Scaling and Adaptation

RED Visions

- Arizona State Poly: Additive Innovation: An Educational Ecosystem of Making and Risk Taking
- Colorado State ECE: Revolutionizing Roles to Reimagine Integrated Systems of Engineering Formation
- Oregon State Chem, Bio, and Env Eng: Shifting Departmental Culture to Re-Situate Learning and Instruction
- Purdue ME: An Engineering Education Skunkworks to Spark Departmental Revolution
- UNC Charlotte CS: The Connected Learner: Design Patterns for Transforming Computing and Informatics Education
- University of San Diego School of Engineering: Developing Changemaking Engineers



Creating a Cohort

- EAGER award made to a team from Rose-Hulman and U. Washington
 - Rose-Hulman, Making Academic Change Happen (MACH)
 - Providing resources on change to assist the teams
 - Convening regular teleconferences to discuss challenges and successes
 - U. Washington, Center for Workforce Development
 - Conducting research on the change process across the projects
 - Will provide case studies on how to manage change effectively



Questions for Discussion

- What is the right role for NSF in the engineering education space?
- How can NSF help RED awardees transfer results to other institutions, and motivate other institutions to adopt the new knowledge/model?
- How can NSF sponsor the application and further development of RED-generated knowledge across a range of institutions?
- What metrics are most important to evaluate the progress of a RED-sponsored project and the RED program overall?