The second National Science Foundation Regional Grants Conference of fiscal year 2009 will be held in Tempe, AZ, and hosted by Arizona State University on March 30-31, 2009.

Key representatives from the National Science Foundation as well as your colleagues - faculty, researchers and grant administrators - representing colleges and universities from around the US will participate.

This two-day conference is a must, especially for new faculty, researchers and administrators who want to gain key insight into a wide range of current issues at NSF including the state of current funding; new and current policies and procedures; and pertinent administrative issues. NSF program officers representing each NSF directorate will be on hand to provide up-to-date information about specific funding opportunities and answer your questions.

## **Highlights include:**

- New programs and initiatives;
- Future directions and strategies for national science policy;
- Proposal preparation;
- NSF's merit review process;
- · Cross-disciplinary and special interest programs;
- · Conflict of interest policies;
- · Breakout sessions by discipline; and
- Electronic Initiatives.

Additional information and registration is available on the conference website.

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