

## National Science Foundation Panel Invitation: AISL

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To: Martonia Gaskill <gaskillmc@unk.edu>

Dear Dr. Gaskill,

Greetings. I am writing to ask if you are available to serve the Foundation as a reviewer for the Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) program. The panel includes proposals focused on online STEM learning in informal settings.

The review session, which will be organized as an in-person session, will be held January 21 and 22 at the NSF offices in Alexandria, VA. If you are unable to attend in person, please contact me, and we can discuss your potential participation as a virtual reviewer using an online meeting platform.

The Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) program recently invited the field to submit full grant proposals to the program for consideration in this year's grant competition. The AISL program seeks to (a) advance new approaches to and evidence-based understanding of the design and development of STEM learning in informal environments; (b) provide multiple pathways for broadening access to and engagement in STEM learning experiences; (c) advance innovative research on and assessment of STEM learning in informal environments; and (d) engage the public of all ages in learning STEM in informal environments.

To view the solicitation, please go to:

<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17573/nsf17573.pdf>

Your expertise and recommendations would be very useful in our decision-making process. PLEASE NOTE: if you are submitting a proposal in this AISL round as a PI, co-PI, or have any direct and substantial involvement in a proposal, you have a conflict of interest and are not eligible to serve on a panel.

If selected as a panel reviewer, your primary responsibilities will include reading & commenting on proposals assigned to your panel and writing approximately 8-10 proposal reviews. Most reviewers find that reading and writing up a review takes 2 or more hours each proposal. Access to the proposals is generally granted 3-4 weeks prior to the panel meeting.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are willing and available to serve on this panel. Please forward me a copy of your CV. In addition, let me know if you are aware of any institutions, organizations, or potential principal investigators for which you may have a conflict of interest.

The panel approval process generally takes a couple of weeks.

Thank you very much. I hope to hear from you soon,

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