



NSF CAREER Commit-to-Submit Writing Program **2022**

Getting Ready to Submit an NSF CAREER Proposal

Things to do... Things to Think About

TASKs for getting a head start	2/16/22dc	Notes/ Date TO DO by
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the 2022 NSF CAREER Solicitation (NSF 20-525) and become very familiar with the required elements. NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) Page 2021 NSF CAREER Webinar Recording & Slides NSF CAREER FAQs 2020-2025 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm your Eligibility. As of the 5:00 p.m., July 25, 2022 NSF Deadline: Tenure-track/untenured Assistant Professor or Tenure-track equivalency per NSF. Have not received a prior CAREER award. Limit of 3 tries/submissions. Research in NSF area: BIO, CISE, EHR, ENG, GEO, MPS, SBE, Office of Integrative Activities (OIA), Office of International Sci. and Eng. (OISE) or Law & Social Science (LS). 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decide if you want to participate in the Research & Innovation Office's program (for everyone outside of ENG) RIO's 2022 NSF CAREER Commit-to-Submit Writing Program or CEAS' CAREER Proposal Support program (for Engineering faculty). Will you commit to attending a group meeting? Will you commit to doing the writing exercises? Will you commit to being prompt & responsive? Decide if you want to commit to being in a Peer Writing Group (optional). Identify potential partners for your Peer Writing Group (optional). To register, email Diane Carillo at diane.carillo@colorado.edu. For full participation in RIO's program, sign up today or no later than Friday, February 25, 2022. After February 25, contact Diane to discuss scheduling. ENG faculty—contact Molly Riddell at molly.riddell@colorado.edu to sign up. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up a one-on-one meeting with Diane (Feb. 22-March 10) in advance of the Group Mtg. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the correct NSF Directorate and particular program for your submission. Identify the NSF Program Officer(s) to approach with your ideas. Prepare a one-pager of your proposed CAREER project & send it with an email requesting a phone meeting. Do it now. NSF CAREER Directorate & Division Contacts 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify your VISION for your career & for your CAREER PROPOSAL. Brainstorm your vision with peers, mentors, potential CU Boulder faculty red team reviewers. Make the case as to why NSF should invest in you as a scholar & a teacher. It's all about YOU! 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sketch out at least one Figure to visually represent your proposal & your career over 5/10/20 years. Sketch them out like it's a children's book—like it's a comic book. Put your sketch up on a wall where it regularly catches your eye; revise it as your thinking progresses. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a CALENDAR for developing your CAREER proposal from now to the July 25, 2022 DEADLINE. Develop your PLAN. 1st Draft by ? Red Team reviews by ? Near-Final Draft by ? Update your calendar frequently—at least weekly! 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and begin developing your integrated Educational Component. Identify potential collaborators. Anticipate Letters of Collaboration. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with your Department Chair to seek his/her support. Anticipate your request for the required Department Chair Letter, which you will draft. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify Broader Impacts of your proposed research. Identify campus resources available to assist you with this—resources to support your success. See RIO Broader Impacts Network TO DO: Sign up for info. on RIO's March 17 Broader Impacts webinar. See 2021-0309 RIO NSF Broader Impacts: Tips from a Former NSF Program Director To access Microsoft Stream, log into Microsoft Office 365 with your IdentiKey log-in credentials. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to think about RED TEAM reviewers who could review your draft proposal and give you honest criticism. Who are your champions? Experts in your field? Seek out sample winning proposals in your field. Ask if those who share are willing to (1) review your draft proposal and, perhaps, (2) be on your Red Team. Talk, talk, talk—brainstorm your ideas. Get commitments—schedule reviewers on your Calendar. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your proposal should be an Integration of your RESEARCH with your EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT. Keep asking yourself, "How is this draft different than a regular NSF research proposal?" Make a compelling case for yourself as a scholar and a teacher. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work your way through this handout. Refer to it regularly. Monitor your progress. Keep it in your sight. 		