

# 2025 – 2026 Faculty Seminars & Workshops

Research Development Service (RDS)

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Annually RDS hosts opportunities for the Texas A&M Research Community to increase their knowledge and skills in research proposal development to federal funding agencies. Academic Year 25-26 Professional Development opportunities are offered in in-person and virtual formats. Registration is required for BOTH types of events. Virtual events will supply Zoom links upon registration. These events are for all faculty. Offerings of professional development for [postdocs](#) and [graduate students](#) are listed on their organizational webpages.

## National Science Foundation (NSF)

### Getting to Know the National Science Foundation

**September 11, 2025, 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

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### NSF Supporting Proposal Documents

**September 24, 2025, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Virtual**

Discussing supporting documents required for National Science Foundation proposals, including recent changes to the Biosketch, Current & Pending (Other) Support, and Mentoring Plan. It will also provide information on available resources to assist faculty with developing these documents. Open to all faculty levels.

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## National Science Foundation (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER)

### CAREER: Introduction to the NSF CAREER Program with Recent Awardees Lunch

**October 7, 2025, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (lunch provided), MSC 2406A**

This Kick-off to the FY25 RDS CAREER Assistance Program begins with an introduction to the National Science Foundation's Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program and includes an awardee panel lunch. Topics covered include 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.

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### CAREER: Panel Q&A with Former Program Officers

**November 6, 2025, 12:00 – 1:30 pm (lunch provided), MSC 2404**

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

Come join us for lunch with former National Science Foundation program officers. Representing various NSF programs, they will each share their best advice and experiences related to the NSF in general and the CAREER program specifically, then answer your questions live. Come and share in the discussion.

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### CAREER: Writing Groups Kick-Off

**January 29, 2026, 9:00-10:00 am, 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 February – 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.

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### CAREER: The Education Plan

**March 3, 2025, 12:00 – 1:30 pm (lunch provided), MSC 2402**

This working lunch session will begin with discussion of 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. Bring ideas for your education plan and explore campus programs you can leverage in your plan development.

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## Broader Research Impacts

### Broader Impacts 101

**October 21, 2025, 12:00 – 1:00 pm, (lunch provided), Rudder 301**

Come to gain a better understanding for and transform the way you think about the National Science Foundation's Broader Impacts review criterion and learn where to go for broader impacts resources on campus and how to create a broader impacts plan. (Same content as Jan. 28, 2025, virtual event)

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### Owning Your Broader Impacts

**November 19, 2025, 12:00 – 1:30 pm (lunch provided), Rudder 301**

Already have some ideas about what the Broader Impacts criterion is at the National Science Foundation, but want to maximize your effort in addressing the criterion? Bring your ideas to this working session for some lively discussion and discover what broader impacts can do for you. We will explore the campus resources groups and the Broader Impacts Toolkit to help you create an award-winning plan.

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### Broader Impacts 101

**January 21, 2026, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, Virtual**

Come to gain a better understanding for and transform the way you think about the National Science Foundation's Broader Impacts review criterion and learn where to go for broader impacts resources on campus and how to create a broader impacts plan. (Same content as October 28, 2024, in-person event)

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## Education and Outreach Expo

**February 24, 2026, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, MSC Exhibit Hall**

### Presentation and Expo

This interactive networking event will start with faculty viewing on-line introductions to 20+ campus representatives in programs that faculty can collaborate on the education and outreach aspects of their NSF proposals. Then, at the expo, attendees will have opportunity to network with these campus program representatives. All faculty are invited to attend.

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## Department of Energy (DoE)

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

**October 2, 2025, Time TBD, 3 Hours, Mitchell Institute for Fundamental Physics & Astronomy, Hawking 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.

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## National Institute of Health (NIH)

### Master the R-Series Bootcamp

Preparing to write your first R01 or R-series submission, or the first in a while? Unsuccessful at NIH? Need help staying on schedule?

This bootcamp will help you write a sophisticated, polished narrative that is responsive to the latest NIH trends and policies, raising your general grantsmanship skill and make your federal submissions more competitive.

Presenter: Dr. Meg Bouvier, [Bouvier Grant Group](#)

Contact: Dr. [Laurie Garton](#), RDS Associate Director

### Fall Series (Virtual)

- Chapter 1: Preparation, **Oct 9, 2025, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**
- Chapter 2: Specific Aims, **Oct 16, 2025, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**
- Chapter 3: Importance of the Research, **Oct 23, 11am – 1pm**
- Chapter 4: Rigor & Feasibility, **Oct 30, 2025, 11am – 1:00 pm**

### Spring Series (Virtual)

- Chapter 1: Preparation, **Feb 2026, Time TBD**
- Chapter 2: Specific Aims, **Feb 2026, Time TBD**
- Chapter 3: Importance of the Research, **Feb 2026, Time TBD**
- Chapter 4: Rigor & Feasibility, **Feb 2026, Time TBD**

### Summer Series (Virtual)

- Chapter 1: Preparation, **June 2026, Time TBD**
- Chapter 2: Specific Aims, **June 2026, Time TBD**
- Chapter 3: Importance of the Research, **June 2026, Time TBD**
- Chapter 4: Rigor & Feasibility, **June 2026, Time TBD**

### Write Winning NIH Grant Proposals

**November 13, 2026, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Room TBD**

This seminar presented by Grant Writers' seminars & Workshops 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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## Writing Successful Proposals Series

### Writing Successful Proposals Series

A three-part seminar designed to offer faculty an overview of strategic proposal design and best practices to create a competitive research proposal to any agency or program. Applicable to all disciplines. Early Career and Retooling faculty are invited to attend. **This is a multi-part series. Attend any session – no sequential attendance required.**

Presenter: Dr. [Laurie Garton](#), RDS Associate Director

### Fall Series (In-Person)

- Part 1: Funding Opportunities  
**October 28, 2025, 1:30 – 3:00pm, MSC 2404**
- Part 2: Proposal Development Process  
**November 4, 2025, 1:30 – 3:00pm, MSC 2404**
- Part 3: Grantsmanship & Writing the Proposal  
**November 11, 2025, 1:30 – 3:00pm, MSC 2404**

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### Spring Series (Virtual)

- Part 1: Funding Opportunities  
**March 18, 2026, 1:30 – 3:00pm**
- Part 2: Proposal Development Process  
**March 25, 2026, 1:30 – 3:00pm**
- Part 3: Grantsmanship & Writing the Proposal  
**April 1, 2026, 1:30 – 3:00pm**

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## Young Investigator Programs

### Introduction to Young Investigator Programs and Faculty Fellowships

**February 10, 2026, 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.

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