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# ***Evaluator Research Agenda***

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**2015 I/UCRC PROGRAM MEETING**  
**Arlington, Virginia**

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**  
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# **Agenda $\leq 15$ minutes**

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- **Evaluator research coordinator role? (...ending)**
  - **2015 Process for proposing a research project?**
  - **2014-15 NSF-funded evaluator research projects**
  - **Future evaluator research funding & topics?**
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# **Evaluator Research Coordinator Role?**

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- Investigate current process for proposing evaluator research projects to NSF I/UCRC Program for funding**
  - Summarize current process at evaluator meetings in January and June**
  - Lead session in June evaluator meeting on evaluator research process, current projects, ideas for future**
  - Review evaluators' draft research ideas / proposals**
  - Send research ideas / proposals to a few evaluators; review & return to author with comments for revision**
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- Number of 2014-15 research ideas / proposals? ... 0**
  - Prospects for this role next year? ...Practically none**
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# Process\* for Proposing a Research Project in 2015?

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1. Research idea
2. Receptivity check @ NSF I/UCRC Program:  
*Short* pitch to Raffaella = Title & value to NSF
3. Follow-up if invited: Letter of intent, pre-proposal...
4. Evaluator review process? ...informal going forward...
5. Formal proposal for submission

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\*This process was OK with Raffaella as of January, 2015.

# 2014-15 NSF-Funded Evaluator Projects...

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- Teri Behrens - *I/UCRC Logic Model*
  - Connie Chang - *“Factsheets” Project: Strategically Communicating NSF I/UCRC’s Value to Stakeholders*
  - Drew Rivers - *Evaluator KB [Knowledge-Base] and LIFE Best Practices*
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## ...and *non* NSF-Funded Evaluator Projects

- Lena Leonchuk - *Graduate Student Social Capital, Social Networks*
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# **Future evaluator research funding & topics?**

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- **Funding from NSF for evaluator research 2015-16:  
Open question**
  - **Funding options from other sources – University, etc.,  
traditional (assistantship) & creative (?)**
  - **Topics for future research? ...check**
    - I/UCRC Logic model**
    - Evaluator Knowledge Base**
    - Other sources??**
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**...Questions concerning evaluator research?**

