

## Current HSI Funding Opportunity

The [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#) is currently seeking proposals for its [Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic-Serving Institutions \(HSI Program\)](#).

The full solicitation ([NSF 19-540](#)) is at <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2019/nsf19540/nsf19540.htm>

Proposals are due March 6, 2019 and September 18, 2019.

Faculty and administrators from institutions planning to submit proposals are encouraged to read the solicitation and attend a webinar from 3 to 4 p.m. (ET) on Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Registration in advance is required.

<https://nsf2.webex.com/nsf2/j.php?RGID=rb7c863036bfaae87f52019d93743ee2f>

This program seeks to enhance the quality of undergraduate STEM education at HSIs and to increase retention and graduation rates of undergraduate students pursuing STEM degrees. Its Capacity-Building Track funds projects up to \$2.5 million for up to five years; its HSIs New to NSF track funds projects up to \$300,000 for up to three years.

NSF established the HSI Program in response to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (P.L. 115-31) and the American Innovation and Competitiveness Act (P.L. 114-329). The HSI Program is aligned with NSF's commitment to increase access for underrepresented groups to the Nation's STEM enterprise.

In designing the HSI Program, NSF program directors' efforts to obtain community input (<https://nsf.gov/ehr/HSIProgramPlan.jsp>) included attending the Synergy Session on HSI Strategies and Challenges at the [2018 ATE Principal Investigators Conference](#). NSF's program announcement states that the agency will continue to gather community input to inform future components of, or modifications to, the HSI Program.