



Grants to Sloan Career Cornerstone Center Fund State Portals and Expanded National Resources

BOSTON (February 3, 2011) – The Sloan Career Cornerstone Center (SCCC) is now offering state-focused resources to support career planning in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The new state pathways augment the national resources already available at www.careercornerstone.org and are supported through sponsorship from Texas Instruments (TI).

“The launch of six state portals provides counselors, teachers, students, and parents with localized resources for STEM career and education planning in California, Florida, Illinois, New York, Ohio, and Texas,” explains Joanne Van Voorhis, Executive Director, Sloan Career Cornerstone Center. “We know that many students interested in STEM fields would like to find local education options and jobs within their home state. The new TI-sponsored state portals offer state-specific salary, employment, and degree guidance resources, along with directories of precollege programs and projects for high school students.”

Further expansions are also in the works for the popular STEM career planning portal. These include new resources about online degree options that lead to STEM careers, STEM workforce development data, and extensive materials related to Professional Science Masters degrees. The Professional Science Master's (PSM) is an innovative, new graduate degree designed to allow students to pursue advanced training in science or mathematics, while simultaneously developing workplace skills. A new grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation is supporting these areas of expansion throughout 2011. When complete, these new materials should provide counselors and students with additional educational options for planning and preparing for STEM careers.

The Sloan Career Cornerstone Center (www.careercornerstone.org) includes comprehensive preparation tips, salary data, job hunting ideas, personal interviews with hundreds of people who offer candid insight into their own diverse careers, and updated lists of summer camps, national programs and projects, and scholarship opportunities for middle and high school students. A free newsletter is available to those interested in keeping up with the latest STEM news and career planning tips. The nationally distributed newsletter is also currently sponsored by Texas Instruments.

About the Sloan Career Cornerstone Center

The Sloan Career Cornerstone Center is a non-profit resource center for those exploring career paths in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine (STEMM). Initial support from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation has made the resources on this site possible. The extensive site explores over 185 degree fields and offers detailed education requirements, salary and employment data, precollege ideas, and career planning resources. For more information, visit www.careercornerstone.org.

About Texas Instruments

Education Technology, a business of Texas Instruments, provides a wide range of tools connecting the classroom experience with real-world applications, helping students and teachers to explore math and science interactively. TI's products and services are tested vigorously against recognized third-party research, which shows that the use of graphing calculators helps improve the mathematical skills of students and their attitudes toward mathematics. For more information, visit www.education.ti.com.

About the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation is a philanthropic, not-for-profit grantmaking institution based in New York City. Established in 1934 by Alfred Pritchard Sloan Jr., then-President and Chief Executive Officer of the General Motors Corporation, the Foundation makes grants in support of original research and education in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and economic performance. For more information, visit www.sloan.org.

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