Application
- New solicitation at NSF11-690
  - Can apply for CAREER and individual grant at same time, but make this known to program officer; if both are funded, the CAREER grant funding may be reduced
  - Can have overlapping CAREER and individual grants BUT if you have an active grant, they recommend waiting until year 2 to submit so you can build on the existing grant
  - Eligible if untenured by October 1 following the deadline (July 27, 2011)
  - Have seven years to apply, so don’t rush—do you have an appropriate proposal? Do you have department support? Are you committed to the goals of CAREER? Have you discussed your ideas with the program officer/your mentor/other fellows?
  - Can apply 3 times maximum
  - Can submit to multiple programs, but the first listed is the primary

Preparation
- Talk to your Division contact or Program officer in advance; he/she knows typical award size, expectations for the research scope and education plans
- Generally reviewed by panels—keep in mind that their interests may be more varied than an ad hoc committee—start your proposal with the big picture and work towards more details
- See the slides from presentation regarding what should be included in the proposal and details of the evaluation plan
- One PI only; possible to request a buyout
- Consider international activities (see NSF’s OISE website)
- It is worth mentioning previous NSF involvement, even if the grant was held by a faculty member and you were a student

Funding
- Common to get 2 years up front