

IISE Annual Conference & Expo 2025  
Pre-Conference Special Event  
**IISE Virtual NSF Outreach Event – Funding Opportunities and Proposal Writing**

**Event Date:** May 30, 2025

**Panelists:** (Program Directors from NSF):

Dr. Satish Bukkapatnam

Dr. Alexandra Medina-Borja,

Dr. Reha Uzsoy

\*More program directors may join the event

**Event Description:**

Join us for a special virtual outreach event featuring two back-to-back sessions led by Program Directors from the National Science Foundation (NSF). These sessions are designed to provide valuable insights for NSF funding opportunities.

- The event is free and open to all faculty, researchers, and graduate students who are interested in NSF funding.
- Registration is required.
- The event will not be recorded. Non-technical aspects will not be discussed. The slides may only be displayed during the presentation and will not be shared.
- This event is co-organized by the Quality Control & Reliability Engineering (QCRE) Track and the Design & Manufacturing (D&M) Track of IISE.

**Session 1: NSF Funding Opportunities**

**Time:** May 30, 1:30–2:45 PM ET

The first session will provide an overview of current NSF programs relevant to the IISE community, including emerging funding priorities and key considerations for successful submissions.

**Session 2: NSF Proposal Writing**

**Time:** May 30, 3:00–4:45 PM ET

The second session will focus on best practices for writing competitive NSF proposals, with guidance on structuring proposals, addressing review criteria, and avoiding common pitfalls.

Each session includes a Q&A segment to engage directly with NSF program directors.

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/nkeZBACMTV8xKUWi9>

**Event Link:** Will be provided to registered attendees (using the link above) the day before the event.

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