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## National Science Foundation awards UTEP \$1.2 Million as "Robert Noyce" Grant

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The National Science Foundation has awarded a grant of \$1,181,576 to UTEP for the project entitled "Robert Noyce Scholarships for Teaching Miners."

This project is under the direction of PI Eric A. Hagedorn and co-PI's Amy Wagler, Laura F. Serpa, Olga Kosheleva, and Ronald Wagler.

This project will provide \$10,000 per year scholarships for selected science and mathematics majors (Juniors & Seniors) at UTEP who choose to pursue a minor in secondary education and seek high school teacher certification.

District partners, EPISD and YISD, will collaborate in helping prepare these future teachers, and most importantly, will place these Noyce Scholars (upon program completion, certification, and hiring) in teams in local high schools. In addition to the support inherent in a team placement, special district science & mathematics mentors, along with the UTEP team, will provide additional support and professional development for these new teachers.

The project will also provide stipends for selected science & mathematics students (1st and 2nd year students at both UTEP and EPCC) to participate in a two week summer internship where they will experience interdisciplinary and inquiry-based science and mathematics teaching & learning. The goal of this internship is to interest and inform science & mathematics students about a high school teaching career.

This award is effective September 1, 2010 and expires August 31, 2015.

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