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Broader Impacts through Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Research

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Which of the following best describes your main role?

A. STEM scientist who does basic research with BI
B. Professional who designs or implements BI activities
C. Research development/grant professional
D. Other
I am a social, behavioral, or economic scientist.
What are you hoping to learn in this workshop?
What is science?
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What are the SBE Sciences?

**Definition:** Focus on human behavior and social organizations, and how social, economic, political, cultural, and environmental forces affect people’s lives and how people shape those forces.

**Method:** Develop and employ rigorous methods to discover fundamental principles of human behavior at all levels, from neurons to neighborhoods, and across space and time.

**Impact:** Help us to understand patterns of stability, change, conflict, and cooperation that can be applied to promote the progress of science and advance the nation’s health, prosperity, welfare and national defense.

*Source:* [https://www.nsf.gov/sbe/about.jsp](https://www.nsf.gov/sbe/about.jsp)
SBE Handouts

- **Overview flyer**
- Factsheets on impact of SBE Research
  - Research on Cognition and Behavior
  - Research on Human Behavior in Time and Space
  - Research on Cooperation and Conflict

Other useful resources:

- SBE on NSF’s Blog
- NSF’s BI resources website
NSF’s Broader Impacts
Project’s potential to benefit society and contribute to the achievement of specific, desired societal outcomes

- Advance discovery and understanding while promoting teaching, training, and learning
- Broaden dissemination to enhance scientific and technological understanding
- Broaden participation of under-represented groups
- Enhance infrastructure for research and education
- Other societal benefits
Examples of thin BI descriptions

1. The project will recruit participation from women, minorities, and undergraduates.
2. Data from the research will be incorporated into a course and disseminated in seminars.
3. Results will have implications for policy audiences.
Put your money where your mouth is.
SBE contributions to BI

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- **Integrated**: SBE contributes to both basic research and BI with other sciences
SBE basic research has inherent BI

- Developmental Science (DS in SBE)
- Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL in SBE)
- Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE in EHR)
Sleep and abstraction

**Rebecca Gómez** - psychologist

DS: experiments showing how sleep relates to infants’ learning
Sleep and abstraction

Sleep-dependent memories consolidate over multiple learning experiences.

PI talks with parent groups in schools and museums about the value of naps.
Pai languages & ethnobotany

Carrie Cannon - ethnobotonist

DEL: protocols for documenting and disseminating traditional indigenous knowledge encoded in Pai languages
Pai languages & ethnobotany

biologists, ethnobotanists, linguists, elders, and other experts from Pai communities

5 - Arizona, 1 - Mexico

Hualapai Ethnobotany Project

students and staff collect and share plant knowledge
Where is the cure to diabetes?

“Ask the prickly pear, or the mesquite bean pod ... maybe they will tell you.”

This is the answer you may hear from elder instructors of the Hualapai Ethnobotany Youth Project.
Poverty Project

Brian Mayer - sociologist

IUSE: develop and run immersive methodological experience for social science undergraduates

student learning evaluated
Poverty Project

workshop students interview households in high-poverty tracts

analyses shared with local government and non-profit organizations
Poverty Project

anyone serving poor neighborhoods

- police
- fire fighters
- food bank
- Habitat for Humanity
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Percent of articles and patents written in teams

Mean team size of papers and patents

Mean number of authors per article, 1980-2013

Other STEM fields are increasingly recognizing SBE sciences

- Complex scientific problems require complex teams
- NSF incentives collaboration with SBE
Looking Ahead: Ten Big Ideas

- Navigating the New Arctic
- Harnessing Data for 21st Century Science and Engineering
- Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Shaping the Future

Research Ideas:
- Understanding the Rules of Life: Predicting Phenotype
- The Quantum Leap: Leading the Next Quantum Revolution
- Windows on the Universe: The Era of Multi-messenger Astrophysics

Process Ideas:
- Growing Convergent Research at NSF
- NSF-INCLUDES: Enhancing Science and Engineering through Diversity
- Mid-scale Research Infrastructure
- NSF 2050: Seeding Innovation
**Exercise:** Enhance the BI in “Convergent Research”

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Convergent research integrating future work, future technology, and future workers.

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Workshopping an example

- Abstract from an actual award
- SBE did not co-fund this
- The team is four engineers and one economist.
A. Read and discuss an award abstract.

1. Evaluate the project’s inclusion of SBE perspectives (e.g., E = economic sciences).

2. Brainstorm on ways to enhance other SBE perspectives (e.g., S = social, B = behavioral).

3. Prepare to share some ideas with the whole group.
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B. Focus on the two BI sentences in the abstract.

1. How might these two activities be expanded or detailed? As you make suggestions, consider SBE sciences.

2. What other types of BI activities might enhance the project?

3. Prepare to share some ideas with the whole group.
C. What could you do in your current role to help these PIs?
Example: Building respectful & robust collaboration

- What **not** to do
- What to do
Example: Building respectful and robust collaboration

*Note:* This fictional scenario is loosely based on our actual experiences in helping build teams.

*Background:* A team of cellular biologists, biophysicists, and computer scientists studies how molecules bind to one another in living cells. They have funding from the BIO directorate. Their BI approach emphasizes interdisciplinary training and mentoring of students, including URMs.
They are proposing to extend this work through NSF’s new program on the “Rules of Life: Forecasting and Emergence in Living Systems.” The RFP requires that research must include directorates beyond BIO.

The team’s composition easily links to CISE as well as BIO. They think their chances will be even better if they can link to SBE as well.

The PI knows an anthropologist who studies the science of team science. He thinks she might be able to improve their interdisciplinary training and mentoring plan.
Mistakes were made

- Contacted anthropologist 10 days before the deadline
- Asked her to write in a workshop on interdisciplinary mentoring, and to make sure it synchronized with already-developed evaluation plan.
- Sent her project summary but not full proposal or budget.
- Told her to keep her section to half a page and < $25k.
- When she asked to meet the PI, he referred her to the external evaluator (who had already been contracted).
What’s your main take-away from this workshop?
Our goals for workshop

1. Understand SBE as sciences that inherently advance BI.
2. Think nimbly about SBE collaboration, from general project design to specific BI plans.
3. Respectful and robust collaboration takes time and money.