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2026 NSF CREST/HBCU-RISE PI MEETING

August 26-28, 2026, Washington, DC

Hosted by the NSF CREST Center of Nanotechnology Research and Education (CNRE) at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC)

<u>Agenda</u>	
Day 1 – Wednesday August 26, 2026	
Day 1 – Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street NW, Washington, DC 20008	
12:00 – 6:00 PM	Registration, Omni Shoreham Hotel
6:30 – 8:30 PM	Reception and Welcome Remarks
Day 2 – Thursday August 27, 2026	
Day 2 – Campus of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC)	
7:00 – 10:00 AM	Registration
7:00 – 8:00 AM	<i>Breakfast – Served at the Hotel</i>
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Travel time to UDC campus (<i>use metro cards provided to attendees</i>)
8:35 – 8:55 AM	Welcome remarks by CREST PI Meeting Team, UDC Leadership, and NSF Program Officer Dr. Regina Sievert
8:55 – 10:20 AM	Session One: Future Outlook and Funding Opportunities Presented by Invited Agencies/Guests and NSF Program Officers
10:20 – 10:40 AM	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:40 – 12:10 PM	Session Two: Best Practices for Patenting and Commercialization
12:15 – 1:15 PM	<i>Lunch – Catered at the UDC Campus – Keynote Speaker – Dr. Monya A. Ruffin, Deputy Directorate Head, STEM Education Research and Innovation, Directorate of STEM Education</i>
1:25 – 2:55 PM	Session Three: Center Operations and Management Best Practices – Panel Discussion
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Coffee Break Discussion: <i>Process for Making Best Coffee: Taguchi Method and Its Applications in Efficient and Productive Research</i>
4:00 – 5:15 PM	Session Four: Townhall Meeting – Challenges and Opportunities
5:30 – 7:30 PM	<i>Dinner – Catered: Networking Opportunity</i>
5:30 – 7:30 PM	<i>Dinner – Closed Meeting with PRP PIs – Led by Dr. Regina Sievert</i>
7:30 PM	Travel back to hotel (<i>use metro cards provided to attendees</i>)
Day 3 – Friday August 28, 2026	
Day 3 – Campus of the University of the District of Columbia	
7:00 – 8:00 AM	<i>Breakfast – Served at the Hotel</i>
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Travel time to UDC campus (<i>use metro cards provided to attendees</i>)
8:35 – 9:35 AM	CREST Innovation Poster Competition
9:35 – 9:50 AM	<i>Coffee Break</i>
9:50 AM – 12:00 PM	Early Career Investigator Workshop
9:50 AM – 12:00 PM	Guided Research Facilities Tour
12:00 – 12:15 PM	Concluding Remarks by CREST PI Meeting Organization Team
12:15 – 1:15 PM	<i>Collaboration Discussions (Optional) – Box lunches will be provided</i>
1:15 PM	<i>Meeting Adjourns</i>