For the purpose of informing interested University of Tennessee-Knoxville faculty, please be aware of the following limited submission opportunity. Please note that the other recipients of this announcement could be potential collaborators on this opportunity.

NSF-08-569: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP)

The National Science Foundation is seeking applications for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP). This program seeks to increase the number of students (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees in established or emerging fields within science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Type 1 proposals are solicited that provide for full implementation efforts at academic institutions. Type 2 proposals are solicited that support educational research projects on associate or baccalaureate degree attainment in STEM.

Type 1 Proposals should be efforts aimed at adapting and implementing best practices that will lead to an increase in the number of students (United States citizens or permanent residents) obtaining STEM degrees at institutions with baccalaureate degree programs; or completing associate degrees in STEM fields or completing credits toward transfer to a baccalaureate degree program in STEM fields at community colleges. Type 1 Proposals are limited submission opportunities.

Type 2 Proposals represent educational research on factors affecting associate or baccalaureate degree attainment in STEM. The results are expected to contribute to the knowledge base of scholarly research in education.

An optional Letter of Intent is due August 17th, 2010.

For detailed information about this opportunity please see the program description (NSF-08-569). To find more opportunities from this agency, please see here.

It is anticipated that $26M will be available to support 15 – 20 Type 1 awards and 1 – 3 Type 2 awards. Cost sharing is not required. Please see the solicitation for complete award information.
Please note that this is a limited submission opportunity. As an eligible applicant institution The University of Tennessee (Knoxville, UTSI, and Institute of Agriculture) may submit only one Type 1 proposal in response to this solicitation. The Office of Research requires that interested faculty submit a notification of interest to limitsub@utk.edu by 12 PM 04/21/10 for your proposal to receive consideration. In your email include:

- The name and contact information for the principal investigator
- Names of all internal co-investigators
- A descriptive name of the research project proposed
- A brief (one paragraph) description of the research project

Only faculty who have e-mailed their intent to propose by 12 PM 04/21/10 will be allowed to participate if an internal competition is necessary. If an internal competition is necessary all who submitted notifications of interest will be contacted and will be provided with information regarding competition requirements. For more information regarding UT limited submission guidelines, please see here.

Deadline for Notification of Interest to OR: 04/21/2010 12PM

Deadline for Full Proposals (Type 1 & 2) to OR-Sponsored Programs: 9/21/2010

(Please see the solicitation for complete application & submission information.)

Please contact Sponsored Programs (4-5066) with questions regarding proposal submission requirements for all categories.

Deadline for Proposal (Type 1 & 2) Submission to Agency: 9/28/2010

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