Mid-Career Advancement (MCA) Participants

Updated 16 November 2023 – Note it is always a good idea to contact a Program Officer in the directorate to which you plan to have your MCA proposal reviewed, and/or contact mca.info@nsf.gov for more info.

Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships (TIP) – TIP accepts and processes MCA proposals through the Partnerships for Innovation, or PFI, program.

Directorate for Biological Sciences* – all divisions are accepting MCA proposals. Submit MCA proposals to the division and cluster or program that you would normally submit a core research proposal.

Division of Environmental Biology
   Ecosystem Sciences Cluster
   Evolutionary Processes Cluster
   Population and Community Ecology Cluster
   Systematics and Biodiversity Science Cluster

Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences
   Cellular Dynamics and Function
   Genetic Mechanisms
   Molecular Biophysics
   Systems and Synthetic Biology

Division of Integrative Organismal Systems
   Behavioral Systems
   Developmental Systems
   Neural Systems
   Physiological and Structural Systems
   Plant Biotic Interactions
   Plant Genome Research Program

Division of Biological Infrastructure
   Infrastructure Innovation for Biological Research (Innovation): Bioinformatics
   Infrastructure Innovation for Biological Research (Innovation): Instrumentation
   Infrastructure Innovation for Biological Research (Innovation): Research Methods

Directorate for Geosciences* – all divisions (including the Office of Polar Programs) are accepting MCA proposals to their core programs. Submit MCA proposals to the division and cluster or program that you would normally submit a core research proposal.

Division of Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences
   Atmosphere Section:
      Atmospheric Chemistry
      Climate and Large-Scale Dynamics
      Paleoclimate
      Physical and Dynamic Meteorology
Geospace Section:
   Aeronomy
   Magnetospheric Physics
   Solar Terrestrial

Division of Earth Sciences
   Geobiology and Low-Temperature Geochemistry
   Geomorphology and Land Use Dynamics
   Geophysics
   Hydrologic Sciences
   Petrology and Geochemistry
   Sedimentary Geology and Paleobiology
   Tectonics
   Cooperative Studies of the Earth’s Deep Interior
   EAR Earth and Human Resources
   Earth Sciences: Instrumentation and Facilities

Division of Ocean Sciences
   Biological Oceanography
   Physical Oceanography
   Chemical Oceanography
   Marine Geology and Geophysics
   Ocean Technology and Interdisciplinary Coordination

Office of Polar Programs
   Antarctic Research
   Arctic Research Opportunities
   Arctic Natural Sciences Program
   Arctic Observing Network
   Arctic Social Sciences Program
   Arctic System Science Program

**Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences** – parts of three divisions are currently accepting MCA proposals. Submit MCA proposals to the division and cluster or program that you would normally submit a core research proposal.

Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences
   The Science of Learning and Augmented Intelligence Program
   Human-Environmental and Geographical Sciences Program
   Cultural Anthropology Program Senior Research Awards
   Biological Anthropology
   Developmental Sciences

Division of Social and Economic Sciences
   Accountable Institutions and Behavior
   Decision, Risk and Management Sciences
   Law & Science
   Science and Technology Studies
Division of SBE Office of Multidisciplinary Activities
Ethical and Responsible Research (ER2)

**Directorate for STEM Education** *(formerly Directorate for Education and Human Resources)* – parts of all divisions are accepting MCA proposals. Submit MCA proposals to the division and cluster or program listed below as appropriate.

Division of Graduate Education
EHR Core Research (ECR:CORE)

Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings
EHR Core Research (ECR:CORE)

Division of Undergraduate Education
EHR Core Research (ECR:CORE)
Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI Program)

Division of Equity for Excellence in STEM
EHR Core Research (ECR:CORE)
Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI Program)
Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP)
Tribal Colleges Undergraduate Program (TCUP)

*Directorate for Biological Sciences and Directorate for Geosciences are participating in the Pilot PUI Track in FY24 which extends eligibility to Full Professors at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions only.*

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