Dear Dr. Garcia and Dr. Eppstein,

Please share this announcement with your faculty. Eligible applicants for this opportunity are full-time Engineering and/or Computer Science faculty members whose primary job responsibilities are research and teaching.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has recently announced the Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) in Engineering and Computer Science Supplements and Sites, a limited competition award (see the description at https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17575/nsf17575.htm?) with a deadline date of October 10, 2017. The University may put forward three “Site” proposals for this award, one for CS and a maximum of two for Engineering.

A RET Site proposal must be submitted by a College, School, or Department of Engineering, Engineering Technology, or Computer and/or Information Science and must involve 10 or more teachers and/or full-time community college faculty in an engineering and/or computer and/or information science research project for a duration of at least six weeks during the summer. It provides groups of in-service and pre-service K-12 STEM teachers and/or full-time community college faculty with discovery and technology-based research experiences in engineering and/or computer science laboratories and facilities, which will then be incorporated into their classroom activities during the school year. A RET in Engineering and Computer Science Site project may be conducted during the summer, academic year, or both, and each must have a well-defined research focus, with clearly articulated projects and activities for 10 or more teachers and/or community college faculty per year.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for this award, please upload your Letter of Interest (LOI) as a single document file into UVM’s InfoReady Portal for Institutional Competitions (https://uvm.infoready4.com/). The LOI should be no more than 3 pages (excluding any references) and include a brief description of the proposed project and a statement about why you deem the proposal to be competitive for this competition. LOIs will be evaluated on the following criteria: 1) Alignment with the program goals; 2) Appropriateness of the Research Projects for RET teachers/community college faculty; 3) Plan to recruit K-12 Teachers and/or full-time community college faculty; 4) Broader Impacts; 5) Intellectual Merit and; 6) Feasibility. The deadline for submitting LOIs through the InfoReady Portal is August 23, 2017 before 4:30 pm.

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