

## Networks of Excellence FAQs

### **Who leads the Networks of Excellence?**

The Networks of Excellence are led by Dr. Timothy Killeen, President of the Research Foundation for SUNY and Vice Chancellor for Research and the network champions. The networks are supported by the network administrators and a Networks of Excellence core team in the central office of the Research Foundation for SUNY.

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Want to get involved in the SUNY Networks of Excellence? The SUNY Health, Brain, 4E, and M&AM Networks of Excellence invite interested faculty to send an email to [networksofexcellence@rfsuny.org](mailto:networksofexcellence@rfsuny.org). Please indicate the Network in which you are interested, a 250-word paragraph describing your research, and a list 10 key search terms that describe your expertise.

Join the collaboration platform at <http://sunynetworksofexcellence.org/>. Registering for the collaboration platform will allow you to connect with other Networks of Excellence members and keep up to date on Networks of Excellence opportunities and achievements.

### **Student Opportunities:**

#### **Undergraduate Students:**

In 2014, undergraduates were selected to work with expert SUNY faculty and researchers from the Brain Network of Excellence through the Brain Summer Scholars Program. For more information about last year's Brain Summer Scholars, click [here](#).

In summer 2015: Brain and 4E are planning Summer Scholars programs for undergraduates.

For more information about undergraduate research and the MAM Network of Excellence, contact Gary Halada, Professor at Stony Brook University, at [gary.halada@stonybrook.edu](mailto:gary.halada@stonybrook.edu).

#### **Graduate Students:**

Inclusion of graduate students in research projects is encouraged.

#### **Funding allocation**

For the Health, Brain, and 4E Networks of Excellence, network champions of each network determine whether to make grants and how to make award selections. In 2013-2014, the Health, Brain, and 4E networks made awards through a competitive RFP process. Health, Brain, and 4E all plan to issue RFPs in 2014-2015.

In 2014, MAM made awards in selected areas that were targeted through a strategic planning process.

To request to join an ongoing research project, contact the team leads:

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