

SC EPSCoR/IDeA Program is pleased to announce that **Dr. Denise Barnes**, NSF Section Head of EPSCoR will be the South Carolina State Conference Lunch Speaker on **Tuesday, April 4** in Columbia. The title of her talk is *NSF: Supporting Research and Education to Benefit the Nation*. In her role as Section Head, Dr. Barnes oversees NSF EPSCoR program activities to advance excellence in science and engineering research and education in order to achieve sustainable increases in research, education, and training capacity and competitiveness in the 28 EPSCoR Jurisdictions, including South Carolina.



- [Register online](#) for the State Conference
- See the [Preliminary Program](#)

## Additional Links and Opportunities

- **Senior Faculty Mentors Needed!** TheNIH-funded **National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN)** was created to address the unmet need for greater diversity in the biomedical and biobehavioral research workforce. NRMN STAR is one of four professional development training programs that is committed to increasing the number of people from diverse backgrounds successfully obtaining NIH grants. Click [here](#) to learn more about becoming a coach.
- SC EPSCoR/IDeA's funding under the new [Stimulus Research Program](#) aims to strengthen the research capacity and research competitiveness of South Carolina institutions through collaboration and inclusion. Solicitation expected to be released **Tuesday, April 4**.
- Funding for SC EPSCoR/IDeA's [REU proposals](#) are intended to support student stipends, materials and supplies, and travel support for undergrad students. Proposals due **Friday, April 14**.
- SC EPSCoR/IDeA's [Phase-0 program](#) provides seed grants to small businesses seeking Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) support. Proposals due **Friday, March 31**.