

needed? Would any changes to NCUA's regulations be helpful in addressing uncertainty surrounding the permissibility of particular types of DLT activity, in order to support FICUs considering or engaging in such activities?

#### *Questions Regarding Share Insurance and Resolution*

24. Are there any steps the NCUA should consider to ensure FICU members can distinguish between uninsured digital asset products and insured shares?

25. Are there distinctions or similarities between stablecoins (cryptocurrencies that are backed by a currency like the U.S. Dollar and are designed to have a stable value compared to other cryptocurrencies) and stored value products where the underlying funds are held at FICUs and, for which pass-through share insurance may be available to members in limited scenarios?

26. If the NCUA were to encounter any of the digital assets use cases in the resolution process or in a conservatorship capacity, what complexities might be encountered in valuing, marketing, transferring, operating, or resolving the DeFi activity? What actions should be considered to overcome the complexities?

#### *Additional Considerations*

Commenters are invited to address any other DLT and DeFi applications or related information they seek to bring to the NCUA's attention. Commenters are encouraged to provide the specific basis for their comments and, to the extent feasible, documentation to support any comments.

*Authority:* 12 U.S.C. 1756 and 1784.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on July 22, 2021.

**Melane Conyers-Ausbrooks,**  
*Secretary of the Board.*

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## **NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

### **National Endowment for the Arts**

#### **60-Day Notice for "Applications From Students for Agency Initiatives Poetry Out Loud or the Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students"**

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to ensure that requested data is provided in the desired format; reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized; collection instruments are clearly understood; and the impact of collection requirements on respondents is properly assessed. Currently, the NEA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection of: Applications from Students for Agency Initiatives Poetry Out Loud or the Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students." A copy of the current information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the address section below within 60 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**. The NEA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Can help the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the electronic submission of responses.

**ADDRESS:** Email comments to Daniel Beattie, Director, Office of Guidelines and Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, at: 202-682-5688 or [beattied@arts.gov](mailto:beattied@arts.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel Beattie, Director of Guidelines and Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, at: 202-682-5688 or [beattied@arts.gov](mailto:beattied@arts.gov).

Dated: July 22, 2021.

**Daniel Beattie,**

*Director, Guidelines and Panel Operations, Administrative Services, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

### **Sunshine Act Meeting**

The National Science Board's Committee on Awards & Facilities hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business, as follows:

**TIME AND DATE:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021, from 10:45-11:45 a.m. EDT.

**PLACE:** This meeting will be held by teleconference through the National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The agenda of the teleconference is: Committee Chair's Opening Remarks; approval of Prior Minutes; Action Item: Rubin Observatory Management Reserve; Action Item: Arecibo Observatory Clean-up Costs Award; Committee Chair's Closing Remarks.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Point of contact for this meeting is: Chris Blair, [cblair@nsf.gov](mailto:cblair@nsf.gov), 703/292-7000. Meeting information and updates may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/notices.jsp#sunshine>. Please refer to the National Science Board website [www.nsf.gov/nsb](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb) for general information.

**Chris Blair,**

*Executive Assistant to the National Science Board Office.*

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## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

### **Sunshine Act Meeting**

The National Science Board's Committee on External Engagement hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business as follows:

**TIME AND DATE:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021, from 11:00-11:45 a.m. p.m. EDT.

**PLACE:** This meeting will be held by teleconference through the National Science Foundation.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The agenda of the teleconference is: Opening

remarks and approval of minutes; highlights of Tennessee Roundtable; rollout of S&E Indicators Elementary and Secondary STEM education report; discuss S&E Indicators 2022 engagement plan; and discuss Strategic Engagement Tool.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Point of contact for this meeting is: Nadine Lymn, [nlymn@nsf.gov](mailto:nlymn@nsf.gov), 703/292-7000. To listen to this teleconference, members of the public must send an email to [nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov](mailto:nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov) at least 24 hours prior to the teleconference. The National Science Board Office will send requesters a toll-free dial-in number. Meeting information and updates may be found at the National Science Board website at [www.nsf.gov/nsb](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb).

**Chris Blair,**

*Executive Assistant to the National Science Board Office.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit applications received.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act in the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by August 26, 2021. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703-292-7420, or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541, 45 CFR 671), as amended by the Antarctic

Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

### Application Details

*Permit Application: 2022-004*

1. *Applicant:* Dr. Dale Andersen, SETI Institute, 189 Bernardo Ave. #200, Mountain View, CA 94043

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Waste management. The applicant seeks a waste management permit to conduct multi-disciplinary research activities to expand both short- and long-term studies of ecological responses in Antarctic ecosystems. This permit covers accidental release of wastes generated through planned research and logistical operations. Wastes include solid and liquid waste, including designated pollutants and release to air. The applicant has provided a detailed mitigation plan for these categories of waste as well as a plan for removal of waste at the end of deployment. The applicant also plans to use small, battery-operated, remotely controlled aircraft systems to collect imagery to aid in the mapping of geomorphological structures and to collect information on local climate. Aircrafts will be flown at altitudes less than 100m by experienced pilots and will not fly over concentrations of wildlife, should any be in the area.

*Location:* Queen Maud Land, East Antarctica.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* October 20, 2021–February 28, 2026.

**Erika N. Davis,**

*Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the

first was published in the **Federal Register** and one comment was received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays). Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Hispanic-Serving Institutions Certification.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0247.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to extend with revision an information collection for three years.

*Abstract:* To enhance the quality of undergraduate STEM education at Hispanic-serving institutions (HSIs), the National Science Foundation (NSF) established the Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI Program), in response to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 115-31) and the American Innovation and Competitiveness Act (Pub. L. 114-329). The lead institution submitting a proposal to the HSI Program must be an HSI as defined by