STEM fields - science, technology, engineering, and mathematics - are the source of tangible innovations in products and processes that help to spur economic growth.

Among college-educated, native-born U.S. citizens, opportunities to increase Black STEM entrepreneurship exist (percentages represent STEM entrepreneurship rates within each demographic group).

College-educated Hispanic STEM entrepreneurs are not one size fits all (as evidenced by varied rates of STEM ownership).

Among college-educated Asian STEM entrepreneurs, opportunities exist to increase U.S. born STEM ownership to match naturalized STEM ownership.

Among native born U.S. citizens, 4.4 percent of first generation college graduates own STEM businesses.

Top 5 Bachelor’s Degrees among Minority STEM Business Owners

Even among minority STEM entrepreneurs, opportunities to increase leadership positions exist. Minority STEM business owners collectively represent only about 8% of top-level executive positions.

Source: All figures based on research conducted for the SBA Office of Advocacy under contract no. SBA-HQ-14-Q-0034 using the National Science Foundation's 2010 Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT).