

# Major Grant Received for Math and Science Teachers

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program of the National Science Foundation has awarded Iowa's three Regent universities a grant of \$900,000 to be used as scholarships for math and science majors. The goal is to put more math and science teachers in Iowa's classrooms over the next five years.

The Iowa Mathematics and Science Education Partnership (IMSEP) recently won the award designed to encourage science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) majors and professionals to

become middle and high school science and math teachers.

The IMSEP is a collaborative effort between Iowa's three Regent universities. The organization is the result of action by the Legislature in 2008 requiring the University of Northern Iowa to develop and implement the STEM collaborative initiative between the three Regent universities. The goals of the program are to promote statewide collaboration and coordination, prepare highly qualified math and science teachers, and improve the math and science performance of Iowa's students.

This is the first grant received by IMESP since its inception in 2008. The award will allow IMSEP to provide annual scholarships of \$10,000 to junior and senior-level math and science majors, or STEM-related graduate-level students, from all three universities. Students receiving the scholarships are required to commit to teaching for two years in schools where needs are the greatest.

More information about IMSEP or other programs can be found at [www.iowamathscience.org](http://www.iowamathscience.org).