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Conference Center on the Georgia Southern University campus. Faculty and students across multiple disciplines from Georgia Southern, as well as regional colleges and universities, are invited to participate.

Participants will be notified if their abstracts were accepted by March 14, 2016. The registration deadline is April 4, 2016. To register for the symposium, please click [here](#).

## 8 Key Questions Considered by Reviewers of Grant Proposals

Falk-Krzesinski and Tobin (2015) compared research grant proposal review criteria across 10 US federal agencies and found all review criteria include eight key questions when evaluating a research proposal. These key questions address the significance and novelty of the project, the approach used, the individuals involved, the environment and resources that are available, and the overall impact the project may have. Keeping these questions in mind can help research administrators, research development offices, and proposal writers decipher proposal criteria which can help facilitate the development of proposals. To read about this in more detail, please click [here](#).

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Key Question	Review Criteria Terms
Why does it matter?	Significance Importance
How is it new?	Innovation, Novelty Creativity
How will it be done?	Approach Plan Methodology Objective Aims
In what context will it be done?	Environment Resources Populations Facilities
What is special about the people involved?	Investigators Organization People Researchers Personnel Partners Collaborators Staff
What is the return investment?	Impact Value Relevance
How effectively will the financial resources be managed?	Budget
How will success be determined?	Evaluation Assessment

## **U.S. House Supports New Bid to Require a “National Interest” Certification for NSF Grants**

The House of Representatives approved legislation that would require the National Science Foundation (NSF) to award grants to research projects that are certified as being in the national interest. This measure would set forth concepts that would be considered to be of “national interest” such as improving the economic health of America or strengthening national defense. This legislation is the latest attempt at limiting scientific freedom at the NSF. However, according to bill’s sponsor, this measure that would ensure the grant process is more transparent and accountable to the American Public. To read more about this, please click [here](#).

## **Historical Trends for R&D Funding**

Please click on this [link](#) to review charts and tables that present a range of the federal R&D data series. The

information includes research budgets by agency, character, and discipline, and a majority of the data was collected from the AAAS R&D annual budget reports. Some charts also relied on data that was collected by the NSF's National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, as well as data provided via the President's budget request in the White House Office of Management and Budget.

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