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• Archaeologists
• NSF experience
  – At “senior” level
  – At DDRIG level
• Sharing our experience in process of obtaining funding from NSF for doctoral research
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- CLA disciplines: NSF Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic (SBE) Sciences
- Programs:
  - Archaeology
  - Biological Anthropology
  - Cultural Anthropology
  - Economics
  - Geography and Spatial Sciences
  - Law and Social Science
  - Linguistics
  - Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics
  - Political Science
  - Science and Innovation Policy
  - Science Technology and Society
  - Sociology
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  - **All** require
    - Doctoral advisor (faculty) submits
    - Strict adherence to Grant Proposal Guides (GPG)
    - Proposal length: 10 pp. of text + 5 pp. (opt.)
    - Submit via Fastlane through Sponsored Program Services at Purdue
Example of NSF SBE Deadlines

- Archaeology (rolling deadline)
- Biological Anthropology (3/12)
- Cultural Anthropology (1/15, 8/17)
- Geography and Spatial Sciences (2/12, 8/13)
- Linguistics (1/15, 7/15)
- Science and Innovation Policy (9/9)
- Sociology (11/25)
Where to start?

- NSF program web site
  - Synopsis
    - Solicitation usually included in synopsis
- GPG
  - Be sure to look over carefully
- Previous Awards
  - Search “Awards”
    - “Doctoral” as keyword within Program
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  e.g., Sociology

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  Solicitation

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  Link provided in Soc.

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The grant writing process

- Always remember:
  - You are introducing yourself / your work
    - (you care about your research, but no one else does!)
  - Who is your audience?
    - For NSF: specialists in your field
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• The grant writing process
  – What do you want to do?
  – How are you going to do it?
  – Why is it important?
    • to the discipline ("Intellectual Merit")
    • to "society" ("Broader Impacts")
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• Prepare proposal, budget, timeline in consultation with advisor
• Work with SPS: centralpreaward@purdue.edu to submit through Fastlane
• PD receives proposal and sends it out for review
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• Review Process
  – Sent for review to 3-6 experts in field
  – Reviewers make recommendation and submits (hopefully) detailed review
    • Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Poor
  – PD bases funding decision on reviews
    • Funding awarded, or invitation to resubmit (very common)
      – Resubmit carefully considering reviewer comments
      – Can offer “reply to reviewer comments”
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• Example
  – Whalen proposal
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• Questions?