

IMPACTS OF EIGHT-MONTH CYCLE

- **6-month Cycle:**
July (Regular and CAREER) and January (Regular) submission dates each year
- **8-month Cycle :**
Jan, Sept, and May
Submission dates over two years
+
annual July submission date for CAREER

DIVISION OF
MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOSCIENCES

Predictive Biology through Interdisciplinary Research

Impacts on PIs

6 month cycle

- 23% of submitted proposals were resubmissions
- 18% of awards were for resubmissions

8 month cycle (FY12)

- **Pros**
 - Extra time to revise the proposal thoughtfully
 - More FY12 awards are for revised proposals than in the past
 - Diverse types of proposals funded
 - More than 1/3 of MCB awards for CAREER, EAGERS, CREATIV, Special activities, etc.
- **Cons**
 - Confusion with deadlines-
 - not same every year
 - Out of sync with academic year



Impacts on MCB staff

6 month cycle

- Continuous proposal processing
 - Little time for other activities, including stewardship of existing awards and research areas

8 month cycle (FY12)

- Pros
 - More time to collaborate with other divisions (CREATIVs, workshops, etc.)
 - Dedicated time for scheduling other activities, such as Training, Oversight, and Outreach
- Cons
 - Difficulties in co-review of proposals with other divisions, which have annual deadlines
 - IOS, DEB, DBI
 - Physics, Chemistry, Mathematical Sciences, Materials Research, Computer Sciences, Engineering (CBET)
 - Difficulties in Budget planning
 - Alternating years with one and two cycles
 - CAREER (15% of proposals) cycle not coordinated with 8 month cycle

