

Virtual Agenda At-A-Glance

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Time	Activity	Presenter
8:00 – 8:15am CT 9:00 – 9:15am ET	Welcoming Remarks	
8:15 – 8:40am CT 9:15 – 9:40am ET	Introduction and 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.	<i>Teresa Grancorvitz, Office Head and Chief Financial Officer, Office of Budget, Finance and Award Management</i>
8:40 – 9:10am CT 9:40 – 10:10am ET	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!	<i>Jeremy Leffler, Outreach Specialist, Division of Institution and Award Support; Office of Budget, Finance and Award Management</i>
9:10 – 9:30am CT 10:10 – 10:30am ET	<i>Break</i>	
9:30 – 11:40am CT 10:30am – 12:40pm ET	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.	<i>Fahmida Chowdhury, Program Manager, Office of International Science and Engineering</i> <i>Randy Phelps, Staff Associate, Office of Integrative Activities</i> <i>Elizabeth Rom, Program Director, Division of Ocean Sciences and Office of Polar Programs; Directorate for Geosciences</i> <i>Andrea Weeks, Program Director, Division of Environmental Biology; Directorate for Biological Sciences</i>
12:00 – 12:50pm CT 1:00 – 1:50pm ET	<i>Break</i>	
12:50 – 2:30pm CT 1:50 – 3:30pm ET	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.	<i>Tracy Kimbrel, Program Director, Division of Computing and Communication Foundations; Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering</i> <i>Karen King, Program Director, Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings; Directorate for Education and Human Resources</i> <i>Benjamin Klein, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel</i> <i>Jesus Soriano Molla, Program Director, Partnerships for Innovation, Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships; Directorate of Engineering</i>
2:30 – 4:05pm CT 3:30 – 5:05pm ET	<i>Break</i>	
4:05 – 5:00pm CT 5:05 – 6:00pm ET	Award Management This session will address award requirements and conditions, and will outline the responsibilities of those involved in the award process—principal invETigators, grantee institutions, Program Officers, research administrators, and agency grants officials.	<i>Jamie French, Division Director, Division of Grants and Agreements</i> <i>Jeffrey Vieceli, Head, Systems Office, Division of Institution and Award Support</i>

Friday, November 9, 2018

Presenter	Topics	Presenter
<p>8:00 – 9:00am CT 9:00 – 10:00am ET</p>	<p>NSF Policy Update This session will provide an update to NSF policies and procedures that affect proposal preparation, merit review, and award administration.</p>	<p>Robert Cosgrove, <i>Compliance Program Manager, Office of Diversity and Inclusion</i> Samantha Hunter, <i>Senior Policy Specialist, Division of Institution and Award Support; Office of Budget, Finance and Award Management</i> Jeremy Leffler, <i>Outreach Specialist, Division of Institution and Award Support; Office of Budget, Finance and Award Management</i></p>
<p>9:00 – 9:20am CT 10:00 – 10:20am ET</p>	<i>Break</i>	
<p>9:20 – 10:20am CT 10:20am – 11:20pm ET</p>	<p>NSF IT Modernization / Research.gov</p>	<p>William Daus, <i>Branch Chief, Division of Information Systems, Office of Information and Resource Management</i> Stephanie Yee, <i>IT Specialist, Division of Information Systems, Office of Information and Resource Management</i></p>
<p>10:20 – 10:40am CT 11:20 – 11:40am ET</p>	<i>Break</i>	
<p>10:40 – 11:20am CT 11:40am – 12:20pm ET</p>	<p>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 invETigations will also be covered.</p>	<p>Valerie Hillgren, <i>InvETigative Scientist, Office of the Inspector General</i> Laura Rainey, <i>Audit Manager, Office of the Inspector General</i></p>
<p>11:20am – 12:00pm CT 12:20 – 1:00pm ET</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Fahmida Chowdhury, <i>Program Manager, Office of International Science and Engineering</i></p>
<p>12:00 – 2:30pm CT 1:00 – 3:30pm ET</p>	<i>Break</i>	
<p>2:30 – 4:00pm CT 3:30 – 5:00pm ET</p>	<p>NSF-Wide Programs Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program, Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) and Facilitating Research at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) and Research Opportunity Awards (ROA). Each directorate participates in these three popular NSF-Wide programs. Learn more about the program requirements and eligibility information for CAREER, REU and RUI/ROA.</p>	<p>Tracy Kimbrel, <i>Program Director, Division of Computing and Communication Foundations; Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering</i> Elizabeth Rom, <i>Program Director, Division of Ocean Sciences and Office of Polar Programs; Directorate for Geosciences</i> Josie Welkom, <i>Acting Program Director, Office of Multidisciplinary Activities; Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences</i></p>
<p>4:00pm CT 5:00pm ET</p>	<i>Conference Wrap-up & Adjournment</i>	