

**STEM Best Application
Deadline June 15
We are Here to Help**

The goal of the STEM BEST® Program is to unite educators and employers to expand the learning continuum from school to careers. The STEM BEST® Program Award is designed to help teachers and industry professionals craft curriculum and projects that prepare students for exciting career pathways in the STEM fields.

STEM BEST grants of up to \$25,000 are available and allow for ample flexibility in design to encourage and support organic development of STEM BEST® Programs which utilize local strengths, challenges and resources.

A five part [webinar series](#) is available to learn more about the the STEM BEST® Program covering subjects such as building partnerships with business and industry and navigating the online application.

Who can apply?

- Applications for STEM BEST® Program must be submitted by Iowa public and non-public school districts and buildings serving students in grades K-12. Clusters of schools and/or districts are encouraged to apply. This requirement then verifies that the submitting entity will be the responsible fiscal agent. The application must also contain evidence of the roles assumed by the partnering school/districts and other identified partners.
- For those applicants who have previously received a STEM BEST® Program award or who intend to connect to a past STEM BEST® Program awardee, please note that there is an additional required section in the proposal form that must be completed as part of the submission process. This section will be thoroughly reviewed to determine merits of the expanded program model with regards to student engagement, specific measurable outcomes and elements of financial need.
- There is a distinction made between programs making re-application for additional partners and programs making a distinctly different application apart from a previously awarded district. For example, a district that has a previously awarded high school program may now apply for a separate elementary program which is not engaged with the earlier awarded program.

When will funding be awarded?

**Teachable Moment:
One Stop for STEM
Resources at Home**

The STEM Council's [Teachable Moment](#) website has a collection of STEM lessons and activities for students, parents and educators to use at home.

Check out Teachable Moment today at:
www.iowaSTEM.gov/TeachableMoment

**2019-20 STEM
Scale-Up
Evaluations Due**

The 2019-2020 STEM Scale-Up evaluations are due May 30. If you received a STEM Scale-Up Award please fill out your Educator Survey and Participation List. If you have any questions around your Award, please reach out to the NC STEM Manager at kbergman@iastate.edu.

**Upcoming Events and
Deadlines**

May 22

North Central Regional STEM
Advisory Board Meeting

June 9

Next LIVE Twitter Chat
Follow @IowaSTEM on Twitter

June 15

STEM BEST® Program
Application Due

Awards will be announced in August 2020 and awarded schools will have until May 31, 2021 to expend the funds outlined in the application budget.

Where do I apply?

<https://iowastem.gov/STEMBEST/application>

Please contact hunt@lowaSTEM.gov for additional information.



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**Spaces Still Available:
Fostering Equity in the STEM
Classroom - Virtual Professional
Development Workshop**

Fostering Equity in the STEM Classroom is a professional development experience for educators, administrators and community members prioritizing equity, diversity and inclusion. This two-day workshop will be held virtually on June 18 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and June 19 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM and will feature Aris Winger, Ph.D., co-founder and CEO of Mathematics Enrichment for Diversity and Learning (MEDAL). Three 60-minute webinars will be scheduled to follow the workshop.

Licensure renewal credit is available at no cost, compliments of the STEM Council. Stipends totaling up to \$300 per participant will also be available.

Register by June 5:

www.lowaSTEM.gov/equityworkshop

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