



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
Track-1 ND-ACES: Rural Student Teaching Experience (RSTE) Program

Issued: January 3, 2022

Application Deadline: noon on January 28, 2022

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Limited Funding Available

Purpose:

The ND EPSCoR National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded RII Track-1 cooperative agreement New Discoveries in the Advanced Interface of Computation, Engineering, and Science (ND-ACES) Rural Student Teaching Experience (RSTE) program provides unique learning experiences for up to two teacher candidates. The goal of the RSTE program is to provide an exceptional learning experience for teacher candidates in a rural school and community while they complete the requirements of their undergraduate programs.

Eligibility:

Eligible applicants must be U.S. citizens or resident aliens who are middle school or high school STEM teacher candidates at one of the 10 participating ND EPSCoR ND-ACES RII Track-1 campuses located in ND – Cankdeska Cikana Community College (CCCC), Dickinson State University (DSU), Mayville State University (MaSU), Minot State University (MiSU), North Dakota State University (NDSU), Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College (NHSC), Sitting Bull College (SBC), Turtle Mountain Community College (TMCC), University of North Dakota (UND), or Valley City State University (VCSU).

Members of underrepresented or underserved groups and teacher candidates completing STEM teacher education programs at CCCC, DSU, MaSU, MiSU, NHSC, SBC, TMCC, or VCSU are especially encouraged to apply.

Program Description:

For Fall 2022, the ND EPSCoR RSTE program will provide support for two STEM teacher candidates while they complete their one-semester student teaching internship in a rural North Dakota school. Teacher candidates will be able to complete all institution-specific requirements for the student teaching internship. ND-ACES PROMoting Sustainable Partnerships in Education and Research (PROSPER) faculty will work with participating teacher candidates, their academic advisors, and campus teacher education units to ensure that these internships meet the award criteria.

While participating in the RSTE program, STEM teacher candidates will also receive mentorship from PROSPER faculty during their time in the program. Each awardee will receive funding of up to \$10,000 as a participation incentive to live in a rural school district as part of the RSTE. This funding will be reduced if compensation for this STEM student teaching activity is provided from other sources.

ND-ACES is excited about the potential of this program and we expect a healthy applicant pool for Fall 2022. Application selection will be guided by the following criteria:

- candidate is in the process of completing an undergraduate program leading to teacher licensure;
- candidate is qualified to student teach science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) classes at the middle school or high school level during the semester after which they apply to RSTE;
- candidate is prepared and willing to student teach in STEM; and
- candidate expresses an interest in teaching in rural schools.

Application Requirements:

Teacher candidates who wish to be considered for the RSTE program should:

- Complete the [Qualtrics Application Form](#). The form asks applicants to share information about their qualifications and interest in working in a rural school and community and
- Upload a copy of their resume.

Application materials must be submitted electronically by noon on January 28, 2022, for full consideration.

Application Submittal Checklist:

Electronic Submission:

- Completed [Qualtrics Application Form](#)
 - Resume uploaded to the [Qualtrics Application Form](#)

Applications that do not comply with the checklist will not be reviewed.

Award Announcement and Additional Information:

Applications will be evaluated by the ND-ACES RSTE Coordinator, Ryan Summers (UND Assistant Professor, Teaching & Leadership), and other members of ND-ACES PROSPER. Award announcements will be made on or about February 4, 2022. Funds are expected to be available for Fall semester. Awards are contingent upon continued funding from the NSF and the State of North Dakota.

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For more information view the [flyer](#) that overviews the program. **Please direct questions about the RSTE to Ryan Summers, ND-ACES RSTE Coordinator at ryan.summers@und.edu.**