

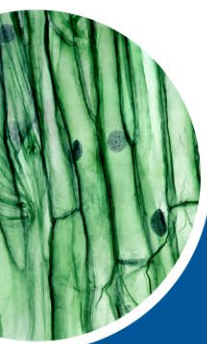


S-STEM Resource & Evaluation Center (REC)

2026 S-STEM Scholars & PI Meeting Info Session

September 1, 2026

3:00-4:00 p.m. ET



NSF AWARD #2224093: AAAS-NSF S-STEM
Resource & Evaluation Center

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Who is with us today?

In the chat...

please introduce yourself!

- Provide your name and institution
- Will you be attending this year's meeting with scholars? If so, how many?
- Have you attended a past S-STEM Scholars/PI meeting?
- What do you want to know more about?



Housekeeping



Please type your questions into the Q&A box anytime.



Today's slides and recording will be posted on the event page of the S-STEM REC website.



Click the "Live Transcript/CC" icon to access closed captioning.



Contact Lily Davey in the chat or at Ldavey@aaas.org for technology questions or issues

Today's Agenda

I. About the S-STEM REC & the Meeting

II. Agenda Highlights

III. Meeting Logistics

IV. Supporting Scholars

V. FAQs & Resources

VI. Q&A

AAAS S-STEM Resources & Evaluation Center (REC)

The S-STEM REC seeks to cultivate a network of S-STEM stakeholders and promote the exchange of ideas, resources, opportunities, and knowledge related to the effective strategies and practices to increase the number of talented low-income students obtaining degrees in STEM and entering the STEM workforce.

AAAS S-STEM REC works to:



Increase the effectiveness of the S-STEM Portfolio



Build the capacity of S-STEM Network Programs



Build the capacity of S-STEM Scholars



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S-STEM Scholars & PI Meeting

October 9-11, 2026

Washington Hilton (1919 Connecticut Ave NW)

[Agenda-at-a-glance](#)

Programming for Scholars, Project Leaders, and mixed audiences

- Daily plenaries
- STEM Connections Night
- Concurrent workshops
- Career & Education Fairs
- Poster sessions



Agenda Highlights

Friday, October 9

11:00am-8:30pm

- Registration (11am-4pm)
- NSF Town Hall
- Opening plenary (all attendees)
- STEM Connections Night

Meals provided: Dinner

Saturday, October 10

8:15am-5:15pm

- Plenaries (concurrent for scholars and project leaders)
- Workshops (AM & PM)
- Career & Ed Fair
- Poster presentations

Meals provided: Breakfast, Lunch

Sunday, October 11

8:15am-12:00pm

- Career & Ed Fair
- Poster presentations
- Closing plenary (all attendees)

*Meals provided:
Breakfast*

Meeting App - Whova

All attendees will receive an email on September 18 with instructions on how to download and log into Whova

You must log in using the email associated with your meeting registration

Whova



Interactive Workshops

Detailed information about workshop sessions (time, location, audience, goals, activities, etc.) will be posted in the Whova app

Workshop facilitators may upload slides, resources, questions, etc. in advance of sessions

Workshops are tagged by intended audience:

- Scholars
- Project Leaders
- Mixed Audience



Posters Presentations

Poster abstract submission closes tonight

Selection notifications will be sent next week

Poster presentation time slots will be found in the Whova app

Poster authors will be able to modify their poster information in Whova

Attendees are responsible for printing and transporting, setting up, and taking down their posters (see [Scholar Poster FAQs](#))

Project Leaders - please upload a pdf or picture of your poster in the Whova app

****No option for on-site poster submission****



Meeting Registration

We are **at capacity** for registrants

****There will be no on-site meeting registration****

Please complete a [cancellation form](#) as soon as possible if you or a scholar is no longer able to attend



On-site Kiosks for Check-in & Badge Printing

****New this year!****

To check in to the meeting and receive name badges, all attendees will use on-site kiosks with printers

- Reduce lines and wait times
- Kiosks are not specific to last names



Important Notes About Travel

Reminder for all Travelers need a REAL ID-compliant government-issued ID that matches the name on your plane ticket

For scholars and Travel Awardees who booked flights through the AMEX travel agency

Make sure you have AMEX information handy when traveling:

Phone Number: 1-669-210-8002

Contact them directly with any day-of travel issues

AAAS will not be able to reimburse unapproved out-of-pocket costs – do not book flights on your own!



Form W-9



For **Scholars and PI-Travel Awardees only:**

A completed W9 form is required to process travel award funding

- [Download Blank Form W-9](#)
- [Upload Completed Form to Secure Folder](#)
- [Helpful video](#)

Please complete and submit your W-9 as soon as possible to expedite Travel Stipend Card pickup and reimbursement form processing

Reimbursements



For Scholars and PI-Travel Awardees only:

Travel Stipend Card Information

- **What:** A pre-paid card with a set amount on it to be used as reimbursement for travel expenses
- **Eligibility:** Those who booked plane tickets through our AMEX travel agency
- **Timing:** Pick up on-site anytime; can be used immediately
- **Amount:** Determined by
 - Government-set per diem rate for meals not provided at the meeting
 - Estimated costs for ground transportation
 - Estimated costs for baggage fees

****Individuals who accept a travel stipend card are not eligible to submit for additional reimbursement****

Reimbursements (continued)



For **Scholars and PI-Travel Awardees only:**

Those not eligible to receive a travel stipend card will need to complete reimbursement forms (drivers, carpoolers, locals)

- Submit expense report after the meeting
- Receive reimbursement within 6-8 weeks

Amount: Individually determined by:

- Government-set per diem rate for meals not provided at the meeting
- Applicable mileage and parking
- Other noted incidentals in compliance with AAAS travel policy (save your receipts)

Hotel Reservations



Scholars should have received hotel confirmations at the Washington Hilton or the nearby Churchill Hotel (2 min walk)

- Scholars should be prepared to provide a personal credit card upon check-in
- AAAS **will not** cover incidental charges
- Hilton check-in time: 4pm, check-out time: 11am
- Churchill check-in time: 3pm, check-out time: 12pm

Project Leader Travel Awardees will receive room confirmations at the Omni Shoreham hotel

- All rooms at the Hilton and Churchill are needed for scholars
- A complimentary shuttle will loop between the Omni and the Hilton
- Omni check-in time: 3pm, check-out time: 12pm

Other Attendee Travel Booking

Project leaders who are not travel awardees are responsible for securing and covering travel to/from the meeting

AAAS Conference room block information:

Omni Shoreham Hotel

Address: 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, D.C. 20008

[Conference Rate Reservation Link](#)

Reservations available on a first-come, first-served basis

No rooms left night of 10/8 – Call the Omni directly to see availability

Conference rate deadline: September 17



Need to Cancel Your Registration?

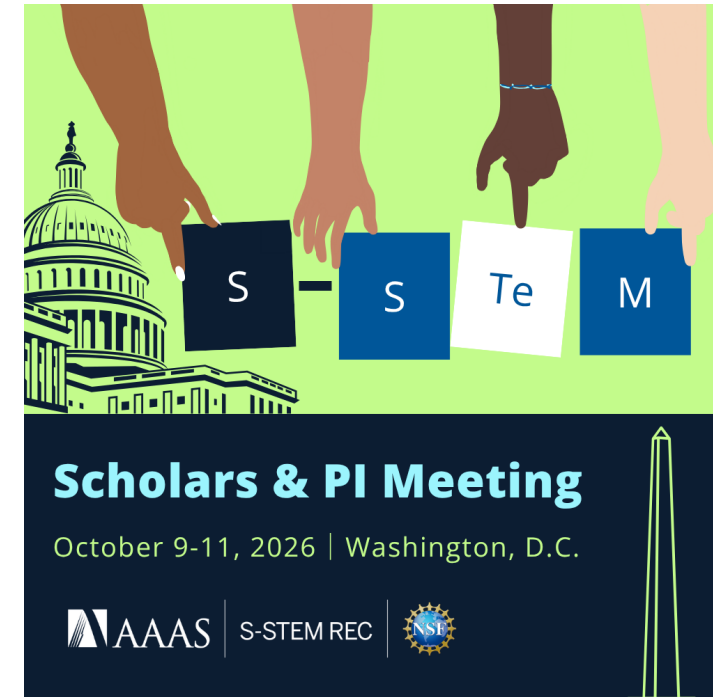
In the case where you become unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency, illness, or other unforeseen circumstance, **please notify our team as soon as possible by completing our [cancellation form](#).**

If you are a scholar or travel awardee, AAAS staff will contact the travel agency and hotel to cancel your reservations

Resources

Meeting FAQ & Tip Sheets

- Tips for Flying to the Meeting
- Tips for Driving to the Meeting
- Tips for Getting to the Meeting Venue
- Tips for Ground Transportation
- Tips for What to Wear to the Meeting
- Career & Education Fair Tips
- STEM Connections Night Tips
- Local Attractions
- Local Restaurants



Upcoming Virtual Prep Sessions for Scholars

Know Before You Go

September 15 at 3:00 p.m. ET

- Detailed agenda
- Reimbursement & travel stipend details
- Travel tips & navigating DC
- Meeting norms & expectations
- Networking tips

What can I expect at the meeting?

[Register here](#)

From the Lab to LinkedIn:

Sharing Research & Building Connections

September 24 at 3:30 p.m. ET

- Guest speaker: Rachel Barber, Social Media Manager

How can I use social media during & after the meeting to build my professional network?

[Register here](#)

Questions?



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