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### NSF Seeks Science Of Learning Center Applicants

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is seeking applications for the new Science of Learning Center program (SLC). The announcement may be found at: [www.nsf.gov/pubs/2003/nsf03573/nsf03573.htm](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2003/nsf03573/nsf03573.htm).

The SLC offers awards for large-scale, long-term Centers that will extend the frontiers of knowledge on learning. Centers should be built around a unifying focus that will incorporate a diverse, multidisciplinary environment involving appropriate partnerships with academia, industry, all levels of education, and other public and private entities. NSF hopes to make three to five Center awards in FY 2003-2004 for up to ten years at \$3-5 million per year.

The program will also make Catalyst awards to enable partnership building and research activities leading to the creation of new Centers. NSF expects to make 20 or more of these awards in the first few years of the program.

The Centers should create an intellectual, organizational, and physical infrastructure needed for long-term advancement of knowledge research. Areas of investigation include: psychological, social, and pedagogical needs of learning, the biological basis of learning, machine learning, learning technologies, and mathematical analyses and modeling of all of these. In addition to the interdisciplinary research team with a long-term vision, the Center needs a director and leadership team qualified to implement and manage a strategic plan for accomplishing its goals.

NSF plans to convene workshops during the Spring of 2003 to educate potential applicants. Check the website at: [www.nsf.gov/slc](http://www.nsf.gov/slc) for more information. Letters of intent are required and are due **August 5, 2003**. The full proposal deadline is **August 5, 2003** for Catalyst Awards and **September 17, 2003** for Center Awards. For further information contact Steve Breckler at (703) 292-8728 or [sbreckle@nsf.gov](mailto:sbreckle@nsf.gov).

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