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# I<sup>2</sup>STEM<sup>e</sup> - What, Who, Where?

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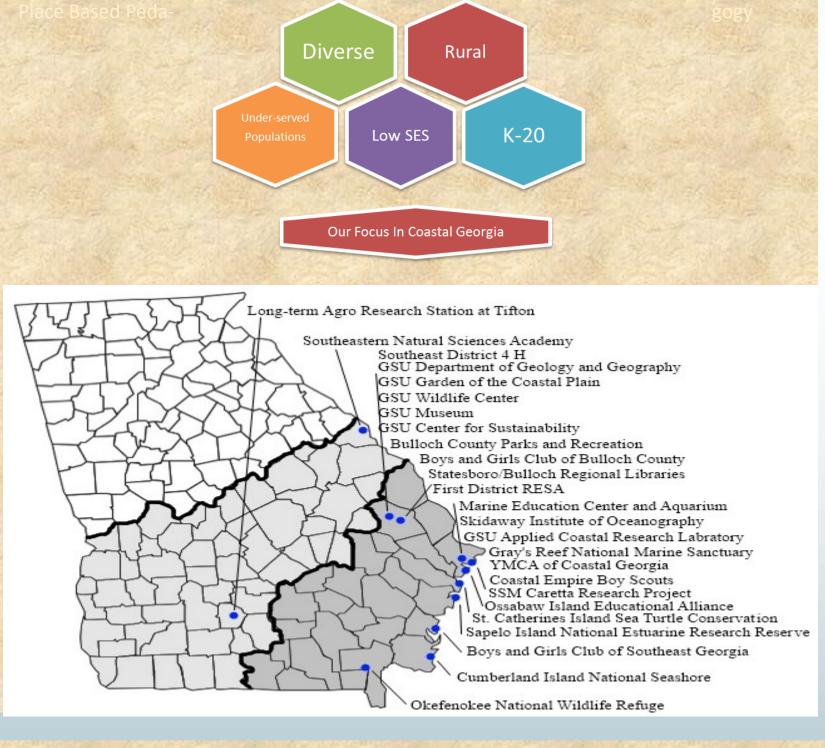
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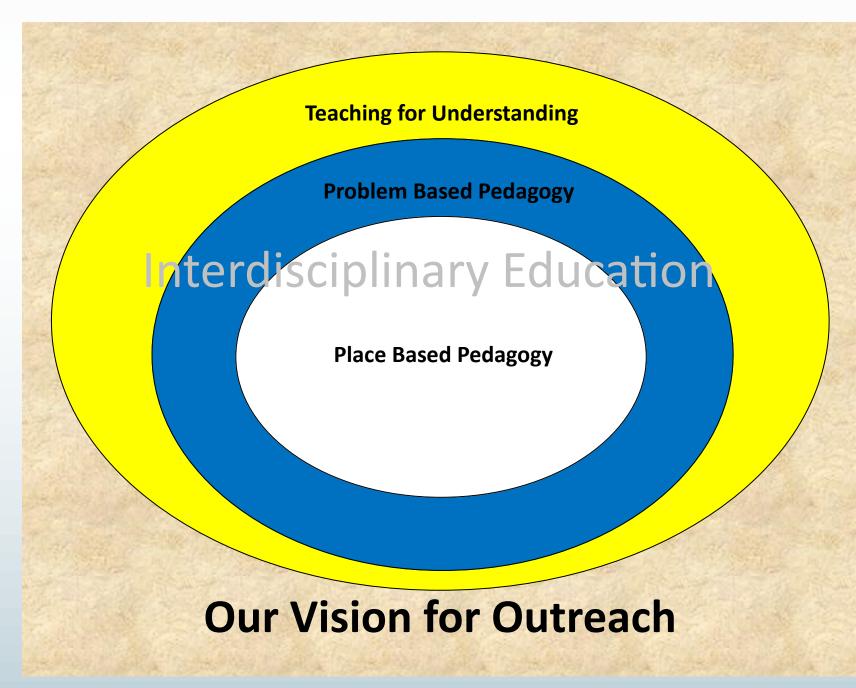


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# Mission

The mission of the Institute for Interdisciplinary STEM Education is to establish collaborative interdisciplinary programs committed to excellence in K-20 STEM teaching and learning. The i<sup>2</sup>STEM<sup>e</sup> will strive to create broadly inclusive partnerships across academia, business, education, and research centers in the coastal plains of Georgia, support professional development, outreach, curricular development, and research in STEM education through grant funded projects, and establish interdisciplinary STEM education master's and Ph.D. programs. The Institute will support STEM projects by providing expertise in the evaluation of projects and in addressing broader impact initiatives of STEM research grants.





# Outreach

We want to improve the STEM pipeline by developing collaborative partnerships with school districts, community colleges, and universities in Southeast Georgia with the goal of improving transition between these entities and improving engagement through real-world student centered pedagogy that prepares students for STEM-related job opportunities.

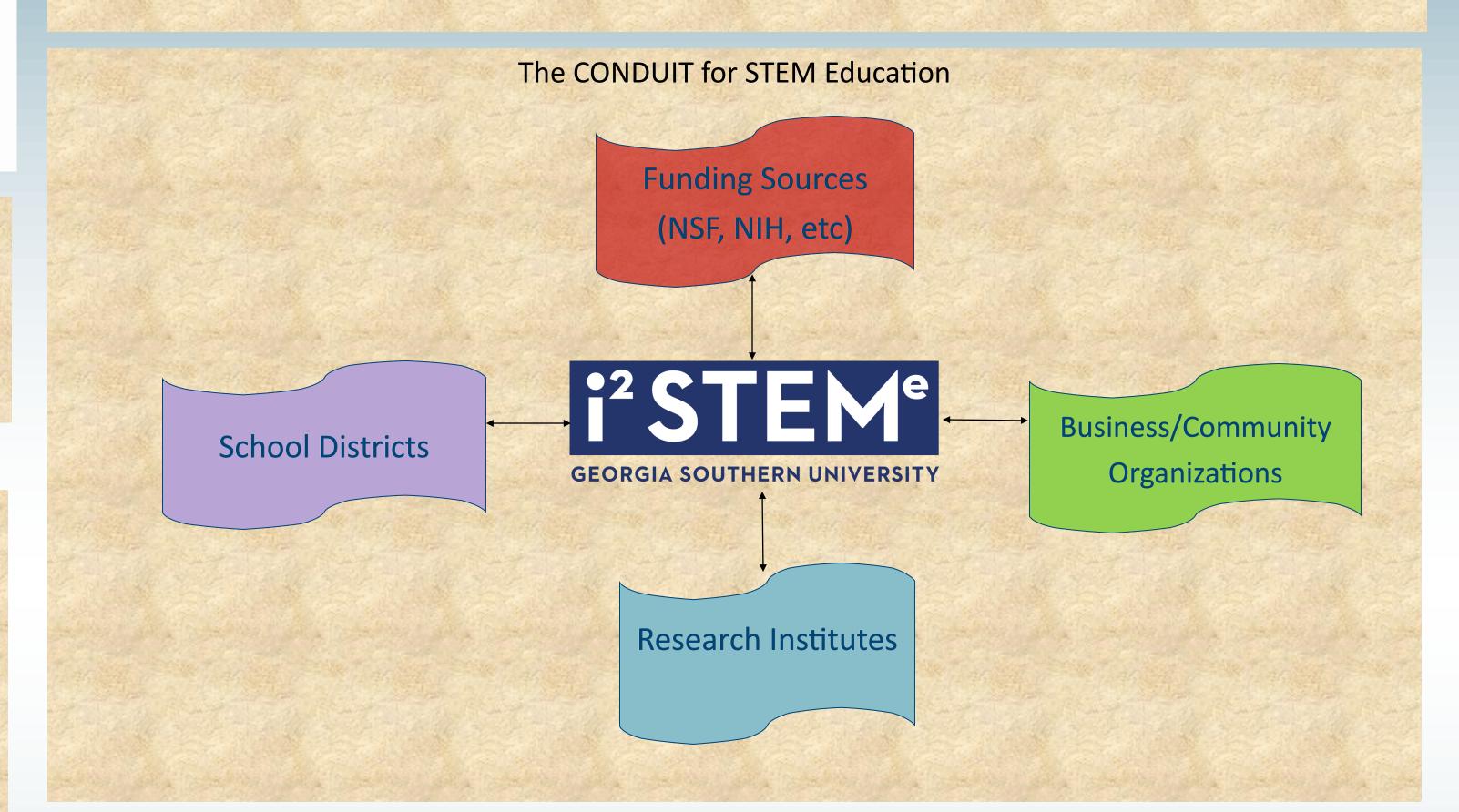






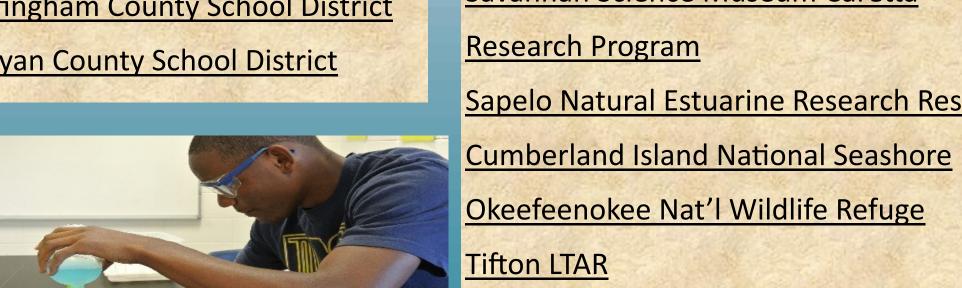
# **Funded Proposals**

- Feb 2013 May 2014. Georgia Department of Education Improving Teacher Quality: \$75,000. To improve STEM content knowledge by engaging teachers in an interdisciplinary study of the Savannah River Basin, translate hat knowledge into the classroom, implement real-world, problem-based, place-based pedagogies, and connect to CCGPS.
- Sep. 2012 Aug, 2014. Georgia Department of Education Race to the Top Innovation Fund: \$703,296. Development of high school courses for the path way which will increase engagement of students in STEM fields by addressing problems that impact their communities and lives.
- Dec 2008-Dec 2013. NSF MSP: Math Teacher Leadership Center. \$5,000,000. Develop virtual master's program for secondary mathematics education and a teacher leadership program for 4-12 grade mathematics teachers.
- Oct 2008 Oct 2013. NSF MSP: Pathways LTER Culturally Relevant Ecology, Learning Progressions, and Environmental Literacy. \$12,500,000. Develop environmental literacy learning progressions. Subcontract focus on quantitative reasoning aspects.



# **Current School District Partners:**

Richmond County School District
Bulloch County School System
Ware County School System
Treutlen County School System
Burke County School District
Camden County School District
Jenkins County School District
Candler County School District
Effingham County School District
Bryan County School District



# **Current Research Institute Partners:**

Ossabaw Island Education Alliance
Southeastern Natural Science Academy
Skidaway Institute of Oceanography
Grey's Reef Marine Sanctuary
Marine Education Center and Aquarium
GSU Applied Coastal Research Laboratory
Applied Coastal Research Lab
St. Catherine's Island Sea Turtle Program
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Research Program
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