The **Office of Research Services (ORS)** will host two webinars this fall 2019 on how to compete for NSF (National Science Foundation) funding and how to write success proposals for the NSF **CAREER** grant.

**Webinar Presenter:** Lucy Deckard, President of Academic Research Funding Strategies, LLC. She has assisted faculty in preparing numerous NSF and CAREER proposals, many of which were funded. Before starting her consulting firm in 2010, Ms. Deckard worked in research development at Texas A&M University for 8 years, most recently serving as Associate Director of the university’s Office of Proposal Development and heading their New Faculty Initiative. Previously, she worked as an engineer for 16 years, conducting applied research in industry and obtaining funding from DoD, DARPA and DOE.

### How to Compete for Funding from the National Science Foundation

An approximately 2-hour webinar, with exercises, on the National Science Foundation (NSF) covering the agency’s mission, funding priorities, how NSF is organized, how proposals are reviewed, the types of projects funded by NSF, how to address the broader impacts requirement, and a step-by-step discussion of how to write a proposal to NSF, with an emphasis on how NSF differs from other agencies that fund research. A Question-and-Answer session will follow.

**Time:** 1:00pm-4:00pm  
**Location:** Regis Hall - MPR (1st floor)

### How to Write Successful Proposals for the NSF CAREER grant

An approximately 2-hour webinar, with exercises, covering the NSF Faculty Early Career Program (CAREER). We will discuss what NSF is looking for, how different directorates use this program, how to decide when to apply for an early career grant, how to position yourself to be competitive, how to develop a strong education plan for the NSF CAREER, keys to success, and common mistakes to avoid. A Question-and-Answer session will follow.

**Time:** 1:00pm-4:00pm  
**Location:** Coffey Hall –McCormick Lounge

If interested in attending one or both of these webinars, please contact Jennifer Rios (jrios1@luc.edu) with your **RSVP** including the title of the webinar you wish to participate in no later than **October 28, 2019**. Light refreshments will be provided.