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## Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL)

### **AISL Solicitation and Webinars**

The new AISL Program Solicitation ([NSF #17-573 <https://nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17573/nsf17573.htm>](https://nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17573/nsf17573.htm)) has been posted.

### **AISL Reviewers Needed**

If you are interested in reviewing AISL proposals for the 2018 submission, please submit a brief CV and a 2-4 sentence description of your experience related to learning in informal environments, including (as applicable) disciplinary, methods, theory, and age group experience, to [DRLAISL@nsf.gov](mailto:DRLAISL@nsf.gov) (<mailto:DRLAISL@nsf.gov>).

### **AISL Webinars**

In an effort to communicate program updates to the field, NSF Program Officers led a series of live webinars focused on topics specific to the AISL Program, new AISL program solicitation ([NSF #17-573 <https://nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17573/nsf17573.htm>](https://nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17573/nsf17573.htm)) and writing strong proposals. Parties interested in submitting a proposal to the AISL program are strongly encouraged to review the webinar materials linked below.

### **AISL Solicitation and Project Types – Deep Dive**

Pre-recorded - download the presentation slides at [informalscience.org <https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?http://www.informalscience.org/projects/funding/nsf-aisl>](http://www.informalscience.org/projects/funding/nsf-aisl)

### **AISL Program Solicitation Overview**

Presented August 24, 2017 - View slides and archived video at [informalscience.org <https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?http://www.informalscience.org/projects/funding/nsf-aisl>](http://www.informalscience.org/projects/funding/nsf-aisl)

### **How to Use [informalscience.org](http://www.informalscience.org) to Make Your Case**

Presented September 14, 2017 - View the archived video at [informalscience.org <https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?http://www.informalscience.org/projects/funding/nsf-aisl>](http://www.informalscience.org/projects/funding/nsf-aisl)

### **How to Write a Competitive AISL Proposal**

Presented September 19, 2017 - View slides and archived video at [informalscience.org <https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?http://www.informalscience.org/projects/funding/nsf-aisl>](http://www.informalscience.org/projects/funding/nsf-aisl)

## AISL & Broadening Participation

Presented September 22, 2017 - View slides and archived video at [informalscience.org](http://informalscience.org)  
<<https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?http://www.informalscience.org/projects/funding/nsf-aisl>>

The webinars were hosted by the Center for Advancement of Informal Science Education (CAISE).

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## PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Solicitation [17-573 \(/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?WT.z\\_pims\\_id=504793&ods\\_key=nsf17573\)](http://publications/pub_summ.jsp?WT.z_pims_id=504793&ods_key=nsf17573)

### Important Information for Proposers

**ATTENTION:** Proposers using the Collaborators and Other Affiliations template for more than 10 senior project personnel will encounter proposal print preview issues. Please see the [Collaborators and Other Affiliations Information website \(/bfa/dias/policy/coa.jsp\)](http://bfa/dias/policy/coa.jsp) for updated guidance.

A revised version of the *NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* (PAPPG) (NSF 18-1), is effective for proposals submitted, or due, on or after January 29, 2018. Please be advised that, depending on the specified due date, the guidelines contained in NSF 18-1 may apply to proposals submitted in response to this funding opportunity.

## DUE DATES

### Full Proposal Deadline Date

November 7, 2018

## SYNOPSIS

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.

## RELATED URLS

[Center for the Advancement Of Informal Science Education \(/cgi-bin/good-bye?http://www.informalscience.org\)](http://www.informalscience.org)

[What Has Been Funded \(Recent Awards Made Through This Program, with Abstracts\) \(/awardsearch/advancedSearchResult?ProgEleCode=7259&BooleanElement=Any&BooleanRef=Any&ActiveAwards=true&#results\)](#)

[Map of Recent Awards Made Through This Program \(/awards/award\\_visualization.jsp?org=NSF&pims\\_id=504793&ProgEleCode=7259&from=fund\)](#)

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