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**NSF Dear Colleague Letter  
AWARE  
American Workforce and Research and Education**

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Dear Colleague:

I would like to inform you about an opportunity to seek NSF funding to develop research and educational ties in East Asia. If you currently are a recipient of an NSF award from the Graduate Teaching Fellows in K-12 Education (GK-12) Program, the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training (IGERT) Program, the Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program, or for an NSF-supported Center, you are eligible to apply for support under the "AWARE" component of NSF's East Asia and Pacific Program (EAP). AWARE stands for American Workforce and Research and Education. The purpose of AWARE is to develop a globally knowledgeable and confident American scientific and engineering workforce. AWARE is currently focused on East Asia.

Please refer to the EAP Home Page (<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/int/eap/start.htm>) for a description of the kinds of activities that may be supported under AWARE. There you will also find a description of the elements that should be included in your supplemental request through FastLane to the Program Officer responsible for your current grant, and the criteria that will be used to arrive at award decisions.

If you should have any questions, please contact the responsible EAP Program Officer(s) listed in the EAP Home Page for the country or geographical area of East Asia in which you are interested.

The contact for additional information is [inteap@nsf.gov](mailto:inteap@nsf.gov), 703.292.8704

General inquiries about the Dear Colleague Letter should be directed to Alexander P. De Angelis ([adeangel@nsf.gov](mailto:adeangel@nsf.gov), 703.292.8704).

For questions related to the use of FastLane, contact Tracey Zeigler, Division of International Programs, telephone 703.292.8708, e-mail [tzeigler@nsf.gov](mailto:tzeigler@nsf.gov), or NSF's FastLane Help Desk, telephone, 800.673.6188, e-mail [fastlane@nsf.gov](mailto:fastlane@nsf.gov).

Only requests from current awardees from Principal Investigators of NSF-supported Centers,

REU sites, GK-12 grants and IGERT grants will be considered. The number of requests funded will depend on the availability of funds.

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