

2015 NISE Network Mini-Grant Application

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Please fill out this application to be considered for a 2015 NISE Network mini-grant. **Applications are due: October 1, 2014**

Mini-Grant projects must be completed between **November 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015**. Requests can be made for an award **up to \$3,000 dollars**. Only one application per institution per year, please.

As a reminder, **you can not be awarded a mini-grant in consecutive years!** Those who were awarded last year during the 2014 cycle are NOT eligible for the 2015 awards. If you were awarded a mini-grant during any other cycle, or applied and was NOT awarded a mini-grant, you are eligible for the 2015 award.

Please note that it is not possible to save this form and return for additional edits. Also, forms left idle for more than ten-minutes will go blank when you progress to the next screen. Please plan to complete the application in one session. We strongly suggest that you start your essay questions in a Word doc, save, and cut and paste to this application. For more information, examples of eligible activities and a PDF preview of the application, please see the **2015 Mini-Grants Program Overview**.

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](#).

- 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)

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

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.* *

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 underserved audiences for your institution. Audience descriptions should be a maximum of 200 words. *

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. *

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

	Amount (in dollars)	Description
Salary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Benefits	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Materials & Supplies	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
PROJECT TOTAL	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

	Amount (in dollars)	Description
Other funding sources	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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!

Thank you!

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.