



Annual EPSCoR Meeting

**Expanding Networked Communities to
Advance Research Competitiveness**

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Workshopping the Workshop to Create a Competitive and Inclusive Workshop Proposal

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Session Objectives

- Clarify EPSCoR's expectations on submitting competitive workshop proposals¹ in response to the EPS-WO solicitation NSF 12-588²
- Encourage competitive workshop ideas using NSF Big Ideas as example focus areas

1. All workshop proposals are to follow guidance from the NSF Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures Guide

2. A new EPSCoR workshop solicitation is in development

We welcome proposals from EPSCoR jurisdictions for workshops involving the EPSCoR community

Workshops will focus on ways to address multi-jurisdictional efforts with relevance to EPSCoR's goals/objectives and NSF's mission.

EPSCoR workshops should address 2 or more of the EPSCoR goals (italicized are required):

- *Catalyze research capability across and among jurisdictions;*
- Establish STEM professional development pathways;
- *Broaden participation of diverse groups/institutions in STEM;*
- Effect engagement in STEM at national and global levels; and
- Impact jurisdictional economic development.

EPSCoR Workshop Overview and Purpose

The EPSCoR Office considers requests for support of workshops, conferences, and other EPSCoR community-based activities designed to explore:

- opportunities in emerging areas of science and engineering
- or share best practices in areas such as:
 - broadening participation in STEM fields
 - evaluation
 - areas of importance to EPSCoR jurisdictions

EPSCoR Workshop Solicitation Guidance

- A successful workshop proposal will demonstrate:
 - A compelling rationale, with clear goals and desired outcomes
 - A committed leadership team
 - Institutional support and leveraged resources
- Workshops should address multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary perspectives that address important initiatives in science and engineering.

EPSCoR Workshop Solicitation Guidance

- Inclusivity of groups underrepresented in STEM must be evident at all levels, from the planning committee and speakers to the participants.
- Measures of workshop programmatic success must be obtained through evaluation and feedback.
- A plan for long-term and widespread dissemination of results must also be included.

Breakout Group Question:

How might we catalyze workshops that align with NSF and EPSCoR priorities?



NSF's 10 Big Ideas —Move To The Idea of Interest

RESEARCH IDEAS

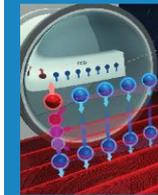


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PROCESS IDEAS

Mid-scale Research Infrastructure



NSF 2026: Seeding Innovation



Growing Convergence Research at NSF



NSF INCLUDES: Enhancing STEM through Diversity and Inclusion

www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/big_ideas/index.jsp

Brainstorm To Generate Different Workshop Titles

Individually write at least 10 workshop titles that fall within your topic area

- **GO FOR VOLUME!!!**
- This is the time for idea generation, not evaluation
- You don't have to write well
- Have fun!

“Pair and Share” Your Workshop Title Ideas

In pairs, show your sketches to your partner and listen to your partner’s feedback

- Fight the urge to defend your ideas—this is not about validation
- This is an opportunity to hear more about your partner’s **thoughts**, **feelings** and **motivations**

Iterate based on feedback

- Individually, reflect on your partner's feedback, narrow down or combine your ideas
 - The titles may be a variation on an idea from before or something completely new
 - Ask yourself: How might this solution fit into the context of the solicitation?
- Write 2-3 workshop titles on the PowerPoint template and upload the file at the end of the designated time

Group Report Out



Next Steps—Draft Your White Paper

- Work with colleagues to develop workshop title ideas into a white paper
- Email cnnakwe@nsf.gov to facilitate the process of getting feedback from EPSCoR
- If EPSCoR's feedback encourages a full proposal, submit your idea to NSF as a workshop proposal!
- Solicitation Feedback: If you have ideas on how the solicitation could be improved please upload comments on the SharePoint site or email them to cnnakwe@nsf.gov

Thank you for your participation!

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