

### NOVA PRESIDENT OFFERS ADVICE ON OBTAINING ATE GRANTS

To presidents of community colleges that have not had [Advanced Technological Education \(ATE\)](#) grants, Dr. Anne M. Kress suggests focusing grant proposals on existing strong programs that meet regional workforce needs.

"Figure out what you're really great at already and then remember that's your superpower and go out and find some funding for that," Kress said. She is president of [Northern Virginia Community College \(NOVA\)](#) and is chair of CCPI-STEM's Northeast Regional Network. Kress was interviewed recently for CCPI-STEM's forthcoming Models that Work publication.

As of December 2023, NOVA had been awarded 21 [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#) grants with a combined value of more than \$7.5 million. Kress attributes these many awards to the synergy of the college starting NOVA SyTEMic, a STEM-focused center on its Manassas campus prior to her being hired, and key faculty and staff strategically pursuing grants that benefit students.

To build faculty interest in grants and develop the infrastructure that supports the pursuit of ATE and other federal grants, Kress recommends offering small internal grants; encouraging faculty to serve as reviewers of NSF grants; having faculty talk to ATE principal investigators; having grants office personnel make faculty aware of the timetable for grant submissions and rules; and recognizing faculty and staff for the extra work involved in obtaining and carrying out grants.

To read the full article from the interview with Kress, see <https://bit.ly/4qJqi1G>

### DEAN EXPLAINS SMALL RURAL COLLEGE'S SUCCESS WITH NSF GRANTS

During the Second CCPI-STEM Thought Leaders Dialogue, Dr. Laura Berry explained that a first successful Advanced Technological Education (ATE) grant proposal led to "a slew of other grant opportunities" at [North Arkansas College \(Northark\)](#). These opportunities include six more grant awards from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and new funding from other sources. Berry is interim dean of Health Professions and director of Institutional Partnerships & Special Initiatives at Northark.

"It all started with that [Mentor-Connect](#) opportunity and then with the continuing connections with the NSF community," she said. Berry led the Northark team that received Mentor-Connect mentoring in 2016 to develop an ATE grant proposal. "We're a small school, but we were able then to start getting more ATE grants for data analytics for more IT, for environmental science. Once the ball starts rolling, we were able to just continue the momentum."

Mentor-Connect's application for [New to ATE Mentoring](#) is due the second Friday of November.

The report from the Thought Leaders' Dialogue on Small and Rural Community Colleges will be posted on CCPI-STEM's website.

To learn more about how Northark went from zero to seven NSF grants in seven years see <http://bit.ly/3w7mm1T>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 26, 2024 / 1:00 pm ET**

**Webcast:** CCPI-STEM Fellows - A Unique Opportunity

**RSVP HERE:** <https://bit.ly/3TO411D>

**April 29, 2024 / 12:00 pm ET**

Northeast Regional Network Meeting

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**April 30, 2024 / 1:30 pm ET**

Southeast Regional Network Meeting

**RSVP HERE:** <https://bit.ly/3J5nHmr>

**May 1, 2024 / 12:00 pm PT**

Pacific & Pacific Southwest Regional Network Meeting

**RSVP HERE:** <https://bit.ly/3xFhafT>

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