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## **Open Call for STEAM Installation Proposals.**

**Theme: FOOD – Exhibition: mid-September through mid-December 2019**

**Keywords: growing, sustaining, sustenance, plentiful, scarce, food requires food, life cycle, future of food**

The Bisbee Science Exploration and Research Center (BSERC) and its Bisbee Science Lab are seeking proposals from science or arts minded people (hopefully a collaboration of both) for installation works based on the theme, FOOD.

**Keep in mind that exhibits should be STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) related and encourage interaction with your audience.**

Installation(s) will be curated from proposals submitted and awardees will receive up to \$3,000 in a cash award per selected proposal to support (in whole or in part) efforts to design, build, transport, and install their exhibit at the Bisbee Science Lab located at 24 Main Street in Bisbee Arizona. Collaborations between scientists, researchers, artists, kids, and/or general public are encouraged though not required.

Installations will be on display at the Bisbee Science Lab for three months. Creators may choose to allow BSL to lend the installation to other venues in the region for up to one year or may take possession of the installation at the end of the show period.

BSERC will work with selected creators to finalize a budget and to determine how awards will be made available (advances are possible; however, reimbursements are a preferred method).

BSERC will provide marketing and publicity and host an opening for creators and the general public.

**Call Open:** May 15, 2019; **Pre-Proposal Meeting** (not required but strongly recommended) **Thursday May 23, 2019 Central School Project 5:30 p.m.** to ask questions and meet other potential proposers/partners; **Call Close:** June 14, 2019 5:00 p.m. Bisbee AZ time

**Awards:** July 1, 2019 3:00 p.m. Bisbee AZ time – **Announcements posted at [www.bisbeesciencelab.org](http://www.bisbeesciencelab.org) Winner(s) notified by email.** Selected **Installations/Exhibits must be installed between September 9 and September 13 by appointment. Opening Festivities on September 14, 2019**

Exhibitions will be curated by Bisbee Science Exploration & Research Center (BSERC) with support of a curatorial advisory team of experts (STEM and Artists), young people, and others who are enthusiastic to help.

### **Things to think about when designing your installation:**

- How is your exhibit connected to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)?
- Connect, surprise, and engage with your audience. Exhibits are to be designed to interact with audience,
- Limited floor, wall, and ceiling space (come to 24 Main Street in Bisbee to see what the space looks like),
- Safety (yours, ours, and audience members'),
- Transport (installation may, with creators' permission, be shared with other exhibition spaces),
- Maintenance and supervisory requirements (must your installation be monitored, supervised, managed, maintained during exhibition?)
- Will you need electricity, water, special technology, or other considerations for your installation?
- Is there some element of your installation that our landlord or insurance company would raise an eye brow over (or worse, say "no way")?



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- Invite audience participation and engagement without requiring a great deal of reading,
- Involve collaborations across different disciplines,
- Bring together art and science in a creative way, and
- Be based on strong original ideas in any media.

**Things to think about when developing your proposal:**

- Follow instructions,
- Demonstrate relevance to our local/regional audience,
- Demonstrate a meaningful connection to the theme, bringing a thought-provoking or unexpected perspective,
- Be succinct
- Be properly budgeted (see below).