

# 2025 S-STEM Scholars Meeting

## Frequently Asked Questions

### General Meeting Information

#### What is the S-STEM Scholars meeting? What is its aim? Who hosts it?

With funding from the U.S. National Science Foundation (DUE-2224093) the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) S-STEM Resource and Evaluation Center (REC) hosts an annual convening of 1,000 S-STEM Scholars from across the country. The S-STEM Scholars Meeting features engaging speakers, interactive workshops, and beneficial networking opportunities focused on enhancing scholars' professional growth and connections, research poster presentation skills, and awareness of STEM opportunities and careers. The annual convening is a part of a larger AAAS S-STEM REC initiative, which seeks to increase the effectiveness of S-STEM awardees and leverage the learning and research from these programs to develop broader access and success for talented students from low-income backgrounds in STEM.

#### Will this year's meeting have any programming for PIs? When is the S-STEM PI Meeting this year?

All programming at this year's meeting is for scholars (e.g., poster presentations, workshops, plenaries, networking sessions, etc.). The role of selected faculty members attending as meeting mentors is solely to assist scholar engagement in the meeting. There will **not** be an S-STEM PI Meeting held in 2025.

#### If scholars are selected to participate, will their travel be covered?

Yes. Round-trip plane or train ticket, meals during the meeting, a travel stipend, and hotel nights (10/2 & 10/3) will be covered. Scholars will be responsible for arranging their travel through our travel agency by the end of May. More details will be provided once selected.

#### Where does the meeting take place?

The meeting will be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego on October 2-4, 2025. This location will accommodate both meeting sessions and attendees' hotel rooms.