

CONNECT with SBIR/STTR Program Managers

Meet SBIR/STTR Program Managers from the National Science Foundation and
National Institutes of Health
Monday October 19, 2009
8-11:30am
Newell Simon Hall 1507
Carnegie Mellon University

Program managers are the front door into every federal agency for the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. Those who have received SBIR and STTR grants acknowledge the critical role that program managers play in successful applications.

“CONNECT with SBIR/STTR Program Managers” is an opportunity to learn from program managers at the National Science Foundation (NSF) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) what they look for in an application, proposal dos and don'ts, and tips to improve your chances of success to receive an award. Two regional companies that have received SBIR grant funding from the NSF and NIH will share their insights and perspectives.

Potential applicants will also have an opportunity to meet privately one-on-one with the NSF and NIH program managers by appointment following the presentations.

“CONNECT with SBIR/STTR Program Managers” is sponsored by: Carnegie Mellon University's Project Olympus, Center for Technology Transfer and Enterprise Creation, and the Don Jones Center for Entrepreneurship, the University of Pittsburgh's Office of Enterprise Development, Office of Technology Management, and Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence.

Schedule of events

8am	Registration, continental breakfast
8:15am	Introductory remarks
8:30am	Murali S. Nair , Program Director for the SBIR program at the NSF
9:45am	Susan Pucie , Senior Program Analyst and SBIR/STTR Program Coordinator for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) at the NIH
10:45am	Company presentations Liz Crawford , PhD and VO of Engineering for Crono, LLC, a software startup that has recently received a Phase I SBIR from the NSF Dottie Clower , PhD, Vice President of Research and Development and Operations for Cohera Medical, Inc., a medical device company which has received two Phase I SBIRs and one Phase II SBIR from the NIH
11:30-2pm	One-on-one 15-minute sessions between potential applicants and the program managers

Registration

Participation by invitation only

Please RSVP to Cleah (cleah@cs.cmu.edu). If you are unable to attend but wish to remain on the mailing list for future events and invitations, please notify Cleah.

One-on-one meeting with Program Manager

To register for a 15-minute private session with either the NSF or NIH Program Manager, please send email to Babs Carryer, Olympus Embedded Entrepreneur, at bcarryer@cmu.edu. Program managers welcome early drafts of applications in advance of these meetings. Babs can facilitate sending these documents to the program manager.

Related programs

SBIR/STTR “The Basics” seminar is strongly recommended as a how-to learning opportunity. Offered on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, from 7:30-9:30am in 104 Mervis Hall, University of Pittsburgh. Register by calling 412 648-1542 or emailing jeeregistration@katz.pitt.edu.

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