CUNY ASRC NSF CAREER Bootcamp Program, 2020 Cycle

The Office of Sponsored Programs Administration at the Advanced Science Research Center (ASRC) announces the 2020 NSF CAREER Bootcamp Program. The Bootcamps are run by Dr. Linda Vigdor.

The Bootcamps are designed to help NSF CAREER eligible tenure track faculty across CUNY develop competitive proposals.

**Bootcamp broad focus areas:**
- Turning a research idea into an impactful research question
- Integrating research and education plans for potential impact
- Designing and evaluating substantive Broader Impacts
- Developing & writing a compelling, competitive, and compliant research proposal

**Bootcamp activities:**
- Weekly review of grant writing & specific CAREER rfp essentials and strategies
- Regular and iterative reviews and constructive critiques of drafts
- Possible mock panel review 1st week of July
- The aim is for groups of 4-8 people

**What PIs should be prepared for:**
- The bootcamps are intensive and require much work on the part of the PI (and Linda)
- PIs get out of the bootcamp what they put into it
- The groups tend to be interdisciplinary. This has a significant upside. PIs are encouraged to find mentors with expertise in their field who can advise them on advanced scientific aspects of their research.

**Acceptance into a bootcamp is dependent on:**
- The readiness of the PI, assessed via a completed Bootcamp application
- Fit of the proposed research with NSF
- Scheduling fit – although extreme efforts are made to accommodate all accepted PIs’ schedules, on occasion this just isn’t possible.

**Application Information**

Participation in the NSF CAREER Bootcamp is by application only.

**Applications for the 2020 Bootcamp program must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2020.**

The application is online at: [https://asrc.formstack.com/forms/nsf_career_award_bootcamp_application_2020](https://asrc.formstack.com/forms/nsf_career_award_bootcamp_application_2020)

The selection committee will meet in late January-early February and will begin notifying accepted PIs in mid-February.

**For PIs intending to work on a resubmission and who have not yet received a decision from NSF, please check the Tentative resubmission box and submit a completed application. If your 2019 proposal is declined and you want to activate your bootcamp application, please contact Linda Vigdor ASAP after hearing from NSF. Please include your 2019 proposal and reviews, as outlined in the application.**
Scheduling and Attendance

Scheduling of the Bootcamp groups will begin once PIs are notified of their acceptance into the program and will be organized via Doodle poll. Every effort will be made to accommodate everyone’s availability as well as to arrange groups with an eye to disciplinary compatibilities.

**Once accepted, PIs are expected to attend all sessions and contribute respectfully to the group discussions.**

Bootcamps will most likely start the last week of February 2020, and meet weekly (with several weeks excepted) until mid-July; proposals are due at NSF by July 27.

Participants should expect to allot a minimum of 2-5 hours per week to their proposal development or writing activities.

**The ASRC Bootcamp program is led by:**

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