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Dear Deans, Department Chairs and Directors,

Please share this announcement with the faculty in your unit.

The National Science Foundation has recently announced, **Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL)**, a limited competition award (see the description at [https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17573/nsf17573.htm#](https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17573/nsf17573.htm#)) with a deadline date of November 6, 2017. The University may put forward three applications for this award.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for this award, please upload a Letter of Interest (LOI) as a single document file into UVM’s InfoReady Portal for Institutional Competitions ([https://uvm.infoready4.com/](https://uvm.infoready4.com/)). The LOI should be no more than 3 pages (excluding any references) and should, identify the project type under which the project falls, and include a brief description of the proposed project and how it aligns with the program goals. LOIs will be evaluated on the following criteria: 1) Alignment with the program goals; 2) Broader Impacts; 3) Intellectual Merit and; 4) Feasibility. The deadline for submitting LOIs through the InfoReady Portal is August 22, 2017 before 4:30 pm after which the Portal will automatically close.

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