OSP Roundtable

Broader Impacts Design for National Science Foundation (NSF) Proposals:
New Resources for Cornell Researchers

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Synopsis
The NSF Merit Review process has two criteria for reviewing more than 50,000 proposals annually, Intellectual Merit, and Broader Impacts (BI). While researchers are generally confident about the intellectual merit of their projects, the BI criterion can pose a different set of challenges for researchers. Questions and confusion about what BI are and how to best design BI plans are common, even though the criterion has been a central part of the NSF review process since 1997. NSF goals and expectations for Broader Impacts continue to evolve, while deliberately remaining non-prescriptive to encourage innovation, and impact work that makes sense in light of a researcher's unique context, skills, and interests.

This roundtable will provide an overview of NSF guidelines and current trends in Broader Impacts, and encourage researchers and those that support researchers to think about creating Broader Impacts plans for grant proposals in more strategic, collaborative and long term ways. Updates on Cornell's BI resources, and BI partnership fundamentals will be shared. Bring your questions too.

This presentation is part of an ongoing series of annual Broader Impacts workshops for faculty, administrators, and community partners to improve broader impacts planning and implementation across the Ithaca campus and community. See the OSP website or contact the presenter for future workshop information.

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