

# Tips and Advice for NSF CAREER Proposals<sup>1</sup>

## Before you begin your proposal...

- Serve as a reviewer
- Meet with program managers to help choose the right program
- Only submit when you feel you are ready

## As you begin your proposal...

- Start early and carefully organize a timeline
- Start early on outreach projects
- Make sure there is synergy between the research and broader impact.
- Some programs review career with other proposals, others do a separate career panel— check on this.

## While writing your proposal...

- Have a logical progression how your work will feed into your intended application
- Make sure you clearly lead your reviewers through your research and outreach plans.
- Highlight your training and accomplishments to show how you're uniquely qualified.
- Have reviewers both inside and outside your area.

## Some practical hints...

- NSF CAREER Program Webinar: May 9, 2019 2:00pm
- Use the [Intent to Submit a Proposal Form](#) to alert your CGS
- Review the [solicitation requirements](#) early, and often
- The project title must begin with "CAREER:" and follow with an informative title
- Request the [Departmental Letter](#) as early as possible (2 page limit)

## Resources...

- Career proposal writing group (email [vpresearch@lehigh.edu](mailto:vpresearch@lehigh.edu) to join)
- Dr. Sarah Stanlick, Center for Community Engagement
- Dr. Marci Levine, Lehigh Advance
- Dr. Rita Jones, Center for Gender Equity
- Dr. Kate Bullard, Research Program Development Officer

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<sup>1</sup> These tips are drawn from the last few years of CAREER awardees presentations, in particular Keith Moored (MEM), Kelly Schultz (ChemE), and Yue Yu (Math) as well as from ORSP.