NCI Youth Enjoy Science Research Education Program (R25)

**What Is the R25 YES Program?**
The NCI Youth Enjoy Science (YES) Research Education Program (R25) provides support for institutions to develop and maintain innovative *early intervention strategies* to attract and engage *underrepresented students and their teachers* in active cancer research environments, and to help prepare students for a career in biomedical research.

**Which Institutions Are Eligible?**
Eligible institutions include:
- Higher education institutions
- Nonprofit and for-profit organizations
- Governments (state, county, city, or township; special district; tribal; etc.).

A full list of eligible institutions is available in the Program Announcement. Foreign institutions are not eligible for this opportunity.

**Who Are Eligible Participants?**
Eligible participants are:
- Grades 6–12 students and teachers
- Undergraduate students and faculty.

Students must be:
- From a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical, or social sciences; have a disability; or from disadvantaged backgrounds
- U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or non-citizen nationals.

Please see the program announcement for additional eligibility criteria.

**Application Due Dates:** September 28, 2023
**Letter of Intent (LOI):** Encouraged 1 month prior to application due date
**Participants:** Grades 6-12 and/or undergraduate students from underrepresented racial/ethnic groups, with a disability, or from disadvantaged backgrounds, and/or grade 6-12 teachers and/or undergraduate faculty
**Award Budget:** Maximum Direct Cost: $400,000/year for up to 5 years, F&A: 8%

**Important Application Information**
Applications must include:
- All three components listed in the Program Announcement:
  - Research experiences
  - Curriculum or methods development
  - Outreach
- A proposed program that does not overlap with other training programs at the institution (T32, etc.)
- A requirement that all participants commit at least 2 consecutive years (3 months per year) to the program
- Participant evaluation and tracking.

**Learn More**
Prior to applying, principal investigators are strongly encouraged to submit an LOI and to contact:
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