STEM LEARNING ECOSYSTEMS
COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE:
APPLICATION PROCESS Q&A

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019
AGENDA

Welcome

STEM Learning Ecosystems Community of Practice - The Application Process

Q&A with SLE Leaders
Speakers

Alyssa Briggs, Director, SLECoP
Veronica Gonzales, Associate Director, SLECoP
Jeremy Shorr, Director of Digital Innovation and Early Learning
Heddy Kovach, Lead of STEM SENC (Southeastern North Carolina)
Stephanie Schwab, Lead of PA SEED STEM Ecosystem
**APPLICATION TIMELINE**

- **January 7, 2019**: Launch online interest form and application process
- **January 24, 2019**: Webinar #1: Overview of the STEM Learning Ecosystems Community of Practice
- **February 28, 2019**: Applications due via the online portal
- **February 13, 2019**: Webinar #2: Supporting your Community through the Application Process
- **April 3, 2019**: Announce selection at the spring Community of Practice Convening
## UPDATED APPLICATION PROCESS IN 2019
### COHORT 5 & 6

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APPLICATION PROCESS

• Complete the brief Online Interest Form at www.stemecosystems.org.

• Participate in two webinars about Initiative: (All webinars will be posted at www.stemecosystems.org.)
  – Webinar #1: Overview of the STEM Learning Ecosystems Community of Practice
    Thursday, January 24, 2019
    10:00am PT | 11:00am MT | 12:00pm CT | 1:00pm ET
  – Webinar #2: Supporting your Community through the Application Process
    Wednesday, February 13, 2019
    10:00am PT | 11:00am MT | 12:00pm CT | 1:00pm ET

• Complete and submit application, including all supplemental materials via the online form by 5:00pm PT on Thursday, February 28, 2019.
APPLICATION

• The application process is designed to:
  – (1) be collaborative in nature and
  – (2) provide an opportunity for you and your partners to understand your community’s level of readiness for potential inclusion into STEM Funders Network STEM Learning Ecosystems Initiative

• The STEM Learning Ecosystems Community of Practice is seeking to understand your community’s interest and honest assessment regarding your level of readiness in cultivating a STEM Learning Ecosystem.
  – We encourage communities in all stages of ecosystem development to apply.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who Can Apply?
– A Community (view criteria at www.stemecosystems.org)

Who is eligible to apply on behalf of the Community?
– “The lead applicant shall be determined by the community-based ecosystem, and there shall be only one application per community” (view eligibility at www.stemecosystems.org)

What is a “Community”?
– “At a minimum, Formal PreK-12, Out of school, stem based organizations, business, higher ed, local or reg’l funder, and community/family” (view criteria at www.stemecosystems.org)

Is this a grant program?
– This is not a grant program but an opportunity for communities to join nearly 70 other STEM Learning Ecosystems in a Global Community of Practice and two years of individualized technical assistance and coaching.

Who can I contact if I have a question?
– Questions? Email info@stemecosystems.org. We will return your email within 24 hours.
PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Administration:

• Provide and maintain contact information for all identified leads.
• Send out information to Ecosystem members, when necessary

Coaching:

• Actively engage with the assigned coach and the technical assistance team throughout the course of the initiative period.

Active Participation:

• Attend Community of Practice convenings.
• Participate on the Community of Practice Webinars.
• Sign-up on the internal online community website and actively engage including participating in online Community of Practice discussions and practice groups as relevant to your work.

Deliverables:

• Administration of the STEM Learning Ecosystems Indicators Tool virtually within the first 60 days and again in month 10 of the reporting period.
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Have you found value as a member of the SLECoP? Can you offer some examples?

What was the trickiest part of the application process for you? What advice can you offer?

Who worked on your application process?

How much time did you invest in the application process?

Did you feel as though you were ready to join the SLECoP?