

Grant Title: FACULTY EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT (CAREER) PROGRAM

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Amount: \$80,000 per year, per award; 425 awards per year. *Exception:* Proposers to the Biological Sciences Directorate (BIO) must submit budget requests for a minimum of \$500,000 for the 5-year duration.

Length of Support: 5 years

Eligible Applicants: Academic institutions in the U.S., its territories or possessions, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that award degrees in fields supported by NSF. Non-profit, non-degree-granting organizations such as museums, observatories or research labs may also be eligible to submit proposals, if the eligibility requirements of the PI's position are satisfied.

Agency/Department: National Science Foundation; Directorate for Biological Sciences; Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering; Directorate for Education & Human Resources; Directorate for Engineering; Directorate for Geosciences; Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences; Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences; Office of Polar Programs

Summary: *CAREER:* The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research within the context of the mission of their organizations. Such activities should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research. NSF encourages submission of CAREER proposals from junior faculty members at all CAREER-eligible organizations and especially encourages women, members of under-represented minority groups, and persons with disabilities to apply. *PECASE:* Each year NSF selects nominees for the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) from among the most meritorious new CAREER awardees. Selection for this award is based on two important criteria: 1) innovative research at the frontiers of science and technology that is relevant to the mission of the sponsoring organization or agency, and 2) community service demonstrated through scientific leadership, education or community outreach. These awards foster innovative developments in science and technology, increase awareness of careers in science and engineering, give recognition to the scientific missions of the participating agencies, enhance connections between fundamental research and national goals, and highlight the importance of science and technology for the Nation's future. Individuals cannot apply for PECASE. These awards are initiated by the participating federal agencies. At NSF, up to twenty nominees for this award are selected each year from among the PECASE-eligible CAREER awardees who are most likely to become the leaders of academic research and education in the twenty-first century. The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy makes the final selection and announcement of the awardees.

Detailed Information: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08557/nsf08557.htm>