An overview of the National Science Foundation (NSF) covering the organization, proposal types, proposal review, and review criteria (Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts), as well as discussion about what’s new at the NSF. Useful to researchers when deciding whether to submit a proposal to NSF and to which program to submit. Open to all faculty levels.

**Presenter:** Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

**Getting to Know the NSF**

**September 14, 2023, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Virtual**

**NSF Proposal Supplementary Documents**

**September 27, 2023, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Virtual**

Discussing supplementary documents required for NSF proposals, including recent changes to Biosketch and Current & Pending Support. It will also provide information on available resources to assist faculty with developing these documents. Open to all faculty levels.

**Presenter:** Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

**CAREER Proposal Project Description (Part 2) Research Plan**

**December 6, 2023, 11:45 – 1:00 pm, Rudder Tower, 601**

Discussion and Q&A with former NSF Program Officers and past CAREER Awardees

Research goals and objectives, scope of the project, best practices and common mistakes, differences between fundamental research and development work, why many reviewers are in favor of hypothesis-driven research, why having a section on “Relationship to the Present State of Knowledge in the Field” is recommended, and common research plan weaknesses.

**Contact:** Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

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**CAREER Proposal Project Description (Part 3) Education Plan**

**January 23, 2024, 11:45 – 1:00 pm, Rudder Tower, 301**

Discussion and Q&A with former NSF Program Officers and past CAREER Awardees

Education goals and objectives, creating quantifiable metrics and specific plans for success, integration of research and education, leveraging Texas A&M’s HSI status, and examples of good and bad education objectives.

**Contact:** Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

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**Education and Outreach Expo**

**February 7, 2024, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Rudder Tower, 601**

This interactive event will start with introducing 20+ campus representatives in programs that faculty can collaborate on the education and outreach aspects of their NSF proposals, to be followed by an expo for attendees to network with these campus program representatives. All faculty are encouraged to attend.

**Contact:** Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

**REGISTER**

**NSF CAREER Writing Groups - Initial Meeting**

**February 15, 2024, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, Virtual**

This meeting is to familiarize faculty with the goals and organization of the TAMU NSF CAREER proposal peer writing groups, including resource materials, Q&A session, and scheduling of writing meetings for March – May. The groups will then meet bi-weekly going through the entire preparation process of their CAREER proposal with peer review and input as they write each section of their CAREER proposals.

**Contact:** Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

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*Structuring and Formatting CAREER Proposals for Reviewers*

**February 21, 2024, 11:45 – 1:00 pm, Rudder Tower, 301**

Discussion and Q&A with former NSF Program Officers and past CAREER Awardees

Tips for making an NSF CAREER proposal stand out, section hierarchy and structuring of the proposal, using NSF language, graphics advice, formatting (e.g., fonts & white space), and features of strong departmental letters.

Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

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*CAREER Proposal Project Summary*

**March 6, 2024, 11:45 – 1:00 pm, Rudder Tower, 601**

Discussion and Q&A with former NSF Program Officers and past CAREER Awardees

Discussion of what is required for the Project Summary. Tips on how to write it most effectively for an NSF CAREER proposal. Why this might be the only document some reviewers read.

Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

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*Tips from Recent NSF CAREER Awardees*

**March 19, 2024, 11:45 – 1:00 pm, Rudder Tower, 601**

Presentations and Q&A

Several recent CAREER awardees from Texas A&M University will share their experience and advice on how to write successful CAREER proposals.

Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

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How to Address NSF Reviewer Comments from Previous Submissions

**April 11, 2024, 11:45 – 1:00 pm, Rudder Tower, 301**

Discussion and Q&A with former NSF Program Officers and past CAREER Awardees

How and where to address reviewers’ comments in a re-write, whether every comment should be addressed, and benefits of talking with NSF program directors on declined proposals.

Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

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*NSF CAREER Project Summary Feedback Session*

**April 24, 2024, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Rudder Tower, 601**

Roundtable Discussion

Participants will bring their CAREER project summaries to a group to get feedback on strengths and weaknesses from former program directors, recent CAREER awardees, research development staff, and peer attendees. Each group will review 4 – 6 project summaries.

Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

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**Department of Energy (DoE)**

**Department of Energy (DOE) Early Career Research Program**

**September 15, 2023, 9:00-11:00am OR 1:00-4:00pm (TBD)**

**Mitchell Institute for Fundamental Physics & Astronomy, Hawking Auditorium, In-person**

This 3-hour event will include presentations by DOE program officers and past TAMU awardees, and the DOE Early Career Award Network, including time for Q&A. The RDS and DOE ECAN collaborative has a comprehensive plan to assist faculty targeting this funding opportunity and will present information on developing a competitive proposal for this program.

Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

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**National Institute of Health (NIH)**

**GWSW - Write Winning NIH Grant Proposals**

**February 22, 2024, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Rudder 601**

The seminar provides a broad overview of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), identifying NIH funding opportunities, the NIH proposal submission and review process, and strategies to build a competitive NIH proposal.

Presenter: Dr. John Robertson, Consultant from GWSW.

Contact: Shannon Eyre, RDS, Sr. Administrative Coordinator

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**General Proposal Writing**

**Writing Successful Proposals**

**November 15, 2023, 1:30 – 3:00pm, Virtual**

A seminar designed to offer faculty an overview of strategic proposal design and best practices to create a competitive research proposal. Applicable to all disciplines. Early Career faculty are encouraged to attend.

Presenter: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

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**Humanities**

**Planning and Writing Successful Grant Proposals in the Arts & Humanities**

**Spring 2024, Two 4 hours sessions, TIME TBD, Virtual**

Contact: Shannon Eyre, RDS Sr. Administrative Coordinator

This 2-part webinar will combine lecture format and engagement activities for arts and humanities faculty in planning and writing successful grant proposals. The presentation will take into account research proposals vs. fellowships vs. performance. Topics will include stakeholders, reading the rfp, framework for the critical first page, and the rest of the proposal. The webinar will be presented by the AtKisson Training Group.

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**Coffee Conversations**

An informal series over coffee and refreshments. **Sponsored by the Glasscock Center & Division of Research**

**October 5, 2023, 1:30 pm, Glasscock Center, Room 311**

Grants 101 for Arts and Humanities Faculty. A discussion of Texas A&M resources and where to begin when starting the grant funding process. Funded faculty will be on hand to answer questions.

Contact: Shannon Eyre, RDS Sr. Administrative Coordinator

**October 12, 2023, 1:30 pm, Glasscock Center, Room 311**

Overview of two funding opportunities for Hispanic Serving Institutions! Bring your questions for answers and comments by a recently funded NEH Faculty Fellow on the individual awards for faculty at HSIs. NEH Institutional proposals will also be part of the...
discussion over coffee.

Contact: Shannon Eyre, RDS Sr. Administrative Coordinator

For updates, registration, and complete list of Fall and Spring 2023-2024 offerings see: https://u.tamu.edu/RDScalendar