



INL to accept grant applications

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Idaho National Laboratory officials will soon accept applications for three types of science, technology, engineering and math-related education grants.

INL Statewide STEM Mini Grants will provide funds to public and private elementary, middle school and high school programs. Teachers can apply for up to \$500 to purchase instructional resources and materials, an INL news release said.

The INL Southeast Idaho Classroom Makeover STEM Grant will provide a Gem State teacher or school \$5,000 to transform a classroom into a "21st century STEM learning environment," complete with new laboratory equipment.

The East Idaho Ultimate STEM Grants, meanwhile, provide up to \$10,000 to educators in order to implement new STEM programs, purchase new equipment or create opportunities for STEM professional development, career awareness or student outreach.

Grants will be accepted from Wednesday through Jan. 10. Applications can be found at inl.gov/inl-initiatives/education/k-12-stem-grants. Completed applications must include documentation of nonprofit status and a W-9 form.

Applicants also should provide information related to how project goals, learning objectives and curriculum concepts will be enhanced, and how the project or program will improve student interest in STEM careers.

A panel of judges will evaluate the applications based on specific criteria, the release said. Grant recipients will be announced in March.

Over the past decade, INL has contributed nearly \$4.9 million to advance STEM education in Idaho, the release said.