

NSF AWARDS FOR UNDERGRADUATE WORK

PANEL DISCUSSION

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ABSTRACT

The National Science Foundation funds many initiatives in higher education. Surprisingly to some people, these funds are not only available to large research-driven graduate-level institutions, but are also available for use at smaller schools with primarily undergraduate enrollments.

This panel will discuss the types of projects that can be funded under the RUI (Research at Undergraduate Institutions) and the REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) programs.

Caroline Wardle and Jerry Engel will discuss the types of projects that can be funded, and also the application and evaluation process which a proposal must go through in order to be funded.

Matt Dickerson and Rong Lin are faculty who have received NSF grants pertaining to undergraduate work. They will discuss some of the projects they have been involved with as well as the application process.

Mark Montague, now a graduate student at Dartmouth College, participated in an REU while an undergraduate at Middlebury College. He will be able to answer questions on the student perspective of these programs.

It is planned that there will be plenty of time for questions during the session.