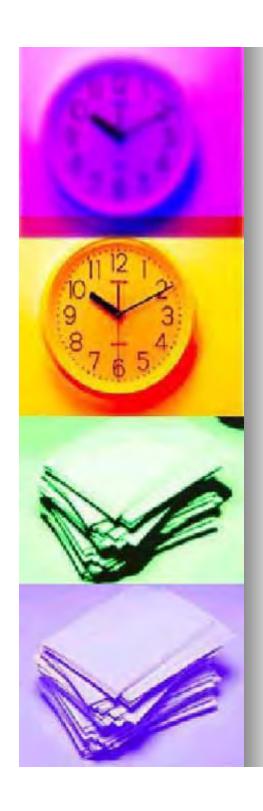
NSB Update: Impact of Proposal and Award Management Mechanisms (IPAMM) Working Group

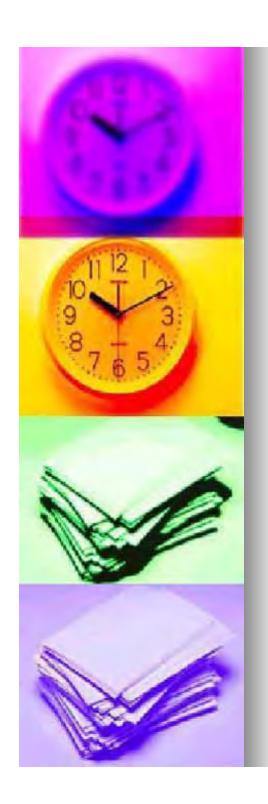




IPAMM Working Group

Charge:

- Identify best practices to achieve an appropriate balance between proposal success rates, award sizes and award duration
- Emphasis on individual, investigatorinitiated grants.
- Members from across NSF: EHR, R&RAs, OISE, OPP, and BFA
 - Program Directors and Division Directors
 - Rotators and Permanent Staff



What Is the Issue?

- Success rate for research proposals was 20% in FY05, down from 30% in FY00
- Potential impact on merit review
 - Increased workload on reviewer community
 - Increased workload on NSF staff
- Potential loss of capacity



Trends in Proposal Submissions and Success Rates (FY00-05)

- Research proposal success rates dropped from 30% to 20% (estimated at 21% in FY06)
- 37% increase in proposal submissions (leveled off in FY05-06)
 - Increased number of PIs submitting to NSF
 - Pls submitting increased numbers of proposals
- Have identified potential drivers affecting proposal submission rates



Next steps

- Case studies of various practices related to proposal submissions
- Additional data analyses
- Obtain external input
 - Focus groups with new rotators
 - Visits with Advisory Committees
 - Applicant Survey to assess external drivers



November Report Will Include...

- Findings related to PI success rates
- Findings related to beginning investigators
- Findings related to solicited research vs. investigatorinitiated research
- Results of case studies