

# Division of Chemistry: No Deadline Pilot

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Solicitations

**CHE-DRP:NDP**  
NSF 22-606

**CHE-DRP**  
NSF 22-605

Proposals submitted to the CHE DRPs **must** use the appropriate solicitation

# DRP and DRP:NDP Submission Limits

## 2-Proposal Limit

During a one-year period beginning September 1, 2022, an individual may serve as PI, Co-PI, or senior personnel on at most **two** proposals across all 9 CHE DRPs provided at least one is multi-investigator.

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- The limit is same for both DRP and DRP:NDP solicitations and applies to RUI and GOALI submissions.
- The limit ***does not*** apply to proposals submitted to other solicitations (e.g., CCI, REU, LEAPS-MPS, or CAREER)

## Why is this change being made?

We are conducting the pilot to better understand the benefits, impacts, and challenges of a no-deadline submission model.

- Gives PIs more control over submission timing allowing PIs to balance submission with other demands on their time.
- Allows PIs more time to develop collaborations, as needed, and submit when proposal is ready.
- Allow PIs to respond to NSF funding calls (e.g., DCLs) throughout the year.
- Spreads work involved in proposal preparation, submission, and review across an entire year.



These potential benefits must be weighed against anticipated and unanticipated challenges.

# FAQs about Submitting

## When should I submit my RUI/ROA proposal?

RUI/ROA solicitation (NSF 14-579) states proposals must meet program-specific requirements.

- Must be submitted by dates specified in the DRP and DRP:NDP solicitations
  - DRP:NDP Programs => Can be submitted at any time after Sept 1, 2022
  - DRP Programs => Must be submitted during program submission window
  
- Are subject to submission limits specified in the DRP and DRP:NDP solicitations

## When should I submit my CAREER proposal?

CAREER proposals must be submitted by the date specified in the CAREER Solicitation (NSF 22-586)

- Next deadline all CHE DRP Programs: July 26, 2023

# FAQs about Timing

## Is there a best time during the year to submit a proposal?

No. Submit your proposal when it is ready.

- Proposal review will take place continuously throughout the year.
- Proposals that review well will be awarded throughout the year.

## Will it take longer to receive a decision on my proposal?

No, we anticipate no change in the average time to decision and release of reviews.

- NSF strives to process 75% of proposals within 6 months after submission. This practice will still pertain and will be closely monitored.

## Can I revise and resubmit a declined proposal right away or do I have to wait a certain length of time to resubmit it?

Declined CSDM-A, CTMC or CLP proposals can be resubmitted after a [minimum of 4 months have passed since the declination](#) OR [one year after submission](#), whichever comes first.

- Allows time for PIs to consider reviewer comments
- Enables revision and resubmission more frequently than every 12 months...  
...provided no other proposals have been submitted to the CHE DRP programs.



# FAQs about Reviewing

## How will this change affect the review process?

The shift to no-deadline submission will not alter the review process.

- Proposal will be reviewed by panels and/or ad hoc review.
- Panel size and topical focus will adhere to division practice.

## If I have agreed to serve as a reviewer/panelist for the CLP, CSDM-A or CTMC Programs, can I submit a proposal to the same program?

You must wait at least 4 months after your reviewing commitments (for ad-hoc reviewers) and/or panel (for panelist) are complete to submit your proposal.

- If you are asked to review for and you plan to submit a proposal in the coming year to that same program, notify the Program Director at that time so that they can determine eligibility.

# Upcoming CHE Events

## ACS Fall Chicago (Tuesday, August 23, McCormick Place Convention Center)

- **NSF-Chemistry Federal Funders Townhall Meeting (hybrid), 2-4 PM CT:** NSF/CHE joined by other federal funders in chemistry (NASA, NIH, DOE, as well as other NSF Divisions), and the Dreyfus Foundation.
  - ❖ **In-person:** Room S104b, McCormick Place Convention Center.
  - ❖ **Online:** Register at: [https://nsf.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_sXP6RGXUQlaWYPGeXnmwOg](https://nsf.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_sXP6RGXUQlaWYPGeXnmwOg)
- **Speed Coaching with Federal Funders (In person only), 9 AM-12 PM CT:** Speed-coaching sessions with NSF/CHE and our partners. Meet one-on-one with program directors for 15-minute to discuss your proposals or other related topics.
  - ❖ **Where:** Room S100cb, McCormick Place Convention Center.
  - ❖ Sign up for your time slot at event.

**CHE Office Hours on the Disciplinary Research Programs (Online):** CHE DRP programs discuss the program scope, funding priorities, program portfolio, recent research highlights, and interface with other NSF program(s), followed by a Q & A session.

- **August 26, 2022, from 4-5 PM ET:** CTMC and CSDM-A  
Pre-registration link: <https://nsf.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcuqvrDMiHohhhupEn93upvnyigEfgfU>
- **September 23, 2022, from 4-5 PM ET:** CLP and MSN  
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