



FALL 2017 GRANTS CONFERENCE

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Agenda

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
8:00 - 8:15 AM MST 10:00 – 10:15 AM EST	Welcoming Remarks	
8:15 - 8:45 AM MST 10:15 – 10:45 AM EST	Introduction & NSF Overview This session will cover the National Science Foundation's purpose, mandate, organizational structure, program and budget highlights (including current budget status), trends, areas of special emphasis, and other special initiatives.	Antony DiGiovanni , <i>Division Director (Acting), Budget Division; Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management</i>
8:45 - 9:15 AM MST 10:45 AM – 11:15 PM EST	Types of NSF Funding Opportunities Learn about the various mechanisms NSF uses to fund proposals such as RAPID, EAGER, RAISE, Ideas Labs, and Conferences, to name a few. They're not all the same!	Jean Feldman , <i>Head, Policy Office; Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management; Division of Institution & Award Support</i>
9:15 - 9:35 AM MST 11:15 AM – 11:35 PM EST	Break	
9:35 - 11:45 AM MST 11:35 AM – 1:45 PM EST	Proposal Preparation NSF Program Officers will review how and when to prepare a proposal, including discussion of what constitutes a project and a proposal of high quality. Presenters will discuss do's and don'ts, recent procedural changes, as well as the various sources of NSF programmatic opportunities.	Karen Cone , <i>Program Director; Division of Molecular & Cellular Biosciences; Directorate for Biological Sciences</i> Sonia Esperança , <i>Program Director; Directorate for Geosciences; Division of Earth Sciences</i> Jean Feldman , <i>Head, Policy Office; Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management; Division of Institution & Award Support</i> Randy Phelps , <i>Staff Associate; Office of the Director; Office of Integrative Activities</i>
11:45 AM - 1:00 PM MST 1:45 – 3:00 PM EST	Break	
1:00 - 2:40 PM MST 3:00 – 4:40 PM EST	Merit Review Process NSF Program Officers will discuss the philosophy of merit review and how it works, as well as ad hoc and multi-tiered reviews. Presenters will also cover the role of the Program Officer, timing of proposal submissions, reviewer selection, release of reviewer comments, and conflict-of-interest issues related to merit review.	Jeremy Epstein , <i>Deputy Division Director; Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering; Division of Computer & Network Systems</i> Alexis Lewis , <i>Program Director; Directorate for Engineering; Division of Civil, Mechanical & Manufacturing Innovation</i> Peggy Hoyle , <i>Deputy General Counsel; Office of the General Counsel; Office of the Director</i> Tamera Schneider , <i>Deputy Division Director; Division of Behavioral & Cognitive Sciences; Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences</i>
2:40 - 4:15 PM MST 4:40 – 6:15 PM EST	Break	
4:15 - 5:00 PM MST 6:15 – 7:00 PM EST	Award Management This session will address award requirements and conditions, and will outline the responsibilities of those involved in the award process—principal investigators, grantee institutions, Program Officers, research administrators, and agency grants officials.	Daniel McEnrue , <i>Grants Management Specialist, Office of Budget, Finance and Award Management; Division of Grants & Agreements</i> Jeffery Vieceli , <i>Head, Systems Office; Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management; Division of Institution & Award Support</i>



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
8:00 - 9:00 AM MST 10:00 – 11:00 AM EST	NSF Policy Update This session will provide an update to NSF policies and procedures that affect proposal preparation, merit review, and award administration.	Jean Feldman , <i>Head, Policy Office; Office of Budget; Finance & Award Management; Division of Institution & Award Support</i>
9:00 - 10:40 AM MST 11:00 AM – 12:40 PM EST	Break	
10:40 - 11:20 AM MST 12:40 – 1:20 PM EST	Office of Inspector General Staff from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) will discuss the roles and responsibilities of the OIG, as well as how it serves the NSF customer communities. Issues arising from current audits and investigations will also be covered.	Maureen Weir , <i>Criminal Investigator; Office of the Inspector General</i> Ken Lish , <i>Supervisory Audit Manager; Office of the Inspector General</i>
11:20 - 12:00 PM MST 1:20 – 2:00 PM EST	Office of International Science and Engineering The Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE) supports programs to expand and enhance leading-edge international research and education opportunities for U.S. scientists and engineers, especially at the early career stage. Staff will discuss the OISE role in coordinating activities as well as how to incorporate international components in NSF proposals.	Claire Hemingway , <i>Program Manager; Office of International Science & Engineering; Office of the Director</i>
12:00 - 2:30 PM MST 2:00 – 4:30 PM EST	Break	
2:30 - 4:00 PM MST 4:30 – 6:00 PM EST	Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program Learn about this Foundation-wide activity that offers NSF's most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars.	Sonia Esperança , <i>Program Director and Member, CAREER Coordinating Committee; Directorate for Geosciences, Division of Earth Sciences</i>
4:00 PM MST 6:00 PM EST	Conference Wrap-up & Adjournment	