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Community for Advancing Discovery Research in Education

About Us
The Community for Advancing Discovery Research in Education (CADRE), a resource network funded by the National Science Foundation, supports researchers and developers who participate in Discovery Research K-12 (DR K-12) projects on teaching and learning in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. CADRE works with projects to strengthen and share methods, findings, results, and products, helping to build collaboration around a strong portfolio of STEM education resources, models, and technologies. CADRE collects evidence of impact and disseminates contributions of the projects for improving educational practice and policy.

CADRE Goals
The goals of CADRE are to support the improvement of research, evaluation, and development in STEM education and to move forward the goals of the National Science Foundation and its DR K-12 program.

Over five years, CADRE will:
(1) analyze the DR K-12 portfolio of funded projects,
(2) conduct research and syntheses of the work within the portfolio,
(3) provide opportunities for project staff to learn more about research, evaluation, development, and specific areas of STEM, and
(4) assist in disseminating the DR K-12 projects’ results within the program and throughout the STEM education community.

CADRE currently serves approximately 300 projects that work with pre-Kindergarten through post-secondary school students and teachers in all STEM disciplines.

What We Do
CADRE makes available learning and resource-exchange opportunities (both virtual and in-person) by convening and facilitating meetings and working groups on critical issues that the DR K-12 grantees and the community have identified, and offers customized consultation to projects as the need arises. CADRE developed a Web site to help the community find resources, connect with each other, and keep up to date with the latest research and findings in the DR K-12 program and STEM education.