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TO: Deans and Research Administrators (Please notify appropriate faculty)

FROM: Jodi Sangster, Outreach Coordinator, Nebraska EPSCoR

RE: Request for Proposals for Young Nebraska Scientists Summer Camps
Deadline: Monday, November 15, 2021

Nebraska EPSCoR strives to increase K-12 student interest and participation in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields with the goal of developing a more competitive workforce in the future. To this end, the Young Nebraska Scientists (YNS) program was founded in 2008 to provide exciting STEM enrichment activities for middle and high school students. YNS strives to give youth authentic, hands-on learning experiences by doing science. Nebraska EPSCoR is accepting proposals for YNS summer camps that further workforce development goals by providing exciting opportunities for middle and high school students throughout Nebraska. Faculty members from Nebraska small colleges that reach underserved areas across the state are particularly encouraged to apply.

Eligible Projects:
Any summer camps designed around STEM related topics will be considered. Proposals should strive to keep the camp experience fun, while maintaining the authenticity of what science is like for researchers. The goal is to get students interested in research and science.
Camp curriculum should:

- Use a variety of instructional interactions and resources.
- Use hands-on, engaging STEM activities.
- Emphasize current research being done in the field.
- Use activities that require collaboration and cross-curricular learning.
- Tie students’ prior knowledge to new concepts.
- Consistently engage students in the scientific process.

Who May Apply:
Any Nebraska college or university faculty member is eligible to apply to this program. There is no limit on the number of proposals submitted by each institution.
Allowable Expenses:
Allowable budget expenses include meals, lodging, materials and supplies, equipment, curriculum development, stipends for undergraduate students and camp directors, and background checks. Indirect costs are not allowed. Please contact the Nebraska EPSCoR Outreach Coordinator at yns@nebraska.edu if you have questions about allowable expenses.

Proposal Content:
The proposal should provide a description of the proposed camp including details about curriculum, agenda, recruitment, staffing, and budget. The proposal must be prepared using font size 11 or greater with one-inch margins.

1. **Budget Form:** Attach a completed *Nebraska EPSCoR Budget and Approval Form* available from our website at: epscor.nebraska.edu/programs/forms as the coversheet.

2. **Body of the Proposal:**
   a. **Proposal summary:** The proposal summary should be less than 500 words and summarize the planned camp.
   b. **Description of camp objectives** including information about the planned curriculum and activities.
   c. **Include a tentative agenda/schedule** for the camp with short descriptions of activities and topics as needed.
   d. **Description of participant recruitment plan** including information about targeted groups.
   e. **Description of team members** (if they have been identified).
   f. **Include a budget justification** based on the attached budget form.
   g. **Discuss sustainability** of the camp and outreach activities beyond the summer.

Please feel free to add additional information you find relevant to your specific camp.

Submission:
The proposal and budget form must be submitted as an electronic file to yns@nebraska.edu no later than **5 p.m., Monday, November 15, 2021.**

Awardees are expected to be announced December 2021. Purchases will need to be completed by September 30, 2022.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their campus Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP), or equivalent, as early as possible to inquire about their institution’s pre-submission requirements.