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SLCC nets \$2 million National Science Foundation Biotech grant

Salt Lake Community College has been awarded a 2 million dollar grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to bolster its Biotechnology program. SLCC's winning proposal, entitled "Enhancing Recruitment and Retention in Utah's Biotechnology Pipeline" will bring the money over a five-year period to help attract and retain more of Utah's students in the growing field of biotechnology.

"This grant signals how effective and important SLCC's biotechnology program is to Utah's future," said SLCC Vice President of Institutional Advancement Mason M. Bishop. "This funding will make a huge difference to the opportunities available to Utah's secondary and higher education students in this important field and bolsters the competitiveness of Utah's workforce and overall economy."

Under the aegis of the NSF, the Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program will help SLCC, in partnership with Utah Valley University and several Utah high schools, to increase the number of biotechnology students at the college by nearly 300 percent in the grant's duration. The grant will provide SLCC with a comprehensive set of student supports that will enable more biotechnology students to complete associate's and bachelor's degrees, including a summer institute for teachers, increased course offerings, student service learning projects, outreach in conjunction with the national WIRED program, improved equipment and supplies, and a new child care center at SLCC's Jordan campus.