# 2015 NISE Network Mini-Grant Application

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### 1) Contact Information:

First Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Last Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Institution\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address 1\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City/Town\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

State\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Zip\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Institution Website: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Organization information

#### 2) Which best describes your organization?

( ) Museum/Science Center

( ) College or University - Focus on Nanoscale Science and Engineering

#### 3) If your organization is a museum, please check boxes to indicate all types that apply:

[ ] Science or Technology Museum

[ ] Children's Museum

[ ] Art or History Museum

[ ] Natural History or Nature Museum

[ ] Emerging or Developing Museum

[ ] Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### 4) What is the annual operating budget of your museum or organization?

[ ] under $250,000

[ ] $250,000 - $500,000

[ ] $500,000 - $1 million

[ ] $1 - $2.5 million

[ ] $2.5 - $6.5 million

[ ] over $6.5 million

[ ] Comment about annual operating budget (if needed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### 5) NISE Net uses a series of regional hubs to facilitate communication, share materials, and organize events. Please identify the NISE Net regional hub that is appropriate for you. If you are not sure, see the [NISE Net Community map](http://www.nisenet.org/community" \t "_blank).

( ) Northeast (NY, VT, NH, ME, RI, CT, MA)

( ) MidAtlantic (PA, NJ, MD, DC, DE, OH, WV)

( ) Southeast (VA, NC, SC, KY, TN, LA, MS, AL, GA, FL, Puerto Rico)

( ) South (TX, AR, OK)

( ) Midwest (ND, SD, NE, KS, MN, IA, MO, WI, IL, MI, IN)

( ) West (AK, WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, CO, UT, NM)

( ) Southwest (CA, NV, AZ, HI)

## Proposed Mini-Grant Project

### 6) Please summarize your project in 30 words or less.\*

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### 7)

**Please describe detailed plans for your project. Include goals, timeframe, who from your institution will be involved, and any collaborators, if applicable. Projects must be completed between November 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015. Project descriptions should be a maximum of 600 words. *See the 2015 Mini-Grants Program Overview for examples of eligible projects.***

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### 8)

**Please describe the audience you are trying to reach with the project. Be sure to note if the project will be reaching new, previously under-served audiences for your institution. Audience descriptions should be a maximum of 200 words.**

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#### 9)

**Mini-Grants Budget: In the table below, please estimate your project budget. Only include NISE Network mini-grant funds in this table.**

**The maximum request is $3000. Mini-grant recipients will receive a check to cover staff time, benefits, materials, and other applicable costs directly related to implementing their proposed project. Mini-grant funds cannot be used to pay for indirect costs, alcohol, food or refreshments. *See the 2015 Mini-Grants Program Overview for example budget and eligible costs.***

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*Be sure all blanks are filled, use "0" and "NA" as necessary.*

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Amount (in dollars)** | **Description** |
|  |  |  |
| Salary | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |
| Benefits | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |
| Materials & Supplies | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |
| Other | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |
| PROJECT TOTAL | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |

#### 10) If your project will also be supported by other funding sources in addition to the NISE Network mini-grant, please describe those here.

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|  | **Amount (in dollars)** | **Description** |
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| Other funding sources | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |

## Mini-Grant funds use agreement

**If you are selected to receive a NISE Network mini-grant, you are expected to:**

* Complete your proposed mini-grant project between **November 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015**
* Submit a short online report describing the project completion/progress by **August 1, 2015**. *The NISE Network will provide a template for this report.*

*Projects not completed by August 1, 2015 will still need to submit the same online report by this deadline. In such circumstances, reports should describe all progress made and current plans for the remainder of the project.*

If you find that you cannot implement your project; you will be asked to return the funds.

#### 11) Do you agree to these terms?\*

( ) Yes

( ) No

## Additional Professional Development Opportunity

Are you interested in an additional professional development opportunity?

Beginning in November 2014, the NISE Network will invite a small number of partner institutions that have received a mini-grant award to also participate in an intensive, seven-month professional development experience focused on team-based inquiry **(http://www.nisenet.org/catalog/tools\_guides/team-based\_inquiry\_guide)**. This professional development will relate directly to partner mini-grant projects and will be designed to help institutions use team-based inquiry to incorporate evaluation and data-based decision-making into their nano education work.

This opportunity is described in more detail in the ***2015 Mini-Grants Program Overview.*** . Before indicating below if your organization is interested in participating, please read more about the opportunity and consider the timeline and required staff time commitment.

#### 12) Would your organization like to be considered for this team-based inquiry professional development opportunity? *Your response to this question will NOT affect the selection and review process of your mini-grant application.*

#### \*

( ) Yes

( ) No

## Thank you!

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**Your mini-grant application is now complete. You will be contacted by a NISE Network representative if there are additional questions about your application. You can expect to hear about the status of your request via email in early November 2014**

**A PDF copy of your application has just been sent to the email address you provided. If you do not see it, be sure to check your spam folder.**