Federal STEM Education Strategic Plan: 2 Years Later

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nominations due January 31, 2012

Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide

STEM Webpage  www.ed.gov/STEM

STEM Newsletter  www.ed.gov/subscriptions

ED Grants  https://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html
CHARTING A COURSE FOR SUCCESS: AMERICA’S STRATEGY FOR STEM EDUCATION
Goals of the Strategic Plan

All Americans will have lifelong access to high-quality STEM education and the United States will be the global leader in STEM literacy, innovation, and employment.

Plan Vision Statement

Build Strong Foundations for STEM Literacy

Prepare the STEM Workforce for the Future

Increase Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in STEM
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Federal STEM Education Strategic Plan

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Pathways

Develop and Enrich Strategic Partnerships
Engage Students where Disciplines Converge
Build Computational Literacy
Operate with Transparency and Accountability
STEM Education - An Interagency Effort
Pathways for Success

➢ Develop and Enrich Strategic Partnerships

Cultivate new or strengthen existing connections between educational entities and the broader communities they serve.
Pathways for Success

- Engage Students where Disciplines Converge

Teach STEM as an interwoven and complex pursuit that blends disciplines and makes STEM learning meaningful and inspiring.
Pathways for Success

➢ Build Computational Literacy

Ensure that STEM education is heavily imbued with computational skills and accessible through digital means.
Pathways for Success

Operate with Transparency and Accountability

Use evidence-based practices and assessments that can be emulated by other STEM stakeholders.
Federal STEM Education Opportunities and Resources

• **Federal STEM Education Request for Information** – deadline to submit responses
  November 20, 11:59 pm EST

• **Charting a Course for the Nation’s Success** – Federal STEM Education Strategic Plan

• **Annual Federal STEM Education Progress Report**

• **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring, Presidential Cybersecurity Education Award**

• **Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program**

• **U.S. Dept. of Education Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide**
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NASA’s STEM Engagement Efforts Supporting CoSTEM’s Strategic Plan

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NASA’s STEM Engagement Enterprise

VISION
We immerse students in NASA’s work, enhance STEM literacy, and inspire the next generation to explore.

MISSION
We engage students in NASA’s mission

Strategic Goals

Create unique opportunities for a diverse set of students to contribute to NASA’s work in exploration and discovery.

Build a diverse future STEM workforce by engaging students in authentic learning experiences with NASA’s people, content and facilities.

Attract diverse groups of students to STEM through learning opportunities that spark interest and provide connections to NASA’s mission and work.
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Imagine leading a one-week expedition to the Moon’s South Pole. Tell us about the astronauts in your Moon pod crew and the technology you would leave behind to help future explorers!

Open to K-12 Students in the U.S. – Full Challenge Details: http://go.nasa.gov/2Fr2s1t

**ENTER THE CONTEST** or **SIGN UP TO JUDGE**

156 Semifinalists will be invited to represent their state or territory in a series of Artemis Explorer sessions with NASA experts

Nine finalists will travel with a parent to Johnson Space Center to learn about lunar exploration

National winners in each grade division will receive a family trip to see the first Artemis test flight from Kennedy Space Center
Implemented a New Website for NASA’s STEM Engagement Enterprise

- Overhauled website – stem.nasa.gov
  - Allows students, educators and families to more readily find opportunities to engage with NASA
  - Users can filter and sort content based on audience, opportunities, date or location, grade, subject, and resource type
  - Existing content collections have also been expanded to include topics for students

- Improved look, organization and navigation
  - Allows content offerings to be sorted and grouped for students and educators by grade appropriateness or by relevant themes or topics

stem.nasa.gov
NASA’s Efforts Toward Strategic Plan:

- **MUREP INCLUDES**, in support of the NSF INCLUDES initiative:
  - Supports broadening participation in engineering through collaborative approaches, while leveraging the talents of students and researchers at Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs)
  - Planning grants were funded in August 2020; coalitions solicitation to be released in coming months
  - [https://www.nasa.gov/stem/murep/includes.html](https://www.nasa.gov/stem/murep/includes.html)

- **Expansion of NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS)**
  - Gives community college STEM students an authentic NASA experience, and encourages them to finish a two-year degree or transfer to a four-year university to pursue a NASA-related field or career.
  - NCAS consists of a five-week online course (no credit) followed by a four-day engineering design workshop at a NASA center.
  - In 2019, 141 MSIs participated in NCAS, representing 40% of the nation’s MSIs
  - [https://www.nasa.gov/stem/murep/projects/ncas.html](https://www.nasa.gov/stem/murep/projects/ncas.html)
**ARTEMIS STUDENT CHALLENGES**

- **Human Exploration Rover Challenge**: Create a vehicle designed to traverse the simulated surface of another world.

- **Micro-g NExT**: Design, build and test a tool or device to address a current space exploration challenge.

- **Spacesuit User Interface Technologies for Students**: Design and create spacesuit information displays within an augmented reality environment.

- **First Nations Launch**: Build and launch class K high-powered rockets.

- **Big Idea Challenge**: Design lunar payloads that demonstrate technology systems needed for exploration and science.

- **Student Launch**: Research and compete and experience exploration to support the Space Launch System.

- **Lunabotics**: Build a robot to simulate an off-world lunar mining mission.

**stem.nasa.gov/artemis**
NASA STEM ENGAGEMENT RESOURCES

STEM.NASA.GOV
Search for opportunities to engage with NASA based on specific filters
stem.nasa.gov

NASA EXPRESS Newsletter
Stay up-to-date on the latest NASA STEM Engagement resources and opportunities
nasa.gov/stem/express

NASA STEM@Home
Activities you can do together, from home
https://www.nasa.gov/stem-at-home-for-students-k-4.html
https://www.nasa.gov/stem-at-home-for-students-5-8.html
https://www.nasa.gov/stem-at-home-for-students-9-12.html

Artemis Student Challenges
Seven student challenges directly related to NASA missions.
stem.nasa.gov/artemis
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Alignment and Support of the Federal STEM Education Strategic Plan

November 17, 2020
Three Aspirational Goals

• Build Strong Foundations for STEM Literacy

• Prepare the STEM Workforce for the Future

• Increase Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in STEM
“to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense...”

Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan, Director, National Science Foundation (https://www.nsf.gov/about/who.jsp)
Vision

- Advancing the frontiers of research into the future
- Ensuring accessibility and inclusivity
- Securing global leadership

Innovation

Partnership
Advancing Digital Literacy and Data Science: Harnessing the Data Revolution (HDR)
Investing in the STEM Workforce of the Future:
NSF - Boeing Partnership: Production Engineering Education and Research (PEER)
Industries of the Future

- Biotechnology
- Artificial Intelligence
- Quantum Information Science
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Next Gen Wireless
National Artificial Intelligence (AI) Research Institutes
Scaling Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity: NSF Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science (NSF INCLUDES)
Report to the Nation II

www.INCLUDESnetwork.org
NSF INCLUDES Federal Partners

- NASA
- NIST
- NOAA
- USGS
- Department of Education
- NIH
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
Excellence Awards in Science and Engineering (EASE)

Apply! Nominate!

www.paemst.org  www.paesmem.org
5 NSF-supported STEM education resources that are perfect for virtual learning

September 9, 2020

For many parents, teachers and students, back-to-school routines look a little different this year. Whether you're a teacher searching for lesson-planning content or a parent looking for activities to... Read More

• #NSFstories: What a magic school bus can teach us about science education
• When science meets art: 6 NSF research projects that turn STEM into STEAM
• 7 NSF-supported STEM resources that are perfect for at-home learning
• 7 ways to help your kids with math homework
• 7 NSF-funded museums and science centers offering virtual experiences to enjoy from your home
• 5 NSF-supported STEM education resources that are perfect for virtual learning
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Thank You!
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Program Overview

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Office of the Under Secretary of Defense in Research & Engineering
Overview Agenda

• Federal STEM Alignment
• DoD STEM’s K-20 Efforts
• DoD STEM’s support of the Federal STEM Education Strategy
• Website Links and Resources
CURRENT DoD STEM STRATEGY

VISION: A STEM talent pool with minds for innovation, diversity of thought, and technical agility to sustain the Department’s competitive edge.

MISSION: Attract, inspire, and develop exceptional STEM talent across the education continuum to enrich our current and future DoD workforce to meet defense technological challenges.

GOALS:
- COMMUNICATE the value and purpose of the DoD STEM Strategy and the need for engagement.
- INSPIRE youth and community engagement in K-12 STEM education and outreach by encouraging participation in DoD-sponsored STEM activities.
- CULTIVATE the future STEM talent pool through supporting and enhancing undergraduate and graduate students served by DoD-sponsored STEM programs.
- PROMOTE increased participation of underserved groups in STEM
- ENHANCE the efficiency and effectiveness of STEM initiatives by gathering evidence using a systematic approach.

AMERICA’S STRATEGY FOR STEM EDUCATION:

VISION: A future where all Americans will have lifelong access to high-quality STEM education and the United States will be the global leader in STEM literacy, innovation, and employment.

GOAL: Build strong foundations for STEM literacy; increase Diversity, equity, and inclusion in STEM; and prepare the STEM workforce of the future.

Pathways To Achievement:
- Develop and Enrich Strategic Partnerships. Leverage partnerships with shared mission from academia, industry, and communities.
- Engage students where disciplines converge. Promote innovation and entrepreneurship in transdisciplinary activities & integrate math learning across disciplines.
- Build Computational Literacy. Empower learners through activities that promote digital literacy and computational thinking.
- Operate with Transparency and Accountability. Evidence-based practices and decision-making.
DoD STEM K-20 Efforts

• K-12
  - Student enrichment activities (year-round and summer STEM camps)
  - Student Competitions
  - Paid apprenticeships/internships
  - Teacher professional development & externships

• Post-secondary
  - Paid apprenticeships/internships
  - Scholarships
  - DoD Scientists/Engineer in the Classroom or Faculty Exchange
  - Fellowships

DoD Components that Support STEM

- U.S. Army – Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research & Technology
- U.S. Navy & Marine Corps – Office of Naval Research
- U.S. Air Force – Office of the Secretary of the Air Force in Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics & Air Force Research Laboratory
- Missile Defense Agency
- Defense Threat Reduction Agency
- National Security Agency
- DoD Educational Activity
- Office of Civil and Military Affairs (JROTC)

Leveraging the DoD’s 300K STEM Professionals, 63 Defense Laboratories in ~200 Locations across the U.S. to engage in STEM activities that help develop the Nation’s STEM talent now and into the future
Plan Goal: Build Strong Foundations of STEM Literacy

- Defense STEM Education Consortium (DSEC)
- Army, Navy and Air Force – Junior Science & Humanities Symposium (JSHS)
- Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP)
  - Gains in the Education of Math & Science (GEMS)
  - eCYBERMISSION
- Naval STEM - Naval Science Awards Program (NSAP)
- Air Force LEGACY Program
- Air Force Cyber Patriot
- Joint Science & Technology Institute (JSTI)
- STARBASE Program
- Air Force Team Rocketry Program
- MDA STEM Initiatives

DSEC is a collaborative partnership between academia, industry, non-for-profit organizations and government that aims to broaden STEM literacy and develop a diverse and agile workforce with the technical excellence to defend our Nation.

- DoD STEM launched DSEC in March 1, 2019
- Consortium model approach to STEM education under a cooperative agreement award of up to $75M / 5 years
- 18 Partner organizations led by RTI International
- STEM education and outreach activities across the K-16 continuum
  - Engage students in meaningful STEM experiences
  - Serve military connected and underserved/underrepresented students
  - Connect to the DoD STEM Workforce
  - Leverage the network as a force multiplier
  - Evolve the approach based on data
- 9 of 18 DSEC Partners provide teacher professional development
- NEW DoD STEM Ambassadors for Teachers Initiative AUG 2020
Plan Goal: Increase Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in STEM

- AEOP Research Engineering Apprenticeship Program (REAP)
- AEOP Unite Program
- STARBASE Program
- Defense STEM Education Consortium (DSEC)
  - FIRST Robotics
  - National Math & Science Initiative (NMSI) College Readiness Program
  - ASU CGEST
- DoD HBCU/MI Program (Student Internship & Faculty Fellowship Program)
- National Defense Education Program (NDEP) – STEM Grants

DSEC
- FIRST Robotics ~50% of student teams sponsored by DoD STEM are military connected students; In FY20, DoD sponsored 1,600+ teams in Jr. FLL, FLL, FRC and FTC, with about
- NMSI College Readiness Program works predominantly with military connected and Title I schools across the country encouraging high school students to take AP courses and exam, and provide teacher development; 2020: 2,196 teachers and 19,017 students
- Arizona State University’s Center for Gender Equity in Science and Technology – CompuGirls Cybersecurity Warriors Program

STARBASE
- “hands-on, minds-on” STEM activities for 5th graders; Work predominantly with Title I schools near military installations, serving students that are historically underrepresented in STEM; ~80,000 annual participants across 70 program sites in the U.S.

AEOE
- REAP is a paid apprenticeship program for high school students at partner universities exclusively for underserved populations; >95% of annual participants are from underserved populations
- Unite is a 3-6 week summer enrichment program for high school students in partnership with universities across the country; ~95% of annual participants come from underserved populations
Plan Goal: Prepare the STEM Workforce for the Future

- **DoD Science Mathematics and Research Transformation (SMART)**
- National Defense Science & Engineering Grant Fellowship (**NDSEG**)
- Science & Engineering Apprenticeship program (**SEAP** - Army & Navy)
- AEOP College Qualified Leaders (**CQL**)
- Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program (**NREIP**)
- Air Force Research Laboratory Scholars Program
- DoD Information Assurance Scholarship Program
- Air Force **PALACE** Acquire Program
- High School & Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Programs (**HSAP** & **URAP**)
- National Security Agency Computer Science Intern Program (**CSIP**)
- Manufacturing Engineering Education Program (**MEEP**)

**What is the SMART Scholarship:** a scholarship for service program which enhances the Department’s STEM workforce through support of students’ undergraduate and graduate STEM educational degrees.

- 3,076 Scholarships awarded since 2006
- 91% success rate of service commitment completion
- 206 DoD sponsoring laboratories & agencies across 40 states
- 410 Universities represented by SMART scholars
- 21 STEM Disciplines
- 2,202 Graduated Scholars

**What do SMART Scholars Receive?**

- Full Tuition and Related Education Expenses
- Cash award paid at a rate of $25,000-$38,000 per year
- Book Allowance & Health Insurance
- Summer Internship(s)
- Post-graduation Employment
DoD STEM Links & Resources

• DoD STEM Website – DoDSTEM.us
• DoD STEM Email - info@dodstem.us
• DoD STEM Teacher Resources: Online learning opportunities provided by members of the Defense STEM Education Consortium (DSEC), and DoD Components such as the Army, Navy, and Air Force
• Defense STEM Education Consortium Annual Program Report 2019-2020
• Future DoD STEM Grant Opportunities will be broadcasted on our website and social media channels

Follow us on Social Media:
Twitter - @DoDSTEM, @SMART_DoD
LinkedIn – SMART Scholarship
Instagram - @DoDSTEM, @smart_dod
YouTube – DoD STEM, DoD SMART Scholarship
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STEM at ED – Today’s Overview

- ED’s support of Federal STEM Education 5-Year Strategic Plan
- ED’s support and efforts concerning STEM
- Opportunities and resources available
Goal 4: The Federal agencies collectively plan to **Operate with Transparency and Accountability.**

ED’s support and efforts concerning STEM

- STEM is a centerpiece of Secretary DeVos’ comprehensive education agenda.
- ED’s Internal STEM Strategy: 3-prong approach
  - Grants, Inter-agency Initiatives, and Communications
- Rethink School Initiative
  - “Opening Multiple Pathways” Alongside; Improving K-12 Outcomes; and Supporting Students after High School

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Plan Goal: Build Strong Foundations in STEM Literacy

- **Education Innovation and Research Program**
  - Statute: Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
  - There are three types of grants under this program:
    - “Early-phase” grants, “Mid-phase” grants, and “Expansion” grants
  - Aims of the program:
    - Implement practices that are designed to create, develop, implement, replicate, or take to scale entrepreneurial, evidence-based, field-initiated innovations to improve academic achievement for high-need students
    - Benefit all students, especially high-need students
  - Past support: FY18 and FY19
  - Grantee Examples: [here](#) (FY20 announced later this year)
  - Where to go to find information: Program websites [here](#) and [here](#)
  - Contact info: [EIR@ed.gov](mailto:EIR@ed.gov)
Plan Goal: Increase Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in STEM

• **Minority Science Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP)**
  • Statute: Higher Education Act (HEA)
  • Aims of the program:
    • This program assists predominantly minority institutions in effecting long-range improvement in science and engineering education programs and increasing the flow of underrepresented ethnic minorities, particularly minority women, into science and engineering careers
    • Supports building the capacity of minority institutions in STEM disciplines
  • Past support: [here](#) and [here](#)
  • Grantee Examples: [here](#)
  • Where to go to find information: program’s website [here](#)
  • Contact info: Bernadette.Hence@ed.gov
Plan Goal: Prepare the STEM Workforce for the Future (and the Now)

- **Innovation and Modernization Program**
  - Statute: Perkins V
  - Aims of the program:
    - Identify, support, and rigorously evaluate evidence-based and innovative strategies and activities to improve and modernize career and technical education (CTE)
    - Ensure workforce skills taught in CTE programs funded under the Perkins statute align with labor market needs
  - Past support: [here](#)
  - Grantee Examples: [here](#)
  - Where to go to find information: program’s website [here](#)
  - Contact info: [Jenny.Lambert@ed.gov](mailto:Jenny.Lambert@ed.gov) or [Robin.Utz@ed.gov](mailto:Robin.Utz@ed.gov)
ED Resources

- **Funding**
  - Discretionary, Formula, Federal Student Aid, and Research
  - 2018 Funding and 2019 Funding

- **Grantee Resources**
  - New potential grantee toolkits ([here](#) and [here](#))
  - Peer reviewer – [How to Be Considered as a Peer Reviewer](#)
  - Forecast of Funding
  - Set up alerts on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

- **Knowledge**
  - [College Scorecard](#)
  - [Exploring Career Options – FSA](#)
  - [GreatSchools.org](#)
  - OET’s Rural broadband connectivity work

- **Data**
  - IES data and statistics, research and evaluation, and tools for educators
  - STEM Data Story
  - CTE Data Story
  - Civil Rights Data Collection

- **Tools and Project Ideas**
  - [STEM Spotlights](#)
  - ESSA, IDEA, Perkins Resources
  - OCTAE tool-kits
  - Apprenticeships
  - What Works Clearinghouse Practice Guides and Intervention Reports
  - K-12 Practitioner’s Circle
  - STEMIE
  - Out of School
  - CTE Research Center
  - Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide
  - Presidential Cybersecurity Education Award

- **Communications**
  - Ed.gov/STEM
  - Newsletter Subscriptions – STEM Newsletter
  - Twitter – [Ed](#) and [Secretary’s](#) accounts
  - STEM webpage
  - STEM Briefing Series
  - Homeroom Blog
  - Press Releases
  - Early Learning: STEM – Math Video

- **Federal Collaboration**
  - Federal Partnerships
  - STEM Education Advisory Panel
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• https://www.ed.gov/STEM

• STEM Newsletter
An Interagency Process – some links to STEM pages