



STRENGTHENING STEM IN AFTERSCHOOL

FALL 2019 – SPRING 2020

Application Deadline – October 21, 2019

The Partnership for After School Education (PASE) invites you to apply for *Strengthening STEM in Afterschool* (“*Strengthening STEM*”). This innovative professional development program, funded by The Pinkerton Foundation, is designed to strengthen organizational STEM identity to institutionalize STEM throughout youth-serving organizations.

About the Strengthening STEM Program

PASE plans to work with 10 youth-serving organizations, who have demonstrated an investment in incorporating STEM into their youth development programs, in order to strengthen their organizational STEM identity and capacity to serve youth with high-quality sustained and consistent STEM services. Combining professional development, site-based coaching, and resource sharing, the Strengthening STEM program will focus on understanding and enhancing the elements critical to sustained high quality STEM services. Utilizing a cohort program model, the Strengthening STEM program will give participating organizations collaborative cross-organizational learning opportunities as well as allowing for resource-sharing before, during, and after the formal sessions.

What Agencies Receive

- 4 session professional development series led by PASE and a team of STEM expert consultants.
- STEM coach –**10** hours of STEM Coaching to meet program’s STEM capacity building needs
- Resource Exchange to connect with STEM resources and consultants
- Executive Leadership Roundtable discussion on STEM investment with agency leadership, funders, and STEM content experts
- A stipend of \$500 for STEM-related materials and programming

Requirements/Eligibility

STEM Programming: Applicant agency will have offered STEM programs for a minimum of 4 years. Must currently provide STEM activities for a minimum of 2 hours per week.



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STEM Champion: Applicant agencies must identify 1 STEM Leader to serve as “STEM Champion.” They must be able to participate fully in all of the professional development sessions and on-site coaching. The individual should be an individual responsible for championing STEM identity throughout the organization, building a shared STEM knowledge-base, and working to ensure that STEM activity does not cease with the turnover of staff.

STEM Team: Applicants must identify 1-4 staff members who can attend professional development sessions along with the STEM Champion. While the Champion is required to attend each session, the STEM team members can attend all or some of the sessions depending on the topic.

Youth: Applicants must provide STEM activities to a minimum of 50 elementary and/or middle school youth.

Executive Leadership: Applicant agency identifies senior leadership to attend Executive Roundtable. Executive leadership signs-off on application.

Program Timeline

Date	Activity
October 21, 2019	Strengthening STEM Application Update Deadline
November 4, 2019	Strengthening STEM in Afterschool Training Institute Session 1
December 9, 2019	Strengthening STEM in Afterschool Training Institute Session 2
November 2019 - May 2020	STEM Coaching Sites matched with a STEM Coach who will provide individualized support.
January 13, 2020	Strengthening STEM in Afterschool Training Institute Session 3
February 2019	Resource Exchange Connect with STEM resources and STEM curricula developers and consultants
March 2, 2020	Strengthening STEM in Afterschool Training Institute Session 4
April 2019	Executive Leadership Roundtable
May 11, 2020	Reflections on Practice Reflect on successes and troubleshoot challenges
Year-Round	Evaluation Ongoing data collection & analysis to assess the impact of program.

How to Apply

Please complete online application through [this link](#) or <https://forms.gle/hwvnXbJ16P4eigM88>
Applications are due **October 21, 2019**. Questions please email eoconnell@pasesetter.org



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Strengthening STEM in Afterschool 2019-20

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Please note the email listed directly below will receive a copy of the application.
Application Deadline Monday, October 21, 2019

* Required

1. Email address *

Questions?

Contact Ellen O'Connell eoconnell@pasesetter.org. Use subject line: Strengthening STEM RFA

SECTION 2- ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

2. Organization Name *

3. Organization Main Address *

4. City *

5. State *

6. Zip code *

7. Organization website *

8. Twitter (if applicable)

9. Annual Operating Budget

10. Youth Programming Budget

11. Executive Director - Name *

12. Executive Director - Phone number *

13. Executive Director - Email *

Application Contact Information (if different from above)

List another contact person who PASE should notify about the status of this application. The executive director and site director will automatically receive notification.

14. **Contact name**

15. **Title**

16. **Phone number**

17. **Email**

SECTION 3 - STAFF

Please identify STEM Champion and 1-4 additional staff

18. **STEM Champion - Name ***

19. **Title ***

20. **Email ***

21. **Phone ***

22. **Brief Bio - 300 words ***

23. **Does STEM Champion oversee more than 1 program site?**

Mark only one oval.

- single site
- 2-3 sites
- 4 or more sites

24. **STEM Staff 1 Name ***

25. **STEM Staff 1 Title ***

26. **STEM Staff 2 Name**

27. **STEM Staff 2 Title**

28. **STEM Staff 3 Name**

29. **STEM Staff 3 Title**

30. **STEM Staff 4 Name**

31. STEM Staff 4 Title

SECTION 4 - Number of youth served

Please complete this section ONLY about the youth served at the afterschool program associated with STEM Champion.

32. Grades K-2 *

33. Grades 3-5 *

34. Grades 6-8 *

SECTION 6 - Narrative

35. Organization's Mission *

36. Population served *

37. Describe STEM Programs (types of activities offered, schedule, curriculum/resources, staffing structure to support STEM) *

38. How many years has the organization run STEM programs? *

Mark only one oval.

- under 4 years
 4-6 years
 7-10 years
 10 years +

39. How are your STEM programs funded? *

Check all that apply.

- DYCD
 Private/Corporate Funding
 Other government
 Individual Donor
 Other

40. What is main STEM capacity building need for this year? *

41. Please describe any STEM training/capacity building your program has participated in? *

42. How would participation in this program impact your STEM program? *

SECTION 7 - Executive Director Authorization

Please indicate whether the organization's executive director has approved the submission of this application.

All organization executive directors must approve submissions. Applicants must indicate yes or no to the following statement: The organization's executive director is aware of this opportunity. S/he has approved our application for participation in PASE's Strengthening STEM program. S/he understands the program requirements and is committed to supporting the afterschool programs' participation should we be selected. S/he agrees to participate in the spring 2019 Executive Leadership Roundtable.

43. *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided