

*These events are designed to help faculty prepare competitive proposals for the National Science Foundation's Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program!*



*To learn more, about the NSF CAREER program ([nsf.gov/career](https://www.nsf.gov/career)) click [HERE!](#)*

*To register online for Texas A&M CAREER events, click [HERE!](#)*



## 1. GETTING TO KNOW THE NSF

Sept. 11, 2025, Thurs., 1:30 - 3:00 pm, Virtual  
**Webinar**

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.

## 2. NSF SUPPORTING PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

Sept. 24, 2025, Wed., 1:30 - 3:00 pm, Virtual  
**Webinar**

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.

## 3. CAREER: INTRODUCTION TO THE NSF CAREER PROGRAM WITH RECENT AWARDEES LUNCH

Oct. 7, 2025, Tues., 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, MSC 2406A, Lunch Provided  
**Discussion and Q&A with past CAREER Awardees**

This Kick-off to the FY26 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.

## 4. CAREER: PANEL Q&A WITH FORMER PROGRAM OFFICERS

Nov. 6, 2025, Thurs., 12:00 - 1:30 pm, MSC 2404, Lunch Provided  
**Discussion and Q&A with former NSF Program Officers**

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.

## 5. CAREER: WRITING GROUPS KICK-OFF

Jan. 29, 2026, Thurs., 9:00 - 10:00 am, Virtual  
**Information Session**

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.

## 6. CAREER: THE EDUCATION PLAN

Mar. 3, 2026, Tues., 12:00 - 1:30 pm, MSC 2402, Lunch Provided  
**Working Lunch Session**

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.