

QUALITY EDUCATION FOR MINORITIES (QEM) NETWORK PRESS RELEASE



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Quality Education for Minorities (QEM) Network celebrates over 30 years of Internship Program

Talent Development and Innovation in Sciences (TDIS) project funded for human capacity building to train a diverse, engaged, and globally competitive STEM workforce prepared to meet future challenges through discovery and innovation

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Effective Today— Quality Education for Minorities (QEM) Network has been awarded \$726,219 to provide a research-focused professional development initiative that places students at the National Science Foundation as a mechanism to stimulate and support the development of the next-generation STEM workforce. Interns will engage in career exposure and mentoring/guidance in their STEM degree completion trajectory. The award is titled **The Talent Development and Innovation in Sciences (TDIS) Internship Program** (see [abstract](#) for more details).

Dr. Erin Lynch, QEM president and PI shares “this project will give QEM the capacity to recruit and support more interns than previous TDIS iterations, which will ultimately benefit the national landscape.” Dr. Mercy Mugo, executive director, “we are excited for yet another opportunity to leverage students’ academic integration by expanding the intern’s classroom learning with new experiences at the National Science Foundation.”

About QEM

Established in 1990, the QEM Network is a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., dedicated to improving education for minorities throughout the nation. It is the successor organization to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)-based QEM Project that was funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The QEM Network works with individuals, organizations, and institutions around the country to build equitable, inclusive, and rigorous educational experiences for groups traditionally underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Learn more at [QEM.org](#)

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