The NSF INCLUDES National Network Frequently Asked Questions

Decoding the acronyms: What is...?

➢ **NSF:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1950 "to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense..." NSF is vital because it supports basic research and people to create knowledge that transforms the future.

➢ **NSF INCLUDES Initiative:** NSF INCLUDES (Inclusion Across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science) is a comprehensive national initiative to enhance U.S. leadership in discoveries and innovations by focusing on diversity, inclusion and broadening participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) at scale. Learn more here.

➢ **NSF INCLUDES Coordination Hub:** The NSF INCLUDES Coordination Hub (Award HRD-1818635) is **funded by NSF** to build and sustain a national network to broaden participation in STEM by supporting the NSF INCLUDES National Network. Learn more here.

Who manages the National Network online community?

➢ The NSF INCLUDES National Network online community is managed by the NSF INCLUDES Coordination Hub.

What does it mean to become a member of the National Network?

➢ When you join the National Network, gain access to both 'people' as resources as well as 'products or tools' to guide your work on broadening participation in STEM. Here are some examples of resources.

While the community thrives on your participation and contribution, you can choose how your level of participation and engage in ways that is most meaningful to you.

Who can join the NSF INCLUDES National Network? And how do I become a member?

➢ *Do I need NSF funding to be a part of the National Network?*

- No, the NSF INCLUDES National Network welcomes anyone who is committed to broadening participation in STEM.

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➢ *Who are the current members of the National Network?*
- The National Network includes members from NSF INCLUDES Design and Development Launch Pilots (DDLPs), NSF INCLUDES Alliances, and several other NSF and non-NSF funded programs and partners. Network members represent K-12, higher education, informal STEM education, and STEM careers and career advancement. Learn more here.

➢ *It's easy to become a member, here's how:*
- Click "Register" to sign up and join National Network. Enter your name and email address and click "submit."
- You will receive an email within 1 business day confirming that your account has been approved.
- After receiving the confirmation email, click LOGIN/REGISTER and click "confirm your email" located under "Already registered and need to create a password?"
- Enter your email and click "Send Password Link."
- You will receive an email from Mail@connectedcommunity.org titled "Forgotten password on www.includesnetwork.org."
- Follow the embedded link to create your password and activate your account. Check your spam or with your IT department if you do not receive an email!

Can I invite others to join the NSF INCLUDES National Network?
➢ Yes, please do. We welcome anyone who is committed to broadening participation in STEM to join. Here is language you can use to invite a friend.

Who do I contact if I have questions?
➢ If you have questions, please send an email to the NSF INCLUDES Coordination Hub: nsfincludeshub@sri.com

Does the NSF INCLUDES National Network have other social media presence?
➢ Yes, please follow the NSF INCLUDES Coordination Hub on Twitter: @NSFINCLUDESHub