This message is intended for faculty contemplating applying to the NSF Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) Program.

The Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) program seeks to advance new approaches to and evidence-based understanding of the design and development of STEM learning opportunities for the public in informal environments; provide multiple pathways for broadening access to and engagement in STEM learning experiences; advance innovative research on and assessment of STEM learning in informal environments; and engage the public of all ages in learning STEM in informal environments.

The AISL program supports six types of projects: (1) Pilots and Feasibility Studies, (2) Research in Service to Practice, (3) Innovations in Development, (4) Broad Implementation, (5) Literature Reviews, Syntheses, or Meta-Analyses, and (6) Conferences.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION:**
An institution or organization may serve as lead on no more than three (3) proposals submitted to the November deadline. However, an institution or organization may partner as a subaward on other proposals submitted.

**PI LIMIT:**
An individual may be included as a Principal Investigator (PI) /Co-PI on no more than three (3) proposals submitted to the November deadline.

**FULL PROPOSAL DEADLINE** (due by 5 p.m. proposer's local time): November 6, 2017.

Because of the above restrictions, Research and Sponsored Programs is requesting that all those interested in applying to this competition submit an abstract for their project to Deborah Lundin by **Friday, September 15, 2017**. This will enable us to ensure that the University does not submit more than the allotted amount of proposals for our institution. If the number of abstracts we receive exceeds the number of proposals we are allowed to submit, we will advise interested faculty on the project review and selection process.

You may download the complete program description and application guidelines at [https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?WT.z_pims_id=504793&ods_key=nsf17573](https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?WT.z_pims_id=504793&ods_key=nsf17573). If you have any questions about the program or nominating procedure, you may contact our office at ext. 2425.