



Internal Competition!

The National Science Foundation (NSF)'s **Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) Talent Expansion Program (STEP)** seeks to increase the number of students (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees in the STEM disciplines. Type 1 projects provide for implementation at academic institutions, while Type 2 projects support education research into associate- or baccalaureate-degree attainment in STEM disciplines.

Approximately \$26 million is available to support 15-20 Type 1 awards and one to three Type 2 awards.

Because STEP allows only one proposal per institution (for Type 1 projects), **Southern Miss** will host an internal competition to select one concept for development and submission. (The number of Type 2 proposals allowed is not limited.)

TO COMPETE:

- Read the full solicitation and the proposal guidelines at <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07570/nsf07570.htm>
- Prepare a concept paper of one to three (1-3) pages in length, including a summary budget, & save it as a Word or PDF file
- Send, attached to an e-mail, to sponsoredprograms@usm.edu no later than 1:00 pm Friday, July 20

DEADLINES:

- Concept papers due at SPA by **1 pm Friday, July 20**
- Letter of intent (optional) due at NSF by **August 7**
- Full application due at NSF by **September 18**.

For questions about the competition at **Southern Miss**, contact Sponsored Programs Administration Information Specialist Syd Conner at 601-266-4119 or via e-mail at sponsoredprograms@usm.edu.



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