The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) has announced a new funding opportunity to study systemic racism and injustice in STEM education. Proposals should consider the systemic barriers to opportunities and how barriers impact access, retention, and success in STEM education and the research workforce. Important to this opportunity is that proposals are led by or in collaboration with individuals and communities facing the impacts of systemic racism and inequity.

Proposals should generate knowledge through both basic and applied research in areas that include but are not limited to building theory, developing methods, testing approaches, and focusing on affective, behavioral, cultural, and social components and implications.

Proposed research can examine a broad range of education institutions. Possible education contexts can include two- and four-year undergraduate and graduate institutions, municipal organizations, STEM workplaces, and informal STEM contexts, such as museums, community organizations, and media.

There are multiple possible deadlines for applications, including July 13, 2021, October 12, 2021, and March 22, 2022.