



Division of Environmental Biology (DEB) Virtual Office Hour

Today's topic: Mid-Career Advancement

Welcome to the DEB Virtual Office Hour.
We will begin soon.

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-  NSF 21-516 – Mid-Career Advancement (MCA) - **Deadline Feb. 1**
- NSF 21-524 - Navigating the New Arctic (NNA) - **Deadline March 5**
- DCL 21-021 – Career-Life Balance Supplement
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- DCL 20-033 - Developing and Supporting the National Ecology Observatory Network (NEON) User Community
- NSF 20-532 - Enhancing Discovery through GENomics Tools (EDGE) – **No deadline**



DEB Virtual Office Hour

- DEB Office Hours: second Monday of each month, 1-2 pm EDT
- Today: Mid-Career Advancement

Upcoming Topics:

Jan 11: Update on Rules of Life

Feb 10: How to prepare a great budget (*special time 2-3pm
Wednesday Feb 10)

March 8: Beginning Investigators



Visit our dedicated webpage for DEB Office Hours

<https://deblog.nsfbio.com/office-hours/>

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Office Hours

Join us the **second Monday of each month from 1pm-2pm Eastern Time** for the Division of Environmental Biology's (DEB) Virtual Office Hours. Representatives from each of the four clusters will be available to discuss specific programs and funding opportunities. There will then be an open question and answer period – questions can be on any NSF or DEB topic.

Join us remotely and bring your questions! Please use the registration link below to set up your



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Mid-Career Advancement (MCA) (NSF 21-516)

- **Primary Objective:** To ensure scientists and engineers remain engaged and active in cutting-edge research at a critical career stage replete with constraints on time that can impinge on research productivity, retention, and career advancement.
- **Eligibility:** a) Associate Professor (or equivalent) and b) at least three years in that position by the proposal submission date.
- **Unique Aspects:** a) only cross-directorate NSF program targeted at the mid-career stage, b) provides protected time and resources to work with a partner, c) supports advancement not otherwise likely to occur

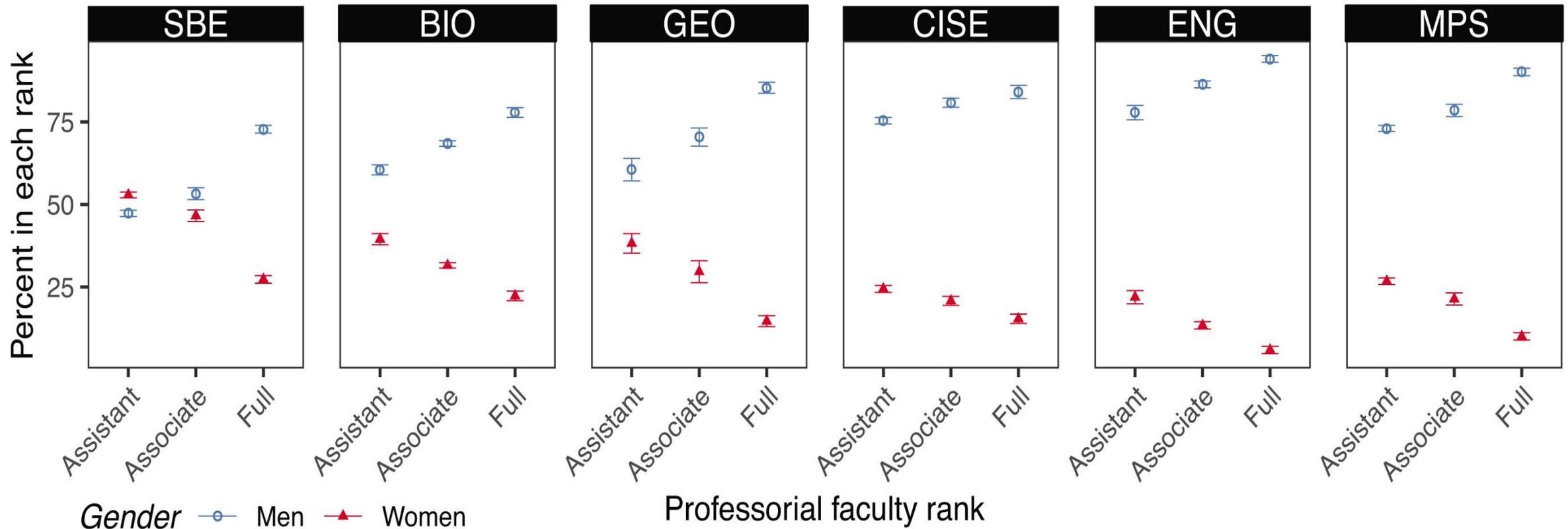


Participating Directorates

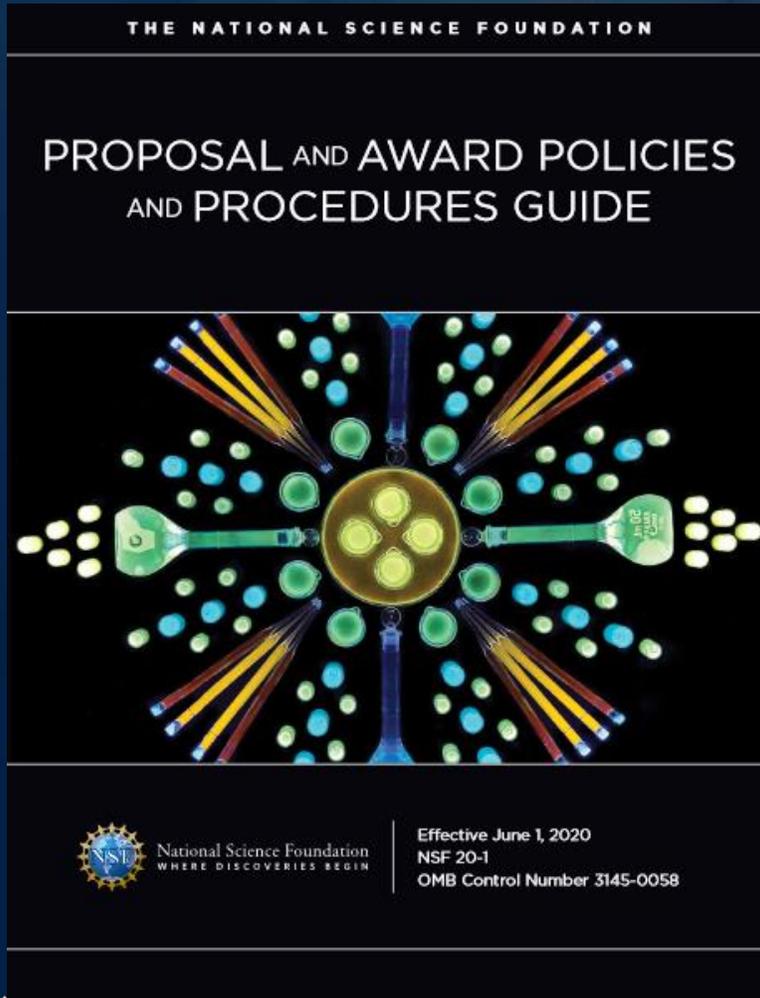


Broadening Participation

Women are still significantly underrepresented relative to **men** at high academic and leadership ranks in all fields of S&E.



Submitting Under the MCA Solicitation



- 1) Title must begin with “MCA: “
- 2) In addition to PAPPG requirements, proposals must also include the following sections:
 - Section 1: Candidate’s Past Research
 - Section 2: Candidate’s Proposed Research Advancement and Training Plan
 - Section 3: Candidate’s Long-Term Career Plans
- 3) References Cited
- 4) Biographical Sketches – for the PI and for Partner(s) (uploaded as Supplementary Documents)
- 5) Additional Supplementary Documentation
 - Letter(s) of Collaboration
 - Departmental Letter

Submitting Under the MCA Solicitation: Budget

Funds are to support the mid-career researcher*.

Protected Time (salary): Funds include up to a total of 6.5 months of salary (i.e. half of typical 9-month academic year plus 2 additional summer months) plus fringe over the course of the grant, not yearly.

Resources (direct costs): \$100,000.00 in support of the research advancement and training plan.

*Also: a) up to 1 month of summer salary for the collaborative partner; b) funds to cover cost of attendance of the candidate to a 2-day awardee meeting during first and final years of the award



All inquiries should be directed to mca.info@nsf.gov

For a brief overview, see:

http://www.nsf.gov/bio/MCA_Overview.jsp



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