7:30 – 8:30  REGISTRATION and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - *Participants*

8:30 – 8:45  Introduction – *Susan Mason*, *NSF Office of Legislative and Public Affairs*
Welcome to Maryland Science Center - *Van Reiner*, President & CEO, *Maryland Academy of Science at the Maryland Science Center*

8:45 – 9:15  Intro and Overview – *Susan Mason*

9:15–10:00  How Is NSF Organized? – *Susan Mason*
Introductions of directorate/office representatives

- *Sam Scheiner* – BIO – Directorate for Biological Sciences
- *Jeremy Epstein* – CISE – Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering
- *Earnestine Easter* – EHR – Directorate for Education and Human Resources
- *Larry Bank* – ENG – Directorate for Engineering
- *Lina Patino* – GEO – Directorate for Geosciences
- *Bogdan Mihaila* – MPS – Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences
- *Bill Badecker* – SBE – Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences
- *Randy Phelps* – OIIA – Office of International and Integrative Activities

10:00 – 10:15  BREAK

10:15 – 11:30

- *NSF Website and How to Identify Funding Opportunities* – *Jeremy Epstein*

- *Things to Consider Before Applying for an NSF Grant* - *Earnestine Easter*

- *So You Want to Write a Proposal* – *Lina Patino*

- *Parts of a Proposal* – *Larry Bank, Bill Badecker*

Questions and Answers
11:30 – 12:15  Crosscutting Programs  
Overview of Crosscutting Programs – Libby Lyons  
Short descriptions by panelists  
- International – Libby Lyons  
- CAREER – Bill Badecker  
- ADVANCE – Lina Patino  
- GRFP, Data Science – Earnestine Easter  
- ICorps / SBIR – Larry Bank  
- MRI/RUI/ROI/ROA – Randy Phelps  
- CIF21 – Bogdan Mihaila  
- Brain – Sam Scheiner  
- REU - Jeremy Epstein  

12:15 – 1:30  LUNCH  
“Birds-of-a-Feather” discussions with NSF Program Officers about Crosscutting Programs  
- International – Libby Lyons  
- CAREER – Bill Badecker  
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1:30 – 2:30  Merit Review – Sam Scheiner, Randy Phelps  

2:30 – 3:15  Proposal Dos and Don’ts – Bogdan Mihaila  
Questions and Answers  

3:15 – 3:30  BREAK  

3:30 – 4:15  First Directorate/Office Breakout Session  

4:15 – 4:30  BREAK  

4:30 – 5:15  Second Directorate/Office Breakout Session