



Workshop Update

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EPSCoR Workshop Goals

NSF EPSCoR workshops aim to:

- Bring communities of thought together to discuss recent research or education findings
- Explore topics in emerging areas of science and engineering
- Foster innovative collaborations—***do not describe grant writing efforts***
- Expose researchers or trainees to new research and education tools or techniques
- **Respond to NSF EPSCoR calls for workshops on specific topics**

Expectations of EPSCoR Workshop Proposals

- Proposals may address any topic, including the exploration of topic areas that have been described as NSF priorities.
- EPSCoR workshops are to be ***distinct*** from what would be supported by other NSF Offices and / or Directorates.
- EPS-WO proposals should demonstrate how the topic is of importance to science and engineering
- **Include evidence that the topic will engage and be of interest to the greater EPSCoR community.**
- Inclusivity of groups underrepresented in STEM ***must be evident at all levels***, from the planning committee and speakers to the participants.

EPSCoR Workshop Solicitation Guidance

- **Successful workshop proposals will:**
 - Demonstrate a compelling rationale, with clear goals and desired outcomes
 - Address *multi-jurisdictional* efforts, priorities, or interests that require collaboration for optimal success.
 - Describe the inclusion of individuals from groups underrepresented in STEM.
 - These groups include women, persons with disabilities, and racial and / or ethnic minorities (Alaska Natives, Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, Native Hawaiians Or Other Pacific Islanders).

EPSCoR Workshop Solicitation Guidance

- Workshops are **not** intended for within-jurisdiction or single institution activities.
- EPSCoR workshop topics should **not** overlap with what would be supported by other NSF Offices and / or Directorates.
- While collaborations are expected, workshops are **not** to be used for NSF proposal development.
- Speakers from non-EPSCoR institutions may be involved in the workshop, and funding for their travel expenses can be provided by the workshop award, however funding **cannot** go to non-EPSCoR institutions.

Next Steps—Stay In Touch!

- There is no deadline for proposal submission—Plan to submit 8 to 12 months in advance.
- Work with colleagues to develop a theme that is responsive to the solicitation
- Email cwhitley@nsf.gov to facilitate the process of getting feedback from EPSCoR