



Introduction

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Thank you for your interest in participating in the VOLARÉ Institute. Our program is designed to support research capacity-building and fostering innovative research at Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) and Emerging Research Institutions (ERIs).

We look forward to learning more about you and your team. Please complete this application to help us assess your eligibility and guide our selection process.

Confidentiality

Please be assured that all information provided in this application will be kept strictly confidential.

We appreciate your time and effort in completing this application and look forward to reviewing your responses.

The information you provide may be used for research purposes.
Participation in the VOLARÉ Institute is not contingent upon

consenting to the use of your responses for evaluation purposes.

There are no anticipated risks associated with the use of your data. If included, your identity will remain confidential in all reports and publications, and findings will only be reported in aggregate form. For additional information, please contact **Dr. Oralia De Los Reyes** at (210) 576-3244 or oralia.delosreyes@hacu.net, and **Briana Jackson** at (210) 576-3236 or briana.jackson@hacu.net

Do you consent to have your application responses used for evaluation purposes? (*Your response does not affect your eligibility or your chances of being accepted*).

Yes

No

Personnel Information

Provide the following information for the **lead administrator** or **point of contact**.

Honorific

First Name

Last Name

Title

Name of institution

Email address

Phone number

Physical address

City

State

Zip code

Provide the following information for up to two additional core team members that will be participating in the VOLARÉ Institute.

These should be administrators who manage and have influence over the research agenda and enterprise at your institution. A

faculty member could be included if they will be instrumental or an advocate in the growth of STEM research programs at your institution.

Core team member 1

First Name

Last Name

Title

Email address

Core team member 2

First name

Last name

Title

Email address

Provide a brief (250 word) description of the individuals who will participate in the workshops. Include an explanation of why each person is well-suited to contribute to the project. Justification may include both the position they hold at the institution and their individual skill set(s) that qualifies them for the role.

Institutional Information

In this next section, you will be asked to provide information about your institution and answer a few questions about your institution's research activities, grants, and interest in participating in the VOLARÉ Institute. This includes providing a letter of institutional support.

Please select your institution type.

- 2-year, public
- 2-year, private
- 4-year, public
- 4-year, private

Institutional Information

Number of undergraduate students

Number of Master's students

Number of Ph.D. students

Number of faculty who have authorization to serve as Principal Investigator (PI) on a grant

Number of FTEs supporting the acquisitions administration of sponsored programs. *Employees who duties may include pre-award, post award, accounting, research development, industry relations, advancement, etc.

Federal Research Expenditures in 2023
(<https://ncesdata.nsf.gov/profiles/site?method=rankingBySource&ds=herd>).

If your institution is not listed here, please estimate the value of all sponsored awards received in 2023.

How many **RESEARCH** focused grant proposals (NSF, NIH, DoE, EPA, etc.) has your institution submitted in the last four years?

Funding to support broadening participation, educational activities, outreach, workshops, etc. should not be included.

How many grant proposals supporting broadening participation, service provision, educational activities, outreach, workshops, listening sessions, etc. has your institution submitted in the last four years?

How many **RESEARCH** grants did your institution receive in the past 4 years?

*Only include awards that support **RESEARCH** projects. Funding to*

support broadening participation, educational activities, outreach, workshops, etc. should not be included.

What is the dollar value of all **RESEARCH** awards received by your institution in the last four years?

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What is the dollar value of all **Non-RESEARCH** awards received by your institution in the last four years?

*Only include awards that support **Non-RESEARCH** **focused** projects. Funding to support broadening participation, educational activities, outreach, workshops, etc. should be included.*

How many of the grant submissions have been collaborative with other institutions or outside partners?

List all the successful/funded projects in the last two years.

Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement to following statement.

Note: This response will not hinder your possibility to participate; it will provide us with an initial self-assessment of readiness.

Strongly disagree Disagree Somewhat disagree Somewhat agree Agree Strongly Agree

My institution's internal administrative infrastructure is sufficient to conceive, justify, and execute a research project.

Provide a description of the strengths and weaknesses of your institution's internal administrative infrastructure in seeking external research funding.

What are the major barriers to increased research activity at your institution? (max. 100 words)

Share the extent to which your institution's current network of partnerships is helping to sustain research and improve federal program competitiveness. (max. 100 words)

What does your institution wish to gain from participating in the VOLARÉ Institute? (max. 100 words)

How do you see expanded research activity fitting into your mission? (max. 100 words)

Attach a letter of institutional support from your President/Chancellor or Provost/Vice Chancellor for your institution's participation in growing your campus research enterprise infrastructure through the VOLARÉ program.