



STEM Learning Ecosystems Initiative Application Technical Assistance Webinar

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Call Agenda



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- Welcome
- Application Process Walk-Through
- Lessons Learned from Current STEM Learning Ecosystems
 - Sandy Strunk, Lancaster County STEM Alliance
 - Larry Plank, Director of STEM Education Hillsborough County Public Schools & Tampa Bay STEM Network
- Questions and Answers

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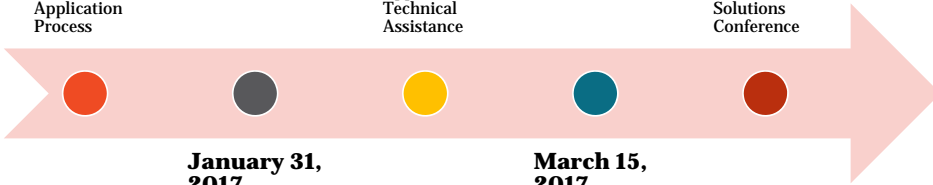


Application Process Walk-Through

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Application Timeline



January 3, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launch Online Interest and Application Process	February 21, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Webinar: Application Technical Assistance	March 15, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications due via Online Portal	May 24-25, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Announce awards at US News STEM Solutions Conference
January 31, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Webinar: Overview of the Initiative			

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Application Approach

- The application process is designed to:
 - (1) be collaborative in nature and
 - (2) provide an opportunity for you and your partners to understand your community's level of readiness for potential inclusion into STEM Funders Network STEM Learning Ecosystems Initiative

The STEM Funders Network is seeking to understand your community's interest and honest assessment regarding your level of readiness in cultivating a STEM Learning Ecosystem.

We encourage communities in all stages of ecosystem development to apply.

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Application Checklist

- **Pre-Application**
 - Submit online interest form on www.stemecosystems.org.
 - Attend both technical assistance webinars (See Webinars for more information).
 - **Tuesday, January 31, 2017: Initiative and Application Process Overview Webinar #1** (available for replay at www.stemecosystems.org)
 - **Tuesday, February 21, 2017: Application Process Technical Assistance Webinar #2** (will be available for replay at www.stemecosystems.org)
- **Application Process**
 - Create Account for Online Application at www.stemecosystems.org
 - Complete and Submit Online Application Components:
 - Applicant Summary
 - Your STEM Learning Ecosystem Snapshot
 - Readiness Assessment
 - Key Partners
 - Elements
 - Focus Areas
 - Priority Areas
 - Initiative Expectations

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Lessons Learned from Current STEM Learning Ecosystems

APPLICATION PROCESS EXPERIENCES



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Lancaster County STEM Alliance

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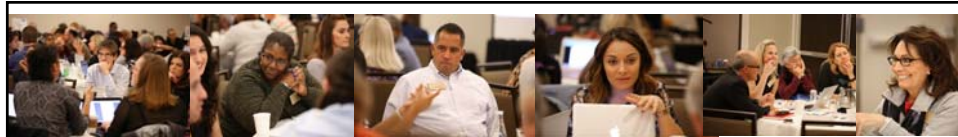


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Cohort 2 Point of View: Lancaster County STEM Alliance



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Tampa Bay STEM Network

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Cohort 1 Point of View: Tampa Bay STEM Network



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Questions & Answers

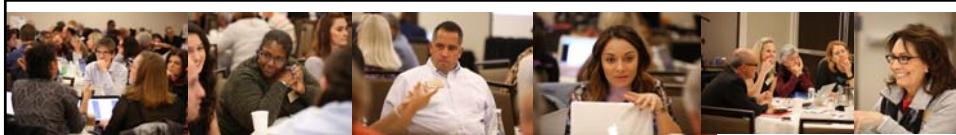


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Application Timeline Reminder

- Complete the brief Online Interest Form at www.stemecosystems.org.
- Participate in two webinars about Initiative: (All webinars will be posted at www.stemecosystems.org.)
 - **Initiative and Application Process Overview Webinar #1 – Tuesday, January 31, 2017** (available for replay at www.stemecosystems.org)
 - **Application Process Technical Assistance Webinar #2 – Tuesday, February 21, 2017** (will be available for replay at www.stemecosystems.org).
- Complete and submit application, including all supplemental materials via the online form by 5:00pm PT on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

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