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## SOLICITATION

### NSA Mathematical Sciences Program Call for Proposals

Fiscal Year 2026



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## SECTION I- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### 1.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

This solicitation sets forth guidelines for eligible institutions that desire to participate in the Mathematical Sciences Program (MSP). The National Security Agency (NSA) Mathematical Sciences Program (MSP) was started in 1987 in response to an increasingly urgent need to support mathematics in the United States. Indeed, the NSA realizes the benefit for itself and the nation of maintaining a vigorous academic community. In particular, the MSP is interested in supporting efforts that increase broader participation in the mathematical sciences, promote wide dissemination of mathematics, and promote the training of undergraduates and graduate students. NSA is proud to offer two types of grant funding for eligible faculty members through its MSP.

#### The MSP goals are to:

This solicitation is issued under Grant Authority: CFDA Program #12.901: Mathematical Sciences Grants Program. The National Security Agency/ Mathematical Sciences Program is soliciting proposals for grants in the area of algebra, discrete mathematics, number theory, probability, and statistics.

**SCHEDULE: Electronic Proposals** are due no later than Wednesday, 15 October 2025 @ 11:59 p.m. ET, emailed to MSP: [MSPgrants@nsa.gov](mailto:MSPgrants@nsa.gov)

Grant awardees are anticipated to be announced in December. Grant awards are effective for **18 months** from the date awarded (NSA Grant Office signature). Please consider this when writing your proposal. **This offer is subject to funds availability.**

### 1.2 PROPOSED TIMELINE:

The estimated timeline is below:

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| • October 15, 2025:          | Proposals Due NO LATE PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED |
| • Mid December 2025:         | Final decisions will be relayed to all proposals |
| • January-May 2026:          | Grants will be awarded                           |
| • 18 Months from Award Date: | Grants will end                                  |

\*Invoices should be submitted monthly, but no later than every 3 months.

### 1.3 ELIGIBILITY:

Awards for grants will be made on the basis of factors that demonstrate the scientific merit of the proposal, including:

- Awards will be made to non-profit institutions located in the United States only and will be based on a formal proposal submitted by an organization on behalf of the principal investigator(s) (PI).

- It is the NSA's intent to maintain America's domestic capabilities in mathematics at the highest level. Therefore, for mathematics grants, all participants supported by a MSP grant including principal investigators, students and collaborators, must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- The prospect that the program will have a positive effect on the advancement of the research community.
- The prospect that the research will produce innovations or significant improvements in investigative methods, including methods of computation.
- The investigator's scientific qualifications and accomplishments.
- The investigators demonstrated awareness of previous approaches to the problem.
- The NSA MSP attempts to have a wide geographic and institutional distribution of support.
- Accordingly, proposals will also be evaluated based on the broad impact of the proposed research.

#### **1.4 MANAGEMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT ON GRANTS RESULTING FROM THIS SOLICITATION:**

Individuals supported by a grant awarded as a result of this solicitation must be U.S. Citizens, or permanent residents admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence prior to award. To be eligible for an award, an organization must submit a certificate of Assurance or Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and be constantly in compliance with the Act. It is the responsibility of the grantee to validate the citizenship of proposed individuals.

**1.4.1** Faculty (Principal Investigators (PI)/ Program Director (PD)/Lead Instructors), Administration, Other Support Staff, all research assistants, student workers, or anyone **receiving a salary** from the grant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent residents admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence.

**1.4.2** Institutions within a coalition may share instructional staff, assistants, student workers, etc. as desired. The above requirements must be met.

**1.4.3** All instruction must occur in the United States (with the potential for U.S. territorial or tribal participation). MSP funds cannot be used to fund programs abroad. The applying organizations must not be organized, chartered, or incorporated under the laws of any country other than the U.S. or its possessions or be controlled by an individual who is not a U.S. citizen. MSP funds may not be used to support a foreign-owned entity.

**1.4.4** All student and teacher participants must reside in the United States and be enrolled in or teach at a United States school or home-schooled

#### **1.5 TRAVEL:**

Due to the uncertainty of the number of participants for the Conference, Workshop, Special Situation, and REU grants, the MSP does not impose a travel limit. The MSP requires that all foreign travel (defined as any travel outside of the United States including Canada and Mexico) receive prior approval from the MSP Administrator at least a month before the travel occurs.

**1.6 PROPOSAL:**

Concise proposals addressing the awardee's plan are requested. Proposers must focus on the institution's commitment to the proposal, faculty and staff qualifications, and what the proposal offers to the subject of the program. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with guidance provided in **Attachment A**.

**1.7 AWARD TYPES AND FUNDING:**

**1.7.1** Awards made as a result of this solicitation will be in the form of a Grant with an 18 month period of performance unless otherwise noted. Grant awards are effective 18 months from the **date awarded** (NSA Grant Office signature). There will be **no extensions beyond** that date. Please consider this when writing your proposal.

**1.7.2** The 2026 Math Sciences Program is offering the following distinct funding opportunities: MSP grant awards are anticipated to be \$10,000 and \$15,000 each dependent upon the proposed activity. The Program Office reserves the right to request a budget modification prior to final grant status notification.

NOTE: Participants must submit a realistic budget that reflects true expenses. It is important to budget for actual plans, taking care not to inflate the budget based on the maximum available for each camp type. Awarded amounts are expected to be executed as closely as possible to zero.

**1.8 AWARD TYPES AND FUNDING TABLE:**

<b>Proposed Program</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Conference</b>	Face-to-Face; Virtual; Hybrid	Generally \$10,000-\$15,000, cannot exceed \$25,000 for a single year. Can be up to two years of support. No pre-award spending is authorized.
<b>Workshops</b>	Face-to-Face; Virtual; Hybrid	Generally \$10,000-\$15,000, cannot exceed \$25,000 for a single year. Can be up to two years of support. No pre-award spending is authorized.
<b>REU</b>	Face-to-Face; Virtual; Hybrid	The stipend cannot exceed \$125,000 per year. Can be up to two years of support. No pre-award spending is authorized.
<b>Special Situation</b>	Face-to-Face; Virtual; Hybrid	Generally \$10,000-\$15,000, cannot exceed \$25,000 for a single year. Can be up to two years of support. No pre-award spending is authorized.

## SECTION II- PROPOSED PROGRAMS

### 2.0 AWARD CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

Proposals for conferences, workshops and special situations may be up to 36 months of support. These types of grants can also fund other innovative programs at a university in one of the designated research areas (e.g., algebra, discrete mathematics, number theory, probability and statistics). Projects in cryptography are considered out of bounds for these grants.

Proposals for research experience for undergraduates may be up to 36 months of support. The mathematical content of the REU may be in any area of mathematics or computer science consistent with the policy on cryptographic research mentioned earlier.

It is expected that conference, workshop and special situation proposals will be submitted to and may be partially funded by other agencies as well as by the NSA.

#### Additional Information

We also require that the PI obtain and provide institutional approval as part of the proposal submission process. Usually, the approval authority comes from the Sponsored Program Office (SPO). Since securing this approval may add an uncertain amount of time to the completion of your proposal, we urge you to make the acquaintance of the SPO early and to work with them through the submission process.

### 2.1 CONFERENCE

**2.1.1 Target Audience** The registration fees should be set at a level to encourage the participation of students.

**2.1.2 Budget** The stipend awarded by NSA for a conference or workshop cannot exceed \$25,000 for a single year and will normally range between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The budget may include travel expenses and honoraria for principal speakers, travel, meals, and lodging expenses for participants.

Grant funds cannot be used to pay for coffee breaks or refreshments; we recommend using registration fees to pay for these items.

The budget for conferences, workshops and special situations must not include any salary reimbursement. Therefore, it is inappropriate that any university indirect costs be incurred in this category.

The MSP does not authorize pre-award spending; thus PIs cannot make expenditures on the award until a fully executed document is in place at the institution.

## 2.2 WORKSHOPS

**2.2.1 Target Audience** The registration fees should be set at a level to encourage the participation of students.

**2.2.2 Budget** The stipend awarded by NSA for a conference or workshop cannot exceed \$25,000 for a single year and will normally range between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The budget may include travel expenses and honoraria for principal speakers, travel, meals, and lodging expenses for participants.

Grant funds cannot be used to pay for coffee breaks or refreshments; we recommend using registration fees to pay for these items.

The budget for conferences, workshops and special situations must not include any salary reimbursement. Therefore, it is inappropriate that any university indirect costs be incurred in this category.

The MSP does not authorize pre-award spending; thus PIs cannot make expenditures on the award until a fully executed document is in place at the institution.

## 2.3 Research Experience for Undergrad (REU)

**2.3.1 Target Audience** The mathematical content of the REU may be in any area of mathematics or computer science consistent with the policy on cryptographic research.

**2.3.2 Budget** The stipend awarded by NSA for a REU or special event cannot exceed \$125,000 per year, and it is expected that the bulk of the award will go to students. It is expected that REU proposals will be submitted to and may be partially funded by other agencies as well as by the NSA.

The budget may include PI(s), graduate student, administrative salaries, travel expenses, honoraria for principal speakers, travel, stipends, meals, and housing expenses for participants.

The MSP does not authorize pre-award spending; thus PIs cannot make expenditures on the award until a fully executed document is in place at the institution.

## 2.4 SPECIAL SITUATION

**2.4.1 Target Audience** The registration fees should be set at a level to encourage the participation of students.

**2.4.2 Budget** The stipend awarded by NSA for a conference or workshop cannot exceed \$25,000 for a single year and will normally range between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The budget may include travel expenses and honoraria for principal speakers, travel, meals, and lodging expenses for participants.

Grant funds cannot be used to pay for coffee breaks or refreshments; we recommend using registration fees to pay for these items.

The budget for conferences, workshops and special situations must not include any salary reimbursement. Therefore, it is inappropriate that any university indirect costs be incurred in this category.

The MSP does not authorize pre-award spending; thus PIs cannot make expenditures on the award until a fully executed document is in place at the institution.

## SECTION III- GRANT SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### 3.1 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for MSP grant funding under this solicitation, all proposal submissions must meet the following threshold criteria. **Please note that there are additional requirements depending upon the specific proposal you would like to submit. You can see those in Section 2 above.**

### 3.2 FORMAT

The NSA MSP no longer accepts hard-copy submissions. Please submit proposals via email. Proposals may be submitted annually from September 1 to October 15, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). Within a week, you will receive an email confirming receipt.

**3.2.1 What to Submit** PIs should submit a single PDF file that comprises each of the following parts of the proposal: Cover Page, Summary Page, Description of Proposed Research, Budget, Personnel, Bibliography, Facilities and Equipment (if applicable), Current and Pending Support, Proprietary Data (if applicable), and Confirmation of Indirect Rates. Note that, even if indirect costs are not incurred, it is still necessary to include the indirect rate agreement.

**3.2.1.1 Cover Page** Please use the format provided in the Section Sample Pages under Cover Page.

**3.2.1.2 Summary Page** A one-page summary of the work being proposed beginning with the proposal title followed immediately with the name(s) of the PI(s) and the MSC codes (primary and secondary). The summary should be self-contained, avoid symbols, and be expressed in language understandable to a scientifically literate reader.

**3.2.1.3 Description of Proposed Research** A detailed description (no more than 20 pages) of the research to be undertaken, its objectives and approach, and its relationship to the state of knowledge in the field and to comparable work in progress elsewhere. In this section, the PI is also required to provide additional pages listing pertinent literature citations of references for the description of proposed research (literature citations are not counted in the 20-page limit for this section).

**3.2.1.4 Budget** Each grant application must include a budget for each academic year of the proposed time period which provides an itemized estimate of the total cost of the research project in that year. The budget must follow the format given in the Section Sample Budget Pages. Budgets given in narrative format will not be accepted. If a portion of the total cost is to be furnished by the proposing institution, or another funding agency, then the source and amount should be set forth separately from the money requested from the NSA and should be indicated in a "cost share" column on the budget page.

**3.2.1.5 More Budgeting Details** Recipients of Conference, Workshop, Special Situation and REU grants may allocate their funds to pay for the travel of speakers, advertising costs and registration fees.

The cost principles of OMB Circular A-21 will apply to agreements with educational institutions and the cost principles of OMB Circular A-122 shall be applicable for nonprofit organizations. For projects of more than one (1) year duration, separate estimates are required for each year.

**3.2.1.6 Collaborators/Consultants** The MSP recognizes collaborative efforts of the PI when hosting events. Travel arrangements that are made to cover the travel expenses of a collaborator/consultant can be included in the budget under the travel category. As with all persons benefiting from the grant, the collaborator/consultant must be either a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

**3.2.1.7 Travel** Due to the uncertainty of the number of participants for the Conference, Workshop, Special Situation and REU grants, the MSP does not impose a travel limit. The MSP requires that all foreign travel (defined as any travel outside of the United States including Canada and Mexico) receive prior approval at least a month before the travel occurs.

**3.2.1.8 Personnel** The qualifications of the principal investigator(s) and the time the principal investigator(s) will devote to the research are important factors in the selection of proposals for NSA support. See the section entitled WHO MAY SUBMIT for citizenship/immigration requirement.

For the principal investigator and the senior staff, include:

Give the names (if known at the time of the proposal's submission) of other technical personnel who will be working on the research, and describe their association with the project.



A short biography and a selective list of major and/or current publications information on other commitments of time, such as sabbatical or extended leave; and proportion of time to be devoted to this and other research. State whether the principal investigator or other key personnel have applied for or received support from other agencies for this or for other research.

**3.2.1.9 Bibliography** Include a complete bibliography for each individual. When relevant to the proposed research or indicative of the applicant's ability, include summaries of research not yet available in readily accessible journals.

**3.2.1.10 Facilities and Equipment Available** Facilities and existing equipment available for the research should be described on this page. Indicate not applicable (N/A) if this does not apply to the proposal.

**3.2.1.11 Proprietary Data** Identify any proprietary data within the proposal that is to be used for evaluation purposes only. Indicate N/A if this does not apply to the proposal.

**3.2.1.12 Current and Pending Support** PIs shall submit the following information for all key personnel, whether or not the individuals' efforts under the project are to be funded by the DoD:

- A list of all current projects the individual is working on, in addition to any future support the individual has applied to receive, regardless of the source.
- Title and objectives of the other research projects.
- The percentage per year to be devoted to the other projects.
- The total amount of support the individual is receiving in connection to each of the other research projects or will receive if other proposals are awarded.
- Name and address of the agencies and/or other parties supporting the other research projects.
- Period of performance for the other research projects.
- Please use the format provided in the Section Sample Pages under Current and Pending Support Page. Indicate N/A if this does not apply to the proposal.

#### Confirmation of Indirect Rates

Include the name, address, and phone number of the federal government audit agency that will confirm the indirect rates proposed in the budget, and a copy of the latest rate agreement (usually with the Department of Health and Human Services) covering at least the requested starting date of the grant.

### 3.3 COMMUNICATION

Institutions must participate in all surveys and requests for information from the Math Sciences Program Office.

## SECTION IV- GRANT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

See Attachment A- Proposal Preparation Instructions

### 4.0 SELECTION PROCESS

Proposals will be evaluated by a panel of mathematicians from the National Security Agency. The panels meet in December to discuss, rank, and order the proposals according to the Principal Investigator's ability, scientific merit and broad impact of the activities and/or event. The final ordering will be used by the NSA Mathematical Sciences Program Office to make funding decisions.

### 5.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Government anticipates multiple awards as a result of this Grant Solicitation; however, if it be in the best interest of the Government, **the Government reserves the right to select to award all, some or none of the proposals received.** The actual number of grants awarded will depend on the number of complete and acceptable proposals, the cost of individual awards, geographic locations, **and the availability of funds.** All else being equal, preference for discretionary awards will be given to institutions with lower indirect rates.

The evaluation is a complete assessment of the proposal. Decisions to fund selected proposals are based on the selection criteria identified below and the availability of funds. As a result of funding constraints, not all proposals deemed selectable may be funded. Awards resulting from the Grant Solicitation will be made by the Government, considering cost and non-cost factors. Where there are no significant differences in the evaluation of non-cost factors among proposals determined selectable, and such proposals are found to be equally important in support of critical needed skills, then funds availability alone will be the determining criterion for award.

**Prior MSP Grantee status does not assure a current year award.**

The Math Science Program Office shall use price analysis techniques to determine price reasonableness. These methods of evaluation may include information/input from sources such as, but not limited to, other grant programs and personnel. The MSP team reserves the right to require the submission of any data (e.g., data other than cost and pricing) necessary to validate the reasonableness of an offer.

**Proposals will be evaluated against the following criteria:**

**5.1 Eligibility** – The proposal, the offeror and all involved must meet the eligibility requirements listed in paragraph 1.3.

**5.2 Sound & Reasonable Methodology** – The institution demonstrates a sound method for achieving the stated goals. A timeline of activities is included as appropriate.

**5.3 Quality and Experience** – Proposals must clearly state the qualifications of the offeror and the proposed team members to fulfill the objectives of the solicitation and certifies each participant's professional commitments allow time to perform on the grant. The Program Office reserves the right to consider past performance and demonstrated competence in final award decisions.

**5.4 Deliverable** – Proposal clearly specifies plans for required deliverables and those plans meet the required deliverables of the solicitation. The proposal acknowledges the deliverable will be provided to the Math Science Program Office.

**5.5 Solicitation Objectives** – The proposal includes detailed description of how the proposal meets the objectives of the solicitation.

**5.6 Cost** – Institution describes how the costs are reasonable in proportion to the scope of the proposal. In cases where multiple proposals meet requirements and are evaluated to be equal in quality of proposal and ability to fulfill objectives, the Program Office will evaluate the cost of the proposal against the proposed methods, deliverables, and associated costs and will select the best return on investment for cost. Institutions are encouraged to limit unnecessary overhead costs such as high F & A rates, inflated time (9 months' time), etc.

The PMO reserves the right to determine cost reasonableness and request budget modifications if necessary.

**5.7 Clarity** – The solicitation clearly accounts for all solicitation requirements.

**5.8 Disclosure of Information**—Although it is the intent of the NSA MSP that the research it supports will produce only unclassified results, it should be recognized that research in sensitive areas might produce information where disclosure could harm U.S. national security. Thus, the following disclosure policy is incorporated in each NSA grant:

"It is expected that the recipient may make informal public disclosure of the scientific and technical information resulting from this Agreement e.g., release articles for appropriate professional publications or present papers at scientific meetings or symposia. The Performing Organization agrees to provide to the Government, concurrent with public disclosure, a copy of such articles, reports, or information resulting from this work in consulting or discussing this and related information with other qualified individuals or groups of individuals, where appropriate, for furthering research. In the event that the researcher believes information generated during the research may require classification, the researcher shall notify NSA and request that the information be reviewed. The parties shall work expeditiously to evaluate the information and mutually establish appropriate handling and disposition guidelines."

## 6.0 OTHER ITEMS

- Comply with all Executive Orders such as, Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing and Improving Oversight of Government Grantmaking
- To be eligible for an award, an organization must submit a certificate of Assurance or Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and be constantly in compliance with the Act.
- As indicated in Executive Order 12549, "...Executive departments and agencies shall participate in a government wide system for non-procurement debarment and suspension. A person who is debarred or suspended shall be excluded from Federal financial and non-financial assistance benefits under Federal programs and activities. Debarment or suspension of a participant in a program by one agency shall have a government wide effect."

- Grants and Cooperative Agreements - As defined in the DoD Grants and Agreements Regulations, DoD 3210.6-R, a grant is “A legal instrument which, consistent with 31 U.S.C. 6304, is used to enter into a relationship:
  - Of which the principal purpose is to transfer a thing of value to the recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States, rather than to acquire property or services of the Department of Defense' direct benefit or use.
  - In which substantial involvement is not expected between the Department
  - The Government is not obligated to make any award as a result of this solicitation.

## 7.0 SYSTEM OF AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM)

SAM is the primary Government repository for prospective federal awardee information and the centralized Government system for certain contracting, grants, and other assistance related processes. All contractors must be registered in the SAM to receive solicitations, awards, or payments. To register in the SAM, you may use any one of the following methods:

- Telephone: 1-866-606-8220.
- SAM Website: <https://www.acquisition.gov>. Processing time for registration of an application submitting an application may take up to five (5) business days.
- Should you need additional information, visit their home page at: <http://www.sam.gov>.

## 8.0 ACQUISITION RESOURCE CENTER (ARC)

Acquisition Resource Center (ARC) Business Registry means the primary Maryland Procurement Office (MPO) repository for contractor information required for the conduct of business with MPO. “Registered in the ARC Business Registry,” means that all mandatory information is included in the ARC Business Registry. By submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee must be registered in the ARC Business Registry prior to award, during performance, and through payment of any contract resulting from this solicitation. Lack of registration in the ARC Business Registry shall make an offeror ineligible for award. MPO established a goal of registering all contractors in the ARC Business Registry to provide a market research tool and to facilitate communication between the MPO and the contractor community. Offerors that are not already registered in the ARC should apply for registration immediately upon receipt of this solicitation. The offeror is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the data within the ARC, and of any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. The Contractor agrees to periodically update information when previously provided information changes. To remain registered in the ARC Business Registry after the initial registration, the Contractor is required to confirm annually on or before the anniversary of the initial registration that the information is accurate and complete. Offerors that are not already registered in the ARC Business Registry shall register via the internet at: <http://www.nsaarc.net/>. **Any submissions received and the proposer is not registered in the ARC and SAM, the proposal will be disqualified.**

## 9.0 ELECTRONIC INVOICING

Effective 2018 January 1, per 17 (b) of the standard Terms and Conditions incorporated into all grants, invoices must be submitted electronically through the Maryland Procurement Office (MPO) website. Invoice submission through the MPO website is **MANDATORY** for organizations that have grants with National Security Agency (NSA). Grantees must have a current PKI Certificate to utilize this function. Hardcopy invoices are not accepted. Be advised that hardcopy invoices will be rejected unless otherwise approved by the Office of Contracting and Accounts Payable.

Access to the MPO website requires an External Certificate Authority/Interim External Certificate Authority (ECA/IECA) PKI Certificate. Information on purchasing an ECA/IECA Certificate, including its initial and annual cost, is available on the internet at: <http://iase.disa.mil/pki/eca> (must be a Medium Assurance Certificate). The grantee shall contact the Electronic Commerce Office at (410) 854-5445 if they need additional information. After obtaining the ECA/IECA certificate, the grantee must contact the Electronic Commerce Office to obtain an account if one does not currently exist.

- **Steps for Obtaining a PKI and Instructions for Invoicing Electronically:**
- Obtain an ECA Medium Assurance Certificate through either ORC, Identrust, or DoD. Certificates come in three forms either software (browser based), token (preloaded USB device), or hardware (CAC card loaded). It is the grant awardee's preference what form of the ECA certificate that is chosen. Costs range from \$100 - \$300 (per year). This process normally takes one to one-and-a-half weeks to receive the certificate. Costs may be charged as a direct or indirect cost. No additional funds will be allocated to the grant as a result of this action.
- Once the certificate is received, contact the MPO Help Desk to request an account.
- Contact can be via email at [dialogue@ec.ncsc.mil](mailto:dialogue@ec.ncsc.mil) or phone at (410) 854-5445. It takes about 20-25 minutes to create the account.
- You will receive a welcome email entitled Welcome to the MPO Website that includes the user ID, password, and instructions on getting started.
- The MPO Help Desk can provide any detailed support needed for access and submission of electronic invoices through MPO.
- Invoices **MUST** be submitted using Standard Form SF270 as 300 dpi black and white .TIF using Group IV compression or as 300 dpi black-and-white .PDF images. Invoices shall be legible, quality, un-skewed images. Invoices shall not contain smudges, markings, shading, writing, stamps, annotation, coffee rings, highlighted data, circling, or redacted data.

## 10.0 CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

Applicants **must** provide a certificate of liability insurance to document that student safety, liability, and insurance issues are addressed. This certificate **must** be submitted with the proposal.

## 11.0 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

See the proposal preparation instructions for details on the submission of proposals. Institutionally approved, signed, completed proposals must be submitted electronically through **email to MSP [mspgrants@nsa.gov](mailto:mspgrants@nsa.gov) by 11:59 p.m., ET, 15 October 2025** and notification of funding will be made in January of the following year. The MSP office will notify of receipt within 1 week of all electronic

submissions. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact the MSP office via telephone at 443-634-4197.

## **12.0 LATE SUBMISSIONS**

**No late proposals will be accepted.**

## **13.0 INCOMPLETE PROPOSALS**

Any packages missing any required documentation, proposals submitted in the wrong format, or use of the wrong forms, will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered for award.

## **14.0 CONTACT INFORMATION**

The central points of contact for information regarding this solicitation is:

National Security Agency  
ATTN: [DELETED], Mathematical Sciences Program  
9800 Savage Road, SUITE 6844  
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6810  
Telephone: 443-634-4197 or email: [MSPgrants@nsa.gov](mailto:MSPgrants@nsa.gov)