



Sound Solutions for Sustainable Science

Helping you moving your science forward. . .

Working together, our differences make us stronger

Sound Solutions for Sustainable Science was founded by two very different people who recognize that working with and melding differences makes for a strong team. Building communities for everybody means engaging with everyone on their own terms. We value experiences and points-of-view that challenge us to think creatively and in new ways.

We provide services to support your REU Site

Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Sites provide formative experiences for developing researchers. We can provide custom-tailored solutions to support your REU Site, including:

- **Grant development:** Framing, writing, and editing proposals.
- **Recruitment:** Strategic recruitment solutions to broaden participation.
- **Professional development:** Develop and facilitate participatory workshops to build science skills.
- **Program metrics and evaluation:** Create assessment tools, deploy survey instruments, and analyze data.

Why work with us?

Sound Solutions for Sustainable Science was founded by Aaron M. Ellison and Manisha V. Patel to broaden engagement in STEM. We are former co-directors of the Harvard Forest REU Site with decades of experience in engaging undergraduates in award-winning, inclusive, and experiential learner-centered research and education programs. We have an unparalleled track record in creating national models for experiential undergraduate research programs; obtaining federal and philanthropic funding to support them; recruiting diverse student and supporting inclusive cohorts; streamlining program logistics; developing interactive workshops and seminars to build scientific skills; and evaluating and assessing program success.



Fees

Our customizable solutions will fit comfortably within a standard REU grant application, other grant proposals, or departmental budgets:*

- For NSF REU Sites, fees for supporting services normally would be budgeted in G.3 (Other Direct Costs – Consultant Services).
- For REU Supplements, costs normally would be itemized as per-student costs within F.4 (Participant Support Costs – Other).

Contact us at info@ssforss.com for detailed scopes of work and associated fees

We envision a community of well-educated, diverse, and inclusive scientists working together to tackle the major social, cultural, and technological challenges of the 21st century. Our goal is to develop and provide uniquely tailored programs for all learners who share our vision and want to work with us to build this community.

Learn more about us at ssforss.com.

*Your Office for Sponsored Programs will need to review and approve the inclusion of these fees prior to submission of your proposal.