

EPSCoR

Supervised Undergraduate Research Experiences (SURE)

Answers given by Board of Regents staff in response to questions in response to the SURE Request for Applications (RFA) as of **November 9, 2016**, which was the last day to answer questions.

Proposals Due: December 2, 2016

Question:

Do eligible female students have to be U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents?

The RFA just mentions “females or.....”

Answer:

Individuals do not have to be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident to participate in the SURE program.

Question:

This year the RFP states that the SURE funding is to advance minority participation in STEM but area A.1 restricts this to the call to Advanced Manufacturing applications. Am I reading the SURE RFP correctly in that ONLY proposals related to CIMM are to be submitted (i.e. not for science in general)?

Answer:

You are correct. Proposed research must be relevant to themes outlined in Section A.1 of the RFP, not science in general.

Question:

The solicitation notes that projects must be relevant to the research themes listed in A.1. Will you please provide some guidance on how relevant a project must be? For example, would a proposed project based on basic condensed matter or materials research be eligible? Beyond eligibility, there is the issue of competitiveness. According to B.7, thirty percent of the application's score will be based on quality of research. Is the degree with which, or the directness in which, the project overlaps with the research themes listed in A.1 expected to be a factor in determining quality? Or, once a project is eligible, is quality determined on a more absolute basis?

Answer:

Board staff are not allowed to assist proposers regarding the suitability or appropriateness of the themes and scope of proposed projects. Per the RFP, the proposed research must be relevant to the themes outlined in Section A.