



Pathways to Innovation (PTI) Grant-Seeker Academy Cohort 4

ACADEMY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Eligibility:

- Any community or technical college planning to incorporate strategic employer engagement, including through the Business & Industry Leadership Team (BILT) model, as an essential component of their proposed project may apply.
- All types of ATE proposals are supported by the Grant-Seeker Academy with the exception of national center grants.
- Any community or technical college may apply for participation, regardless of submission or award history with the NSF-ATE program.

Applicant colleges must commit to:

- **Develop and submit an initial grant concept** that is innovative and in-demand by employers in the college's region. The concept must align with the NSF [ATE Program](#).
- **Identify a Grant Team that includes:**
 - **College faculty member or administrator** as the primary point of contact/team lead. This person commits to actively participating in all portions of the PTI Grant-Seeker Academy and agrees to commit the necessary time for proposal completion and submission.
 - **A second college team member** who is also invested in the proposal concept and who commits to actively participate as part of the Academy team. *At least one team member must be faculty in the discipline(s) related to the proposal concept.*
 - **A grants office team member** to support the Academy team throughout the proposal development process. *If such an office does not exist at your college, please indicate this in your application.*
- **All team members must agree to:**
 - **Participate in biweekly mentoring sessions** with an experienced PTI mentor during the period from acceptance until the workshop.
 - **Participate in a face-to-face workshop** The workshop will be held May 29-31, 2024 in Dallas, Texas. Funds for travel will be provided for two team members from each college.
 - **Participate in six, one-hour virtual training sessions** focused on different sections of the ATE proposal during summer 2024.
 - **Participate in mentoring calls**, biweekly through July and weekly thereafter until submission.
 - **Complete and submit the college proposal** on or before the October 2024 due date.
 - **Provide a full PDF copy of your submitted proposal** to the PTI Leadership Team.

PTI Grant-Seeker Academy teams will benefit from:

- All training and mentoring described above.
- A detailed critical review by a member of the PTI leadership team of proposal drafts that are at least 80% complete by September 9, 2024. All PTI leadership team members are experienced in developing and reviewing competitive ATE proposals. This review and feedback will allow teams to address concerns prior to submission.
- For colleges choosing to establish a foundational Business & Industry Leadership Team (BILT) to support a proposed project, PTI will provide technical assistance to help them get started.

Submissions:

DEADLINE: Applications are due by February 27, 2024 for priority consideration.

PTI leadership will contact applicants if additional information is needed. Colleges selected will be notified upon acceptance, and all will be notified on or before March 15, 2024. Mentoring will begin no later than April 1, 2024.

To ask questions about the Academy program or application, please contact:

[Liz Ahlers](#)

PTI Grant-Seeker Academy Coordinator

Center for Occupational Research and Development (CORD)



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Apply by February 27, 2024, for Priority Consideration

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis

This application should accurately reflect your college’s relevant experiences, planning activities, and desired benefits of participation. All items must be completed. Email your completed application as a Microsoft Word file to pathwaystoinnovation@cord.org at your earliest convenience. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Respond to each item in the spaces provided below; rows will expand as you type.
Feel free to provide as much information as you deem appropriate.*

Section I: Your Institution

Name of College:	
College Website:	
Team Lead Contact Name:	
Title/function:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email:	
Phone (office and cell):	
Second Team Member Contact Name:	
Second Team Member Contact Title/function:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email:	
Phone (office and cell):	
Grant Office Team Member Contact Name:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if no Grant Office at your college.	
Grant Office Team Member Contact Title/function:	
Does the Grant Office Team Member have experience with NSF ATE?	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email:	
Phone (office and cell):	

Section II: Your Proposal Concept

Please complete the following statements about your concept:

The discipline area(s) for our grant proposal is <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture/biotech <input type="checkbox"/> Energy/environmental <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Information technologies <input type="checkbox"/> Micro- and nano-technologies <input type="checkbox"/> Security <input type="checkbox"/> Geospatial <input type="checkbox"/> Autonomous
Note: Please ask if you are unsure about whether your discipline area is appropriate for NSF ATE.
Our proposed project will (describe what it will do – the main idea)
This work is needed because (cite evidence that supports the need)
The stakeholders who will benefit from this work include (list categories of stakeholders such as students, faculty, employers, others, etc.)
The management team of the project will include (list names of individuals, their function at the college, and what they will be expected to do both during the mentoring process and when the grant is funded)
The employers supporting our work include (list at least 3 with whom you are engaged)
These employers are expected to commit to do the following to ensure success of the grant
Our project goals include (draft 2-4 major goals)
Has the college previously received grants through NSF ATE? (List the PI and DUE number for each grant)

Section III. Desired College Benefits

How will your college benefit if the proposal idea is developed into a competitive proposal and is ultimately funded?

Section IV. Previous Submission

Has this grant idea been submitted before and declined? If so, this is not a problem, but please attach a copy of the declined grant proposal narrative, the name of the funding agency, and copies of the reviewer comments.

Section V. Additional Information

This section might include details such as previous grant success, how your college supports grant development, etc.

Institutional Commitment

[Name of College] _____ affirms the proposed PTI Grant-seeker Academy team's intentions for active participation in the Academy and completion of all requirements and related materials described in this application. I pledge my commitment to assist in securing the institutional approvals necessary to submit the proposal.

Name and Title of College Dean or Vice President

Signature of Named Individual

Date