



# Nevada System of Higher Education GEAR UP Abstract 2019-2020

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The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) is pleased to continue its partnership with the Nevada Department of Education in the Nevada Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) (NVGU) during this, the fourth grant cycle of the program in the State of Nevada. Our application for the GEAR UP FY20 subaward will highlight our leadership and oversight of the grant programs, budget and compliance as well as the overall coordination of the sub-awarded programs and statewide communication efforts.

During the last year of the previous grant cycle, NSHE's Ambassador Program focused on the overall optimization of efficient delivery of services and continued assessment of the current and previous year's efforts at transition and first-year programming provided on all seven campuses of NSHE's institutes of higher education (IHE). The lessons learned from this successful program have spurred NSHE to develop a more robust and focused program on successful matriculation and retention of first-year students from underrepresented populations.

Our new program is focused on the establishment of the NSHE GEAR UP program outreach components that will facilitate grades 6-12 college readiness through activities such as STEM education opportunities and academic supports, among others, that are designed to increase high school graduation and preparation for postsecondary education. TO achieve this goal, all NSHE GEAR UP staff, including the Director, Programming & Outreach, College Coordinators, and Communications Specialist, will collaborate with NDE's GEAR UP Specialists at each of the GEAR UP schools across the state to provide needed instruction and assistance in preparing all GEAR UP students for college including completion of college applications, financial aid (FAFSA), career exploration through summer bridge programming, STEM educational opportunities and activities, and professional development programming for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers in GEAR UP schools in college readiness standards.