



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

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LASER INTERFEROMETER GRAVITATIONAL OBSERVATORY (LIGO)



**Gravitational Waves
Detected 100 Years After
Einstein's Prediction –
February 11th**

**MOU for LIGO-India –
March 31st**



CONGRESSIONAL VISITS – FEBRUARY THROUGH APRIL



NSF INCLUDES



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Have you developed creative ways to increase diversity in the sciences? We want to take these ideas nationwide. The National Science Foundation is proud to announce the launch of Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science (NSF INCLUDES), a fresh approach to broadening participation in the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Thank you can help? We want to hear from you!

<h3>WHY?</h3> <p>Increasingly, science and engineering advances drive the U.S. economy, so creating inclusive pathways for more people to become scientists and engineers is a national priority.</p>	<h3>WHAT?</h3> <p>NSF INCLUDES aims to build on the proven success of a wide variety of programs across the U.S. in reaching populations traditionally underserved in STEM.</p>
<h3>HOW?</h3> <p>NSF wants to help create collaborative alliances of partner organizations with a shared goal in STEM inclusion and the potential to realize national impacts.</p>	<h3>WHO?</h3> <p>We're looking for novel approaches. Our 2016 call for proposals is open to diverse teams of stakeholders that may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Academic institutions- Industry- Non-profits- Government- Professional organizations- Science- and industry-focused organizations.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- The first solicitation for NSF INCLUDES proposals has all the rules and guidelines for applications. It's available here: <http://1.usa.gov/1Q8556t>
- You can find more information about NSF INCLUDES in this Dear Colleague Letter from NSF Director Ponce Cardona here: <http://1.usa.gov/1T17058>



GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT



Next Einstein Forum, Dakar, Senegal



Net Futures 2016, Brussels

CERN, Geneva



Thailand - U.S. Education Roundtable, Bangkok



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