

**CHAT LOG FROM PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TYPE WEBINAR**

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*A [recording](#) of the webinar is available on YouTube*

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- Questions that are not addressed today can be directed to the DRK12 program inbox, [DRLDRK12@nsf.gov](mailto:DRLDRK12@nsf.gov). Please put 'Partnership Dev' in the subject line.
- DRK-12 Program & Solicitation: <https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/discovery-research-prek-12-drk-12>. This information and more is posted to our NSF Proposal Toolkit: <https://cadrek12.org/resources/nsf-proposal-writing-resources>
- "School partners" do include school districts and state education agencies as partnering organizations. The key would be to argue the value of partnering with people in those roles.
- Any of the STEM disciplines should be focused upon. It is okay to focus on one of them.
- 8 pages single spaced, please follow PAPPG (NSF 24-1) guidelines except for the page limit.
- We want to award as many of these Partnership Development project types as possible that review well. We don't have a limit.
- New PAPPG 24-1 <https://new.nsf.gov/policies/pappg/24-1>
- AISL's partnership development and planning opportunity: <https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/advancing-informal-stem-learning-aisl/nsf22-626/solicitation>
- Submit 1-page concept papers to the DRK12 program Inbox, [DRLDRK12@nsf.gov](mailto:DRLDRK12@nsf.gov). Please put 'Partnership Dev' in the subject line.
- About how successful awardees from this project type have been with subsequent R&D proposals: We don't know yet because FY24 is the first round of this project type
- In terms of what to do with 8 pages, be strategic about things like literature, focus most of the space on the plans for partnership development. Always address Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts. Talk to a program director after sending a one-page summary for 30 minutes for specific advice.
- Dear Colleague Letter on knowledge mobilization: [https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf23078](https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf23078))
- NSF merit review: [https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/merit\\_review/](https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/merit_review/)
- New PAPPG 24-1 <https://new.nsf.gov/policies/pappg/24-1>
- Subscribe to the CADRE newsletter and/or follow us on Twitter/Facebook to stay up to date on DRK-12 news: <https://go.edc.org/cadrek12-subscribe>



- In terms of project effectiveness measures: Independent evaluation is the central concept. This could be both formative and summative. For this project type, have a way planned in the proposal for addressing whether and how the project met its goals. Consider a plan for your advisory board. Independence is the key here, evaluation cannot be carried out by someone on your project team. Talk to a program officer for more details.
- Our latest newsletter shares advice from NSF and DRK-12 colleagues on topics such as partnership, knowledge mobilization, external review, recruiting and retaining participants, and more!  
<https://cadrek12.org/newsletters/may-2024-newsletter>
- PAPPG 24-1 Data Management Plan: <https://new.nsf.gov/policies/pappg/24-1/ch-2-proposal-preparation#ch2D2i-ii>
- There is no limit on the number of proposals on which an individual is a PI or co-PI. There are problems with the same or very similar proposals being submitted to different programs, however.
- In terms of evaluation expectations, reviewers will want to see how you plan to get outside information about meeting your goals. Can be formative and summative.
- For proposal related resources, we encourage you to explore the CADRE Proposal Toolkit:  
<https://cadrek12.org/resources/nsf-proposal-writing-resources>
- More info/resources about the EQR Hub: <https://cadrek12.org/eqr-hub>
- NSF responds to inquiries until 4-6 weeks prior to the proposal submission deadline. Prepare 1-page concept paper. Email to the program Inbox [drl12@nsf.gov](mailto:drl12@nsf.gov) . Include Partnership Dev in the subject line. If you've been declined, please contact the managing program officer for a conversation.
- Reminder: We are recording this webinar and will share the recording & slides with registered participants. They will also be posted on cadrek12.org and added to CADRE's NSF Proposal Toolkit:  
<https://cadrek12.org/resources/nsf-proposal-writing-resources>
- We will be sure to share those examples of partnership project type awards with the DRK-12 community. Again, we encourage you to sign up for our newsletter, if you are not already subscribed:  
<https://go.edc.org/cadrek12-subscribe>
- DRK-12 Program & Solicitation: <https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/discovery-research-prek-12-drk-12>
- If you're not submitting a DRK-12 proposal this year, consider serving as a reviewer. The experience may help you better understand the proposals that are submitted for partnership development.  
[www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/merit\\_review/reviewer.jsp#1](http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/merit_review/reviewer.jsp#1)
- Email [DRLDRK12@nsf.gov](mailto:DRLDRK12@nsf.gov) with Reviewer in the subject line.