National Science Foundation (NSF)

Getting to Know the NSF
**September 14, 2023, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Virtual**
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

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

**Introduction of the NSF CAREER Program**
**October 12, 2023, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Rudder Tower, 301**
An introduction to the National Science Foundation’s Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program, including PI eligibility, deadlines, proposal requirements, what makes the CAREER program different from other NSF programs, why CAREER proposals are not typical research proposals, how CAREER proposals are reviewed differently from typical research proposals, and available resources to assist faculty with preparing CAREER proposals.
Presenter: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

**Timeline and Strategies for Developing a CAREER Proposal**
**October 25, 2023, 11:45 – 1:00 pm, Zachry Engineering Education Complex, Chevron, Room 298**
Discussion and Q&A with former NSF Program Officers and past CAREER Awardees
Timeline and strategies to develop a successful NSF CAREER proposal, how to decide what research topics to pursue, how to find a home program at NSF, when to submit, and how to build a competitive case.
Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

**CAREER Proposal Project Description (Part 1) Long-term Career Plan and Prior Achievements**
**November 9, 2023, 11:45 – 1:00 pm, MSC 2406A**
Discussion and Q&A with former NSF Program Officers and past CAREER Awardees
Required and recommended sections to include in a project description, effective ways to connect an NSF CAREER plan to long-term goals, why having a section on “Prior Achievements” is recommended, and what to include in the “Prior Achievements” section.
Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

*CAREER Proposal Project Description (Part 2) Research Plan*
**December 6, 2023, 11:45 – 1:00 pm, MSC 2406A**
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

*CAREER Proposal Project Description (Part 3) Education Plan*
**January 23, 2024, 11:45 – 1:00 pm, Plant Pathology (West Campus), Room 207**
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

Education and Outreach Expo
**February 7, 2024, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Rudder Tower, 601**
Presentation and Expo
This virtual 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

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

For updates, registration, and complete list of Fall and Spring 2023-2024 offerings see: [https://u.tamu.edu/RDScalendar](https://u.tamu.edu/RDScalendar)
Department of Energy (DoE)

Department of Energy (DOE) Early Career Research Program
September 15, 2023, 9:00-12:00am

Mitchell Institute for Fundamental Physics & Astronomy, Hawkings Auditorium
This 3-hour event will include presentations by DOE program officers, and past awardees, including time for Q&A. The RDS and DOE 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

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

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

Humanities

Finding Humanities Funding
Spring 2024, Two 4 hours sessions, TIME TBD, Virtual
This webinar will discuss how to find humanities funding in today's funding landscape. We will describe the types of funding available, their policies, and the tendencies present among current funders. We'll talk about the relative weight assigned by administrators to various kinds of funding, including internal vs. external funding and the value of each. We'll talk in some detail about how to write an effective proposal, using brief examples from successful bids for funding. And we'll consider the value of writing groups as laboratories for generating more robust bids for support. Finally, we'll consider how to respond to the success or failure of proposals—how to learn from our mistakes and improve our grant-writing skills. Questions will be encouraged.
Contact: Shannon Eyre, RDS Sr. Administrative Coordinator

Introduction to Young Investigator Programs and Faculty Fellowships
March 5, 2023, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Virtual
Programs targeting young investigators provide an opportunity for assistant professors to compete among equals, often for prestigious awards. Faculty Fellowships can help prepare faculty for successfully competing for these awards. This event will discuss advantages and strategies in applying to these young investigator programs and faculty fellowships. Details and best practices for applying to programs at federal agencies and foundations will include Department of Defense, National Institutes of Health, and NASA, as well as the Gulf Research Program and American Chemical Society. Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

Coffee Conversations Series: Supporting Humanities Research at Texas A&M University
October 5 & 12, 2023, 1:30 pm, Glasscock Center, Room 311
Sponsored by the Glasscock Center & Division of Research
An informal series over coffee and refreshments that overviews two funding opportunities for Hispanic Serving Institutions! Bring your questions for answers and comments by 1) a recently funded NEH Faculty Fellow on the individual awards for faculty at HIsS. NEH Institutional proposals will also be part of the discussion over coffee. Contact: Shannon Eyre, RDS Sr. Administrative Coordinator