**Program Description and Proposal Review**

The AGEP-NC project, an Alliance of NC A&T State University, UNC Charlotte and NC State provides a catalyst for departments wishing to build an infrastructure for their doctoral programs and a culture among dissertation advisors that successfully prepares underrepresented minority (URM) dissertation students for faculty careers in the sciences and engineering.

AGEP Fellows may submit proposals for up to $4000 ($2,000 per year) to share information with faculty, provide department faculty opportunities to learn about building an inclusive doctoral program, or develop strategies to improve the climate, practices, and policies that positively impact URM graduate students and faculty in STEM. Proposals will be reviewed by the AGEP leadership team and evaluated based on their alignment with the AGEP project goals. Example uses of funds:

* Hire a facilitator to lead a faculty discussion on departmental needs for increasing diversity in the doctoral program
* Host a workshop on culturally responsive mentoring
* Send one or more faculty members to train-the-trainer workshops on culturally responsive mentoring
* Create a program to bring successful graduates back to the department to speak with faculty and students about their experiences, what helped them succeed and what made things more difficult.

**Submission Guidelines**

Please include the following items and submit your proposal as a *single PDF Document* by February 1, 2022.

1. **Description of Project**

Please include the following:

1. Title of the project and graduate program name
2. A brief abstract of the proposal that includes information about its goals and activities. Your abstract may be included in reports submitted to NSF.
3. A clear description of the proposed activities
4. A timeline of activities
5. How you plan to assess the impact of the proposed activities.
6. **Budget**

Each proposal must contain an itemized budget including the specific costs of the proposed activities. A brief written justification of each budget item is required. *Please note that all NSF guidelines apply for expenditure of these funds.*

**Post-Funding Requirements**

After each year of the Fellow’s project, recipients must submit a detailed report on the project outcomes. Each report must include the completed activities, and the extent to which you met your goals/expectations for the project. Specific data collected from your program that is applicable to the activity should be provided, such as number of attendees and formal or informal feedback from participants, as well as your assessment of the successes of the project’s various components.

**Submission of Reports and Program Inquiries**

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