



Transformational Research

(high risk/high reward)

- Regular proposals
 - Ad hoc review
 - Panel discussion
 - Program director
 - Division director
 - Division level
 - \$2M set aside
 - Separate coding



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- EaGER
 - Accepted at any time
 - Option for ad hoc or panel review
 - Option to decline if assessment of “risk” is not consistent with EaGER intent
- RAPID
 - Event-driven (transformational element not required)



NSF Concerns

- How can success/funding rate be increased?
- Churn – multiple resubmissions of fundable proposals
- Size of awards
- Challenges for interdisciplinary, risky, and transformative proposals



The Review Process

- Sustainability of the process with increasing proposal numbers
- Many programs are going to panel-only review – this is a challenge for an interdisciplinary program
- Programs use other ways to limit submission
 - Limit number of proposals from individuals or institutions
 - Pre-proposals followed by invitation-only proposals
 - Prohibit resubmission for a finite period of time



Number of Competitions

- Tensions
 - Budget
 - Community
 - Review quality
 - Funding rate
 - Timeliness
 - Logistics
 - Turnaround



Questions

- Are current opportunities appropriate and adequate?
- Are PIs sufficiently aware of these opportunities? If not, what can we do to help?

Timelines

