



Developing a concept paper for federal or non-profit grants

Applications for ASRC's Fall Grants Bootcamp open August 28th, 2023

Deadline for applying: Monday, September 18th, 5:00 PM (NYC time)

Application link: https://asrc.formstack.com/forms/asrc_grants101_2023

- Additional information may be found on the ASRC website:

<https://asrc.gc.cuny.edu/education/professional-development/grants-bootcamp-101/>

The focus will be conceptualizing one's research to fit a specific federal funding agency or major non-profit sponsor (e.g., NSF, NIH, DOD, DOE, IES, Spencer, Simons) and writing a 1-3 page concept or whitepaper for discussing your idea with agency program officers.

The program is particularly relevant for:

- Research active CUNY faculty who have not yet previously written & successfully submitted a grant proposal to a federal funding agency.
- PIs with NIH funding who would like to learn how to reframe their research to fit NSF
- PIs interested in applying for the following NSF grants:
 - Launching Early-Career Academic Pathways in the Mathematical and Physical Sciences (LEAPS-MPS)
 - Building Research Capacity of New Faculty in Biology (BRC-BIO) program
- CUNY *tenure track assistant professors* who plan to apply for the ASRC's **NSF CAREER Bootcamp** in 2024 *and* have not been the PI on a prior positively reviewed NSF proposal (not necessarily funded) *and/or* are ready to start conceptualizing their research to apply for an NSF CAREER award (proposals for that are due in July 2024, and starting in October is optimal for many PIs).

Activities will include informational slides, reading & writing assignments, and group discussions with constructive feedback on ideas and work-in-progress. Groups of no more than 8 faculty will meet for 2.5 hours a week. These are intensive bootcamps meant to help PIs conceptualize research questions and shape the foundations of a competitive proposal, for a highly competitive funding environment.

COMPLETING THE 101 BOOTCAMP MAY BE A PREREQUISITE FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE 2023 ASRC NSF CAREER BOOTCAMP

- 1-2 groups will be formed. Groups will meet on Tuesdays 3–5:30 PM or Wednesdays, 4-6:30 PM.
- The Bootcamp application has a section to indicate which slot(s) fits the PI's schedule.
- We will meet during the following weeks:
- October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 27, and December 4, (and tentatively, December 11).
- Bootcamps will meet on Zoom. Zoom video and proficiency with Dropbox are required.

Bootcamps are facilitated by Dr. Linda Vigdor, lvigdor@gc.cuny.edu