

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS NSF CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

with excerpts from NSF webinar

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503214

Webinar Slides:

http://www.nsf.gov/mps/dms/career_and_pecase_information/career_webinar_slides_2015.pdf

READ THE EXPECTATIONS LAID OUT IN THE DISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS IN TERMS OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION!

General Considerations:

- helps junior faculty develop research program (not individual research project); scope appropriate for 5 years!
- integrate research and education
- Departmental Support letter plays important role
- talk to your Program Officer; ask you will be assessing your proposal and tailor your proposal to those reviewers

Investigator Eligibility

- doctoral degree in a field supported by NSF (degree has to be awarded by deadline)
- in tenure-track position as Assistant Professor
- untenured by October 1st following deadline
- have not received CAREER award
- have not had more than 2 CAREER proposals reviewed
- no Co-PI/other senior staff

Proposal Parts

- Compelling Research Plan
- Innovative, but feasible education plan
- Plan to effectively integrate both (add evaluation plan)
- Departmental Letter (2 pages): show support for research & education activities; how PI's career goals fit into organization; commitment to PI professional development; Statement of eligibility
- Letters of Collaboration (if appropriate; need needs to be demonstrated):
"If the proposal submitted by Dr. [XX] entitled [XX] is selected for funding by the NSF, it is my intent to collaborate and/or commit resources as detailed in the Project Description."
Do NOT recommend or endorse PI.
- Budget (be reasonable)

Strengths of Highly Competitive Proposals

- Novel Idea/Research Question
- Well Written
- Well Justified
- Research Plan that can Address the Question

For additional information, visit the NSF Webinar

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