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Dear Academic Deans,

The program described below provides scholarships for students majoring in basic science fields. Since COM and CNHS may have some departments involved with basic science research, I am sending this announcement to the deans of those units as well as to the deans of other units conducting research in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The competition is limited to one proposal for each of an institution's constituent colleges or schools that award eligible degrees in an eligible field (e.g., College of Arts and Sciences, College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, College of Arts and Sciences). Thus the nomination process will be coordinated by the deans of the major divisions of the institution (individual schools or colleges). An Institution may submit one proposal from each constituent school or college that awards degrees in an eligible field.

We are inviting the Deans to coordinate a selection process for their unit and to let SPA know of any faculty member who has been selected to move forward as the unit's chosen candidate. Please send the name of the chosen candidate for your unit to Hilda Alajajian (Hilda.Alajajian@uvm.edu). Once a candidate has been selected, the submission process remains the same as always - through the Sponsored Project Administration Office (SPA).

Program Description

NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) program makes grants to institutions of higher education to support scholarships and curriculum development to enhance the success of academically talented students, demonstrating financial need, who are pursuing associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Grantee institutions are responsible for establishing selection criteria for scholarships and for developing and maintaining student cohorts and providing S-STEM Scholars with S-STEM faculty mentors. The Principal Investigator must be a faculty member currently teaching in one of the S-STEM disciplines. S-STEM scholarship recipients must be enrolled full time in a program leading to an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree in one of the following disciplines for each term for which a student receives a scholarship:
• biological sciences (except medicine and other clinical fields)
• physical sciences, including physics, chemistry, astronomy, and materials science;
• mathematical sciences;
• computer and information sciences;
• geosciences;
• engineering;
• technology areas associated with the preceding fields (for example, biotechnology, chemical technology, engineering technology, information technology, etc.)
• demonstrate academic ability or potential;
• demonstrate financial need

**Deadline:** Full Proposal due September 22, 2015
**URL for more information:** http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2015/nsf15581/nsf15581.htm

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