



AGENDA

Sunday, June 22, 2014

2:00 - 5:00 PM **Pre-Conference Registration** (*Confluence Ballroom Foyer*)

Monday, June 23, 2014

7:30 - 8:30 AM **Conference Registration & Continental Breakfast** (*Confluence Ballroom Foyer*)

8:30 - 8:45 AM **Welcoming Remarks** (*Confluence Ballroom*)

8:45 - 9:15 AM **Introduction & NSF Overview** (*Confluence Ballroom*): 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. This session will also cover future directions, strategies, and plans regarding NSF's leadership of government-wide streamlining initiatives and the modernization of FastLane with Research.gov.

Presenter: *Martha Rubenstein, Chief Financial Officer & Director, Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management*

9:15 - 9:35 AM **Refreshment & Networking Break** (*Confluence Ballroom Foyer*)

9:35 - 11:20 AM **Proposal Preparation** (*Confluence Ballroom*): 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.

Presenters: *Jean Feldman, Head, Policy Office, Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management, Division of Institution & Award Support*

George Hazelrigg, Acting Division Director, Directorate for Engineering, Division of Civil, Mechanical & Manufacturing Innovation

Sonia Esperança, Program Director, Directorate for Geosciences, Division of Earth Sciences

Nigel Sharp, Program Director, Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences, Division of Astronomical Sciences

11:20 - 12:40 PM **Luncheon** (*Confluence Ballroom*)

12:40 - 2:20 PM **Merit Review Process** (*Confluence Ballroom*): NSF Program Officers and administrators 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.

Presenters: *Sankar Basu, Program Director, Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering, Division of Computing & Communication Foundations*

Henry Gholz, Program Director, Directorate for Biological Sciences, Division of Environmental Biology

Peggy Hoyle, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Director, Office of General Counsel



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Nigel Sharp, Program Director, Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences, Division of Astronomical Sciences

Jermelina Tupas, Deputy Division Director, Directorate for Education & Human Resource, Division of Human Resource Development

2:20 - 2:40 PM

Refreshment & Networking Break (*Confluence Ballroom Foyer*)

2:40 - 3:40 PM

Concurrent Sessions: Program Officers and administrative staff will talk about specific programs, initiatives and answer your pressing questions. In addition, sessions will be offered on the Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program and the Award Cash Management Service and Financial Reporting Processes.

Computer & Information Sciences & Engineering (CISE) (*Teller*)

Sankar Basu, Program Director, Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering, Division of Computing and Communication Foundations

Education & Human Resources (EHR) (*Lawrence A*)

Jermelina Tupas, Deputy Division Director, Directorate for Education & Human Resources, Division of Human Resource Development

Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program (*Lawrence B*)

Sonia Esperança, Program Director, Directorate for Geosciences, Division of Earth Sciences

Geosciences (GEO) * (*McCourt*)

Sarah Ruth, Program Coordinator, Directorate for Geosciences, Division of Atmospheric Sciences

Mathematical & Physical Sciences (MPS) (*Welton*)

Nigel Sharp, Program Director, Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences, Division of Astronomical Sciences

NSF Award Cash Management Service (ACM\$) and Financial Reporting Process * (*Curtis*)

Dorothy Battle, Operating Accountant, Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management, Division of Financial Management

3:40 - 4:00 PM

Refreshment & Networking Break (*Confluence Ballroom Foyer*)

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Award Management (*Confluence Ballroom*): 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.

Presenter:

Kim Bub, Grants Specialist, Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management, Division of Grants & Agreements

5:00 - 6:00 PM

Reception & Networking Event (*Augusta*)

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

7:30 - 8:30 AM

Conference Registration & Continental Breakfast (*Confluence Ballroom Foyer*)

8:30 - 9:30 AM

NSF Policy Update (*Confluence Ballroom*): This session will provide an update to NSF policies and procedures that affect proposal preparation and award administration.

Presenters:

Jean Feldman, Head, Policy Office, Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management, Division of Institution & Award Support

Susan Mason, Group Leader, Office of Legislative & Public Affairs, Division of Legislative Affairs



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9:30 - 9:50 AM

Refreshment & Networking Break (*Confluence Ballroom Foyer*)

9:50 - 10:50 AM

Concurrent Sessions: Program Officers and administrative staff will talk about specific programs, initiatives and answer your pressing questions. In addition, sessions will cover Post Award Monitoring and Compliance, Research.gov, and Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability (SEES).

Biological Sciences (BIO) (*McCourt*)

Henry Gholz, Program Director, Directorate for Biological Sciences, Division of Environmental Biology

Education & Human Resources (EHR) (*Lawrence A*)

Jermelina Tupas, Deputy Division Director, Directorate for Education & Human Resources, Division of Human Resource Development

Engineering (ENG) (*Cook*)

George Hazelrigg, Deputy Division Director, Directorate for Engineering, Division of Civil, Mechanical & Manufacturing Innovation

Post Award Monitoring & Compliance * (*Welton*)

Charles Zeigler, Special Assistant, Cost Analysis & Audit Resolution, Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management, Division of Institution & Award Support

Research.gov * (*Curtis*)

Stephanie Yee, IT Specialist, Office of Information & Resource Management, Division of Information Systems

Science, Engineering & Education for Sustainability (SEES) * (*Lawrence B*)

Sarah Ruth, Program Coordinator, Directorate for Geosciences, Division of Atmospheric Sciences

Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE) (*Teller*)

Susan Sterett, Program Director, Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences, Division of Social & Economic Sciences

10:50 - 11:10 AM

Refreshment & Networking Break (*Confluence Ballroom Foyer*)

11:10 - 11:40 AM

Office of the Inspector General (OIG) (*Confluence Ballroom*): Staff from the Office of Inspector General 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.

Presenters:

Daniel Buchtel, Audit Manager, Office of the Inspector General

Louise Nelson, Senior Audit Manager, Office of the Inspector General

11:40 - 12:10 PM

International Research Collaboration and Research Abroad for Students – Opportunities and Resources at NSF (*Confluence Ballroom*): NSF staff will discuss the role of the Office of International & Integrative Activities (OIIA) in funding international projects. This session will also highlight international research opportunities and students' research abroad programs supported across NSF.

Presenter:

Lara Campbell, Program Director, Office of the Director, Office of International and Integrative Activities

12:10 - 1:10 PM

Luncheon (*Confluence Ballroom*)



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1:10 - 2:10 PM

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Biological Sciences (BIO) (McCourt)

Henry Gholz, Program Director, Directorate for Biological Sciences, Division of Environmental Biology

Computer & Information Sciences & Engineering (CISE) (Teller)

Sankar Basu, Program Director, Directorate for Computer & Information, Division of Computing and Communication Foundations

Engineering (ENG) (Cook)

George Hazelrigg, Deputy Division Director, Directorate for Engineering, Division of Civil, Mechanical & Manufacturing Innovation

Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program (Lawrence B)

Sonia Esperanca, Program Director, Directorate for Geosciences, Division of Earth Sciences

International Research Q&A * (Curtis)

Lara Campbell, Program Director, Office of the Director, Office of International and Integrative Activities

Mathematical & Physical Sciences (MPS) (Welton)

Nigel Sharp, Program Director, Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences, Division of Astronomical Sciences

NSF Policies & Procedures – Q&A * (Confluence Ballroom)

Staff from the Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management

Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE) (Lawrence A)

Susan Sterett, Program Director, Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences, Division of Social & Economic Sciences

2:10 - 2:30 PM

Refreshment & Networking Break (Confluence Ballroom Foyer)

2:30 - 3:30 PM

Crosscutting & Special Interest Programs (Confluence Ballroom): This session will emphasize programs of interest to faculty and researchers from all disciplines, such as GRFP, GOALI, REU, RUI, ADVANCE, and NRT to name a few.

Presenters:

Sankar Basu, Program Director, Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering, Division of Computing & Communication Foundations

George Hazelrigg, Division Director, Directorate for Engineering, Division of Civil, Mechanical & Manufacturing Innovation

Susan Sterett, Program Director, Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences, Division of Social & Economic Sciences

Jermelina Tupas, Deputy Division Director, Directorate for Education & Human Resources, Division of Human Resource Development

3:30 PM

Conference Wrap-up & Adjournment (Confluence Ballroom)

* These sessions will only be offered once.