

# FOSTER SBIR/STTR Eligibility Checklist

FOSTER (FOcused SBIR/STTR Teaching, Equity and Results) is an important new program being led by the Innovation group at the University of New Hampshire. The aim is to help New Hampshire small technology businesses acquire U.S. federal (non-dilutive) grant funding for research and commercialization. These grants are called SBIR (Small Business Innovation Research) and STTR (Small Business Technology Transfer) grants.

FOSTER will offer a variety of services including grant topic identification, training, advice, and proposal support. For select companies, a competitive microgrant program is being implemented to offer direct grant writing assistance. FOSTER also includes an important mandate to support underserved communities such as women- and minority-owned businesses, rural as well as socially-economically disadvantaged companies.

**You must be able to answer Yes to ALL the questions below.  
If you do, please contact the FOSTER team to learn more and explore the fit:**

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**To apply for an SBIR/STTR grant, you must meet the following:**

- Technology business intending to conduct research & development
- Organized for profit
- Place of business in the U.S. (cannot be virtual)
- 50% owned and controlled by one or more individuals who are citizens or permanent resident aliens of the United States
- No more than 500 employees
- VC or private equity ownership - no one such firm owns majority

**To receive assistance from the FOSTER program, you must also be:**

- A business organized in the state of New Hampshire



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