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## **Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Announces New Program Director**

*Elizabeth S. Boylan to direct STEM education programs*

(New York, NY) The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation announces that Dr. Elizabeth S. Boylan will join the organization as a Program Director. Dr. Boylan's primary responsibility will be to lead the Foundation's programs to support higher education in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Boylan is currently Provost, Dean of the Faculty, and Professor of Biological Sciences at Barnard College.

The Foundation's STEM education programs focus on increasing access to and completion of graduate education in STEM fields by African Americans, Latinos, American Indians and women, groups traditionally underrepresented in those fields. The Foundation also has a small program focused on understanding and increasing retention of undergraduates in STEM fields. Boylan will set strategy and identify new grant opportunities for these programs. She will also work with other Sloan Program Directors to advance the development of Foundation programs focused on STEM research and education more broadly and on the Foundation's civic initiatives in New York City.

"Liz Boylan has been very active in organizing, supporting, and advancing student and faculty diversity at Barnard for sixteen years," said Dr. Paul L. Joskow, President of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. "She brings to the Foundation a passionate commitment to diversity, a deep knowledge of undergraduate and graduate education, a background as a research scientist, and years of practical experience getting things done inside a major institution of higher learning."

Boylan will succeed Program Director Dr. Ted Greenwood, who is retiring after directing the Foundation's Education for Underrepresented Groups program for the past 19 years. "Promoting the success of underrepresented minorities and women in the sciences is one of the Sloan Foundation's core missions," Greenwood said. "I am thrilled that our efforts will be led by someone of Liz's commitment, experience, and passion."

"Having the opportunity at the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to build upon the work I have done with colleagues at Barnard and across the country in support of STEM education and access programs for underrepresented minorities and women is a dream come true," Boylan commented. "I have such great respect for the programs and the people of Sloan, and am truly honored to be joining such a distinguished organization."

Boylan graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biological Sciences from Wellesley College. She went on to receive a Ph.D. in Embryology from Cornell University. Prior to joining Barnard College, Boylan spent 22 years as a Professor of Biology at Queens College in New York City and served as the College's associate provost for academic planning and programs.

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