Seminar Series

Research Directions, Thoughts and Perspectives from an NSF Program Director

9:30 am - Tuesday, January 28th
Imhoff Study Lounge - Bell 4008

The National Science Foundation provides support for basic research across a spectrum of fields and disciplines. This presentation provides the perspective that a Program Director gains by being “behind the curtain” at NSF, and shares some thoughts on research directions and funding opportunities available.

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