



**Watch Party!**  
**NSF Fall Grants Conference**

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November 18-19, 2019

Center for Innovation - 202 East Border Street -  
Room 215

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The Office of Grants and Contracts Services would like to invite you to watch the webcast of the Virtual NSF Fall Grants Conference with us. The event is open to all faculty members and staff interested in seeking funding from or managing awards issued by the National Science Foundation

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# Virtual Agenda At-A-Glance

Monday, November 18, 2019

- 7:00 – 7:15 am CST **Welcoming Remarks**
- 7:15 – 7:40 am CST **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.
- 7:40 – 8:10 am CST **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!
- 8:10 – 8:30 am CST **Break**
- 8:30 – 10:40 am CST **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.
- 10:40 – 11:50 am CST **Lunch Break**
- 11:50 – 1:30 pm CST **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.
- 1:30 – 1:50pm CST **Break**
- 1:50 – 2:50pm CST **NSF IT Modernization / Research.gov**
- 2:50 – 3:05pm CST **Break**
- 3:05 – 4:00pm CST **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.

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- 7:00 – 8:00 am CST      **NSF Policy Update**  
This session will provide an update to NSF policies and procedures that affect proposal preparation, merit review, and award administration.
- 8:00 – 9:40 am CST      **Break**
- 9:40 – 10:20 am CST      **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.
- 10:20 – 11:00 am CST      **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.
- 11:00 – 1:30pm CST      **Lunch Break**
- 1:30 – 3:00pm CST      **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.
- 3:00pm CST      **Conference Wrap-up & Adjournment**

Hope to see you there!

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