



The National Science Foundation and San José State University will be holding a one-day workshop on Thursday, March 13, 2008. We want to extend an invitation to you and to anyone else at your institution who would like to attend this workshop and learn more about the NSF and its programs.

The workshop will provide an overview of the Foundation, its mission, priorities, and budget. It will cover the NSF proposal and merit review process and NSF programs that cut across disciplines. Additionally, representatives from the seven NSF directorates and the Office of International Science and Engineering will make presentations on their programs and will also be available individually and in breakout sessions for more specific discussions of potential research proposals.

The National Science Foundation is charged with keeping our nation's science and engineering enterprise healthy, dynamic, and relevant and with advancing science, mathematics, engineering, and technology education at all levels from pre-K through postdoctoral. It is our hope that events such as this will stimulate new interest in NSF programs at institutions that have not been among our traditional customers, as well as at premier research institutions.

There is no registration fee for this workshop; however, preregistration is required. Please register by Thursday, March 6, 2008. A registration form is enclosed. You can register by sending the requested information by email to gwilson@nsf.gov or by faxing or mailing the registration as indicated on the form.

The workshop will be held at the Student Union on the SJSU campus. A map of the campus can be found at http://www.sjsu.edu/about_sjsu/visiting/campus_maps/index.htm#main_campus. We expect that both those familiar with NSF programs and those who should be will find "NSF Day at SJSU" useful and informative. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Jeff Nesbit
Director
Office of Legislative and Public Affairs

Agenda

NSF Day

San José State University

March 13, 2008

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. — Registration

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. — Welcoming Remarks

8:45 - 9:30 a.m. — Introduction to NSF – The Basics

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. — NSF Proposal and Merit Review Process

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. — Break

10:45 – 11:30 p.m. — Cross-Disciplinary and Special Interest Programs

11:30 – 12:15 p.m. — International Programs

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. — Lunch (On your own)

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Directorate Sessions (formal presentations)

Biological Sciences

Computer & Information Science & Engineering

Education and Human Resources

Engineering,

Geosciences,

Mathematical and Physical Sciences,

Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. — Break and Refreshments

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. — Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Informal conversations with program managers from BIO, MPS, CISE, ENG, SBE, EHR, GEO)

4:00 Adjourn

**National Science Foundation Day
San José State University
March 13, 2008
Registration Form**

Name:
Job Title:
Department:
Institution:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone: Email:

Please indicate the directorate session you expect to attend:

- Biological Sciences
- Computer & Information Science & Engineering
- Mathematical and Physical Sciences
- Engineering
- Geosciences
- Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences
- Education and Human Resources

**Workshop Location: Student Union
 San José State University
 San José, California**

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Or return this form by mail or fax to the National Science Foundation Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, attention George Wilson, fax number 703-292-9173, address:

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