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- Career Profile
- University Researcher
- NSF Administrator

Industry

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Startup, FM, UTRC

Industry

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University

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Introduction

University Researcher

NSF supported my evolving interests and professional development as a university researcher through a variety of innovative discovery-focused and translational research programs.

- **Discovery**
  - SGER
  - CAREER/PECASE
  - MRI
- **Translation**
  - I-Corps
  - GOALI

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Discovery:

Small Grant Exploratory Research Program

University Researcher

SGER supports small-scale, exploratory, and high-risk research in the fields of science, engineering, and education

- Struggled to get first NSF funding

- Worked with a mentor

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Discovery:

Faculty Early Career Development Program

University Researcher

CAREER/PECASE supports early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to **lead advances** in the mission of their department or organization.

- Awarded on third attempt
- Provided flexible sustained (5yr) funding
- Laid the foundation for my research career (ideas not $)
- Met the President

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Discovery:

Major Research Instrumentation Program

University Researcher

MRI supports the development or acquisition of multi-user research instruments that are critical to the advancement of science and engineering.

- Provided new insights for academia and industry

- Leveraged instrumentation for research collaborations and tech startup

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Translation:

Innovation Corps

University Researcher

I-Corps™ is an immersive, entrepreneurial training program that facilitates the transformation of invention to impact.

- Changed my research career perspective

- Inspired me to launch a tech startup

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Translation:

Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry Proposals

University Researcher

GOALI proposals seek to stimulate collaboration between academic research institutions and industry

- Shared university and industry research infrastructure

- Struggled to satisfy industry interests (2 companies) and schedule

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Introduction

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NSF Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Assignments bring fresh perspectives from across the country, helping influence new directions for research, research infrastructure, and education, including in emerging interdisciplinary areas

- Changed my perspective on university research

- Driven by high-level:

  - Stewardship

  - Thoughtful intentional program frameworks

  - Commitment to societal impact

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Industry-University Cooperative Research Center Program

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The IUCRC program provides a structure for academic researchers to conduct fundamental, pre-competitive research of shared interest to industry and government organizations.

- Connected university researchers with industry partners through proven frameworks to bridge their respective cultures

- Learned about Center Leadership

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Innovation Corps

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I-Corps™ is an immersive, entrepreneurial training program that facilitates the transformation of invention to impact.

- Focused programs on North Stars
  - Deep Technologies
  - Commitment to Commercialization
  - Inclusivity
- Partnered with the GEM Consortium

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Thank You!
Questions?