Mentoring for Postdoctoral Researchers

• Proposals that include funding to support postdoctoral researchers must include a description of the mentoring activities that will be provided for such individuals.

• Proposed mentoring activities will be evaluated as part of the merit review process, under NSF’s broader impacts merit review criterion.
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• Mentoring activities may include:
  • Providing career counseling, training in the preparation of grant proposals, or training in responsible professional practices
  • Developing publications and presentations
  • Offering guidance on techniques to improve teaching and mentoring skills
  • Providing counseling on how to effectively collaborate with researchers from diverse backgrounds and disciplinary areas
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• Proposals that identify a postdoc on the budget but do not include a maximum one-page mentoring plan as a supplementary document will be prevented from submission in FastLane.

• For collaborative proposals, the lead organization must submit a mentoring plan for all postdoctoral researchers supported under the entire collaborative project.