



Introduction

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 response.

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, or **Briana Jackson** at 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 *

Job Title *

Phone number *

Email *

Name of Institution *

Street address *

City *

State/Region *

Zip Code of College/University *

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

Core Team Member 1

Team Member 1 Honorific *

Team Member 1 First Name *

Team Member 1 Last Name *

Team Member 1 Title *

Team Member 1 Email *

Core Team Member 2

Team Member 2 Honorific

Team Member 2 First Name

Team Member 2 Last Name

Team Member 2 Title

Team Member 2 Email

Provide a brief description of the individuals who will participate in the Institute. *

Include an explanation of why each person is well-suited to contribute to the project. Justification may include the position they hold at the institution and their individual skill set(s) that qualifies them for the role. (250 words max)

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 interests in participating in the VOLARÉ Institute. **This includes providing a letter of institutional support.**

Institution Type *

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 2024 *

<https://nces.nsf.gov/surveys/higher-education-research-development/2024>

If your institution is not listed here, please estimate the value of all sponsored awards received in 2024.

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 **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 the following statement.

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

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

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

250 words max

What are the major barriers to increased research activity at your institution? *

100 words max

Share the extent to which your institution's current network of partnerships is helping to sustain research and improve federal program competitiveness. *

100 words max

What does your institution wish to gain from participating in the VOLARÉ Institute? *

100 words max

How do you see expanded research activity fitting into your mission? *

100 words max

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 Institute. *

Choose File No file chosen

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