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Dear Colleague Letter: Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Supplemental Funding

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The NSF Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) invites its grantees who do not already have Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) supplemental funding to submit requests for such funding pursuant to the guidelines specified in the NSF REU solicitation (see *Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU): Sites and Supplements*; [NSF 13-542](#)). Grantees are encouraged to submit these requests by April 30, 2014.

For single investigator projects, CISE REU supplemental funding requests should typically be for no more than two students for one year. Research teams funded through multi-investigator projects may request support for a larger number of students, commensurate with the size and nature of their projects. For example, for projects involving two principal investigators, REU supplemental funding is typically requested for about four undergraduates for one year. Requests for larger numbers of students should be accompanied by detailed justifications.

CISE expects to provide up to \$8,000 per student per year through the REU supplemental support mechanism. As described in the REU program solicitation ([NSF 13-542](#)), indirect costs (F&A) are not allowed on Participant Support costs in REU Site or REU Supplement budgets. **Note that the REU solicitation's longstanding "administrative allowance" of 25% of the participant support stipend amount in lieu of indirect costs has been discontinued.**

REU stipend support is one way to retain talented students in undergraduate education, while providing meaningful research experiences. The participation of students from groups underrepresented in computing -- underrepresented minorities, women, and persons with disabilities -- is strongly encouraged. In addition, CISE encourages REU supplements that specifically afford U.S. veterans an opportunity to engage in meaningful research experiences, as recommended by the April 2009 report of an NSF-funded workshop on *Veterans' Education for Engineering and Science*¹.

CISE REU supplemental funding requests must describe results of any previous such support, including students supported, papers published, etc. Other factors influencing supplemental funding decisions include the number of REU requests submitted by any one principal investigator across all of her/his CISE grants.

Investigators are encouraged to refer to the REU program solicitation ([NSF 13-542](#)) for detailed information concerning submission requirements. Grantees with questions may also contact the CISE program officers managing their grants.

In the event that requests for REU supplemental support exceed funds available in CISE, requests will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Sincerely,

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¹ See <http://www.nsf.gov/eng/eec/VeteranEducation.pdf>.