

2022 Virtual Federal Student Aid Training Conference Exhibit Hall Station Descriptions

STATION NAME: ASK-A-FED

The Ask-a-Fed staff will answer your questions regarding Title IV programs and policies. You will have 15 minutes one-on-one with a Training Officer. Questions about specific conference sessions should be directed to the presenter or the Q&A link provided during the session. Any questions regarding the following topics should be directed to the responsible station(s) following the guidance on the conference Virtual Exhibit Hall page: COD, Experimental Sites Initiative, NSLDS, and *Clery Act*.

The Ask-a-Fed staff will be answering questions with individual attendees via ZOOM on a first-come, first-served basis and will be available the following hours: Friday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern time.

STATION NAME: CLERY ACT ASK-A-FED

The Clery Group will be available to answer questions about your school's campus safety, fire safety, and substance abuse prevention policies and procedures. The Department of Education wants to help your school to strengthen its safety and compliance programs. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss issues and get answers to your questions.

Connect With Us on Friday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern time. You may also schedule a private consultation, ask questions, or request additional information by sending an email to FSATC_CleryResourceCenter@ed.gov.

STATION NAME: COMMON ORIGATION AND DISBURSEMENT (COD) SYSTEM

Federal Student Aid (FSA) staff will be on hand to answer any Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) questions to support origination, disbursement, and reporting for Direct Loan, Federal Pell Grant, and the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant programs.

If you have questions regarding Federal Loan and Grant processing, the Campus-Based Programs, and FISAP submissions as well as reconciliation questions, we are here to help! The COD staff will be answering questions via Microsoft TEAMS on a first-come, first-served basis and will be available Friday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern time.

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STATION NAME: FSA Career Opportunities

A career in public service is so much more than a paycheck and benefits. Here at FSA, it's an opportunity to serve and contribute to a big mission—enabling the American dream by funding America's future, one student at a time. Interested in learning more? FSA will host a Microsoft Teams meeting where a panel will discuss FSA career opportunities including current and anticipated FSA job vacancies. It will also highlight the value of public service and our great employee benefits. Time permitting, the panel will also answer questions submitted in advance to FSARecruiting@ed.gov.

There will be two Microsoft Teams sessions on Friday, Dec. 2 at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Eastern time. FSA will discuss FSA career opportunities and highlight the value of public service and our great employee benefits.

STATION NAME: Experimental Sites Initiative (ESI)

The Experimental Sites Initiative (ESI), authorized under the Higher Education Act (HEA), provides an opportunity for the Department to evaluate new policy approaches for the Title IV, HEA programs by waiving or modifying certain legal requirements. The ESI homepage (<https://experimentalsites.ed.gov/exp/index.html>) provides an overview of the various experiments as well as implementation and reporting guidance to schools participating in the experiments. Both schools participating in the current experiments and schools interested in participating in future experiments are invited to learn more about ESI from this online resource. The Department is not currently accepting letters of interest for any experiment. Future invitations to participate in other experiments will be published in the Federal Register and announced on <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/home/>.

Schools who are currently participating in experiments can find helpful information about the required reporting due December 9, 2022, under the ESI Reporting tab on the ESI website (<https://experimentalsites.ed.gov/exp/annualreport.html>). Questions may be sent to the ESI mailbox at experimentalsites@ed.gov.

STATION NAME: NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN DATA SYSTEM (NSLDS®)

Federal Student Aid (FSA) staff will be on hand to answer your questions on the newly modernized National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) Professional Access website. The enhanced website represents our continued commitment to improving customer experiences and outcomes by modernizing our technology, tools, and resources. We have created an enhanced look and feel that makes it easier for users to

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navigate the most used functionality, improved the user experience, enhanced access to a student's current and future grant information that is synchronized with information from the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System and simplified the process for most reports.

If you have questions related to the navigation, functionality, content, or enrollment reporting in NSLDS we are here to help! The FSA NSLDS Team will be answering questions via Microsoft TEAMS on a first-come, first-served basis and will be available Friday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to Noon Eastern time.

STATION NAME: SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL (E-APP)

Institutions use the Electronic Application for Approval (E-App) to participate in the Federal Student Financial Aid Programs, to apply for initial participation, recertification, to get approval after a change in ownership, expansion of institutional eligibility, and to report any updates to the institution's current information. Expansions include adding new programs or new locations. Updates include changes to the name, address, or officials of the institution. The E-App is also the place to report your institution's emergency contact information. Stop by, let us confirm that your school information is current, and, if needed, assist in preparing your application. Staff members will be available to assist with any questions you have regarding the E-App, or anything related to your school's eligibility.

If you have questions related to the E-App or your school's eligibility, we are here to help! Eligibility Analysts will be answering questions via Microsoft TEAMS on a first-come, first-served, one-on-one basis and will be available on Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.