**C-DEBI Request for Education & Outreach Proposals**

C-DEBI’s mission is to explore life beneath the seafloor and make transformative discoveries that advance science, benefit society, and inspire people of all ages and origins. Working toward that mission, our [education and outreach goals](http://www.darkenergybiosphere.org/education-diversity/overview/) include creating distinctive, targeted education programs and promoting increased public awareness about life below the seafloor.

C-DEBI is pleased to announce the availability of grants to support education and outreach projects, with a budget of up to $50,000 and a project duration of 1 year. The C-DEBI Education & Outreach Grants Programwill fund the development of educational opportunities and materials that are pertinent to deep biosphere research in the subseafloor environment. **C-DEBI welcomes proposals from applicants who would enhance diversity in C-DEBI and STEM fields.**

Possible proposals topics may include (but are not limited to):

*Media Development*

• Develop or update instructional media focusing on deep biosphere research

• Develop educational media on specific topics in deep biosphere research

• Develop and publish educational products or marketing media for researchers communicating deep biosphere research

*Interactive Outreach*

• Conduct participatory training in some aspect of deep biosphere research

• Organize mentoring programs or support groups

• Support workshops or meetings on relevant topics

• Develop training sessions and tools concerning deep biosphere research

Proposals should include an [institutional letter of intent confirming that the institution can receive subawards from NSF](http://www.darkenergybiosphere.org/research-activities/research-support/grant-program-faq/#what-is-the-source-of-c-debi-funding-am-i-eligible), a title, a short project summary of ≤200 words written for a broad audience, a project description including figures and tables of not more than five pages (font size ≥11 pt), a separate bibliographic reference section, a detailed budget and budget justification including institutional overhead, and [NSF‐style 2‐page CVs](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf08_1/gpg_2.jsp#IIC2f) of all participants. Please submit your proposal **as a single PDF** via our [online submission form](http://www.darkenergybiosphere.org/forms/fall-2016-rfp-education/).

**The deadline for this call is 1 December 2016.**

Successful applications will address these topics:

* How the proposed activities are expected to increase the awareness of the selected audience to
C-DEBI and the deep biosphere
* Explanation as to whether this is a pilot project or part of a long-term project
* A cohesive project management plan or strategy, including measurement of project outcomes and metrics of success
* A description of the expertise and the roles of all participants
* Discussion of the target audience and the number of individuals to be served. Target audiences include, but are not limited to: policy-makers, organizations in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, communities of interest, students at all levels (*i.e.,* K-8, high school, colleges, universities), the general public, international audiences. **Note:** *Priority will be given to academic programs aimed at undergraduate and graduate studies.*
* How the proposed work would engage underrepresented students
* If appropriate, tracking strategies for maintaining contact with the audience after completion of the project
* If appropriate, promotion and distribution activities, such as adaptation for outreach modules or different audiences, media events, software or Netware, artistic exhibits, etc.

**Contact Information**

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