

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the NSF Division of Chemistry Program Realignment

1. Where can I find information about the NSF Division of Chemistry (CHE) realignment?

Please see the Dear Colleague Letter available at http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf09048 and the brochure entitled "Realignment of the Division of Chemistry Programs" available at <http://www.nsf.gov/mps/che/realign/brochure.pdf>.

2. Will my current award be affected?

No, your program and Program Director will not change. If you submit a renewal proposal, you should select the best-matched new program at that time.

3. My proposal seems to overlap several of the new programs – where should I submit?

You should consider the principal intellectual focus of the proposal and select according to the decision tree available at <http://www.nsf.gov/mps/che/realign/decisiontree.pdf>. Please call a Program Director if you have further questions.

4. I have an instrument development proposal – where should I submit?

You have the option of submitting to the instrument development part of the NSF-wide Major Research Instrumentation Program available at http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf09502.

You can also submit to the Measurement and Imaging Program, which follows the usual windows of submission for CHE: the months of July and November.

With the CHE realignment, the current CHE CRIF-Instrument Development Program, available at http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf04534, will be phased out.

Note that the CRIF-Multiuser Instrument Program, available at http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf09546, will remain unchanged.