Program Solicitation

Solicitation Summary:

- **Limit on Number of Proposals:** UNLV may submit one proposal
- **PROPOSAL DUE to NSF:** Letter of Intent due 10/5 for IT Catalyst Awards, 11/5 for IT Awards; Full proposals due 11/3 for IT Catalyst, 1/20/16 for IT

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please send a notification to the Office of Sponsored Programs at osp@unlv.edu by 5:00 p.m. Friday June 12, 2015. Please include in the notification the names and departments of all key personnel on the project. If a selection process is necessary, pre-proposal instructions will be sent to interested faculty.

Project Summary:
The goals of the ADVANCE program are (1) to develop systemic approaches to increase the representation and advancement of women in academic STEM careers; (2) to develop innovative and sustainable ways to promote gender equity in the STEM academic workforce; and (3) to contribute to the development of a more diverse science and engineering workforce. ADVANCE also has as its goal to contribute to and inform the general knowledge base on gender equity in the academic STEM disciplines. There are three tracks with distinct purposes. The **Institutional Transformation (IT)** track is meant to produce large-scale comprehensive change and serve as a locus for research on gender equity and institutional transformation for academic STEM. The **Institutional Transformation Catalyst (IT Catalyst)** track is meant either to conduct self-assessment or to implement unique strategies – either adapted from those found effective in the IT track or ones designed to be responsive to the unique environments of eligible institutions – and evaluate their effectiveness.

ADVANCE projects support institutional transformation in STEM. STEM includes but is not limited to Arctic and Antarctic sciences, biological sciences, computer and information sciences, engineering, geosciences, mathematics, physical sciences, the learning sciences, and social, behavioral and economic sciences. Institutional Transformation and IT Catalyst awards are expected to include all STEM disciplines at the institution submitting the proposal. PLAN awards may include all of STEM or a subset or one discipline.

ADVANCE projects are viewed as team research and, as such, the team of principal investigators is expected to be multidisciplinary and representative of the theoretical, methodological and contextual expertise necessary to conceptualize, implement, and evaluate a successful project.