

# STEM TALENT CHALLENGE

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## Overview

EDA's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Talent Challenge program is a \$2 million competition that aims to increase STEM talent and workforce readiness to strengthen regional innovation economies. Continuing on the momentum from EDA's Build to Scale (B2S) Program, which builds regional economies through scalable startups, the STEM Talent Challenge will foster the future of work by providing funding to develop, implement, and expand new work-and-learn models, increasing the STEM-capable workforce.

Competitive applications will clearly communicate how they will develop or expand regional STEM workforce capacity to support high-growth, high-wage entrepreneurial ventures, industries of the future, and other innovation-driven businesses.

## Competition Highlights

The STEM Talent Challenge is designed to assist communities with two activities – planning and development, and program implementation. Program implementation is a required activity, meaning applicants may not request funds solely for planning and development activities.

Under the STEM Talent Challenge, applicants may request:

- Up to \$300,000 for program implementation
- Up to \$300,000 for program implementation & planning and development activities, with no more than \$50,000 of the request being used for planning and development activities.

## Who Should Apply?



Cities, States, or Indian Tribes

Non-profit Organizations



Public-Private Partnerships

Federal Laboratories or Science/Research Park



Institutes of Higher Education

Economic Development Organizations



For a full list of eligible entities, please read the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

**Aug 27, 2020**

Notice of Funding Opportunity Published

**Oct 14, 2020**

Applications Due

**Sep 9, 2020**

STEM Talent Challenge Informational Webinar

**Nov 28 - Dec 15**

Awards Announced (estimated)