



# National Science Foundation GRANTS CONFERENCE

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## WEBCAST AGENDA

Only the below sessions will be streamed. The full conference agenda is available [here](#).

### Monday, November 2, 2015

- 8:30 - 8:45 AM      **Welcoming Remarks**  
*Dr. France A. Córdova, NSF Director, with introduction by Dr. Robert Groves, Georgetown University Provost*
- 8:45 - 9:15 AM      **Introduction & NSF Overview:** 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.  
*Presenter: Martha Rubenstein, Chief Financial Officer & Office Head; Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management*
- 9:35 - 11:45 AM      **Proposal Preparation:** 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*  
*Peter McCartney, Program Director; Directorate for Biological Sciences; Division of Biological Infrastructure*  
*Julie Palais, Program Director; Directorate for Geosciences; Division of Polar Programs*  
*Randy Phelps, Staff Associate; Office of the Director; Office of Integrative Activities*
- 1:00 - 2:40 PM      **Merit Review Process:** NSF Program Officers 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: David Campbell, Program Director; Directorate for Education & Human Resources; Division of Research on Learning in Formal & Informal Settings*  
*Cheryl Eavey, Program Director; Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences; Division of Social & Economic Sciences*  
*Peggy Hoyle, Deputy General Counsel; Office of the Director; Office of the General Counsel*  
*Mary Toney, Program Director; Directorate for Engineering; Division of Civil, Mechanical & Manufacturing Innovation*
- 3:00 - 4:00 PM      **Post Award Monitoring & Compliance:** Representatives from the Cost Analysis & Audit Resolution Branch of DIAS will cover the oversight and monitoring of Federal awards. Topics will include the overall Federal context for oversight, stewardship of Federal funds, the "NSF Gold Standard" model for award portfolio monitoring and business assistance, compliance issues, and other common areas of concern.  
*Presenters: Beatriz Azor, Cost Analyst; Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management; Division of Institution & Award Support*  
*Jonathan Braxton, Financial Review & Cost Analyst; Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management; Division of Institution & Award Support*

4:15 - 5:00 PM

**Award Management:** 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:*

*Jamie French, Division Director (Acting); Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management; Division of Grants & Agreements*

## Tuesday, November 3, 2015

8:30 - 9:30 AM

**NSF Policy Update:** This session will provide an update to NSF policies and procedures that affect proposal preparation, merit review, and award administration.

*Presenter:*

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

11:10 - 11:40 AM

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

*Presenter:*

*James Kroll, Director, Research Integrity; Office of the Inspector General*

11:40 - 12:10 PM

**Funding Mechanism Overview:** Learn about the various mechanisms NSF uses to fund proposals such as Ideas Labs, Conferences, RAPID, and EAGER to name a few. They're not all the same!

*Presenter:*

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

2:40 - 4:00 PM

**Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program:** Learn about this Foundation-wide activity that offers NSF's most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars.

*Presenter:*

*Henry Warchall, Senior Advisor; Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences; Division of Mathematical Sciences & CAREER Coordinating Committee Chair*