Welcome

The webinar will begin shortly

Let’s get to know one another, complete the poll while you wait!

Q1. Have you previously worked (or are you currently working) on an NSF-funded project?

Q2. Are you planning to submit an NSF ITEST proposal for the August 2021 deadline?
ITEST PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE

brought to you by the STEM Learning and Research Center
OVERVIEW

- Get to know STELAR
- Course Introduction
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STELAR’s mission is to build capacity and magnify the results of ITEST projects to deepen the impact of the ITEST program.
Our Affiliation with NSF

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Have you explored STELAR's website?

- Not yet
- Yes!
Register for the new ITEST Proposal Development Course

LEARN MORE →
Proposal Timeline

**Write**
Write a two-page summary of your idea to share with potential partners, NSF program officers and others. Use this to gather feedback and build enthusiasm.

3 - 9 months

**Complete**
Complete full draft of proposal narrative and budget.

6 weeks

**Revise Narrative**
Revise proposal narrative.

2 - 4 weeks

**Submit Proposal**
Upload proposal narrative. SUBMIT EARLY!!

1 week

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**Explore**
Explore opportunities from prior years and read award abstracts and outcomes reports. Identify which program you plan to apply to.

6 - 12 months

**Identify**
Identify and get support from key stakeholders.

2 - 3 months

**Collect**
Collect all supporting materials.

4 - 6 weeks

**Upload Materials**
Upload all supporting documents.

2 weeks
Course Registration

stelar.edc.org/itest_proposal

Developing an ITEST Proposal

This is a preview of the course. Already registered? Login to continue to course.

Register for Course!

Welcome to STELAR's ITEST Proposal Development Course. This is a self-paced online course in which novice NSF proposal writers will develop a full NSF proposal for the ITEST program, to be submitted for the August 13th, 2021 solicitation deadline.
Course Registration

**New to STELAR?**

*Sign up!* Create a new account and register for the **Developing an ITEST Proposal** course.

**Already have an account?**

*Add the course to your account profile!* While logged in as a STELAR user, all you have to do is complete the course questions on your profile and you'll automatically get access to the course.

- New User Register
- Existing User Access
Course Registration

Course Participant Registration Form

Log in  Register for course  Request new password

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Account Settings

First Name *

Last Name *

E-mail address *

NOTE: A valid e-mail address. All e-mails from the system will be sent to this address. The e-mail address is not made public and will only be used if you wish to receive a new password or wish to receive certain news or notifications by e-mail.

STELAR Login Username *

NOTE: Spaces are allowed, punctuation is not allowed except for periods, hyphens, apostrophes, and underscores.
Poll Time!

Are you new to STELAR?
- I already have an account
- I’m new!
- I’m not sure

Have you already registered for the course?
- Not yet
- Yes!
Navigation

Course

Homepage
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- Module 1: Introduction
- Module 2: Forming Partnerships
- Module 3: Writing a Compelling Project Description
- Module 4: Research
Navigation

● Module 5: Evaluation
● Module 6: Dissemination
● Module 7: Budget
● Module 8: Pulling it All Together
Module 0 - Orientation to the Course

Overview

The goal of this course is to learn about all the key aspects of writing NSF proposals. While this particular course focuses primarily on iTEST proposal writing, the approaches here are transferable to other NSF proposal types.
Go to another lesson within this module by selecting the dropdown.

- Select -

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ACTIVITY SUMMARIES

Module 0 | Module 1 | Module 2 | Module 3 | Module 4 | Module 5 | Module 6 | Module 7 | Module 8

Review the activity summary of a module you have completed.
Go to another lesson within this module by selecting the dropdown.

- Select -
  - Overview
  - FAQ
  - Sneak Peek
  - Proposal Steps

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Activities vs. Assignments

Orientation Activity

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- Select -

Back  Submit
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Module 0 Activity Summary

Congratulations, you've reached the end of Module 0!

Below is the orientation activity you completed. Please note that if you have submitted this module more than once all your prior submissions will be listed here as well.

Print this Activity Summary for future reference.

— Back to Module 0

You submitted this on: Thursday, February 18, 2021 - 7:29am

Orientation Activity

In the Orientation Activity (Proposal Overview) you wrote down some quick details about your idea for a proposal. My ITEST proposal idea is to...

1 2 3 4 5 next last

Saved Activity Summary Submissions: Each time you click “submit” it will be saved under the next number, scroll through to see your past submissions
Go to another lesson within this module by selecting the dropdown.

- Select -

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Activities vs. Assignments

Assignment: Write a concept paper

Write a 1 - 1.5 page summary of your proposal idea and include the following:

- A description that includes what, when, where, who, why (if you don't have all the answers yet, that is fine):
  - What: what will you implement if you get funded?
  - When: when will you implement each part of your idea?
  - Where: what location are you proposing? Think about both geography and setting (e.g., classroom, after school)
  - Who: who will be participating in your project?
  - Why: why is this a compelling idea?
Activities vs. Assignments

● Module 1: Concept Paper - A brief overview of your ITEST proposal idea

● Module 3: A first draft of some of the key sections of your Project Description (the 15-page narrative section of your proposal)

● Module 5: A first draft of your Research and Evaluation plans

● Module 8: A first draft of your Project Summary (the 1-page “executive summary” of your proposal)
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Module 0 - Orientation

● Lessons in Module 0
  ○ **Overview** - introduces you to the course and the first module
  ○ **FAQ** - answers questions about the course proposal submission
  ○ **Sneak Peek** - high-level overview of your proposal sections
  ○ **Proposal Steps** - contains the Orientation Activity
Module 0 - Orientation

● FAQs
  ○ What does the coursework entail?
  ○ What are the course activities?
  ○ What are the assignments?
  ○ Will taking this course help my chances of getting funded?
  ○ My organization has never received NSF funding (or hasn’t in the last 5 years) are there any extra steps that I’ll need to take to get funded?
Module 0 - Orientation

Sneak Peek high-level overview of the components of your proposal
Poll Time!

Are you planning on submitting an ITEST proposal this year?
(August 13, 2021 deadline)

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
Q&A
Upcoming Webinars

- **March 18, 2021**: Project Description
- **April 15, 2021**: Research and Evaluation
- **June 17, 2021**: STELAR Office Hours
- STELAR will also host NSF Solicitation webinars, *dates and times to be announced*
Keep in touch!