Panel Symposium Submission

The Research Partnership on Women’s Careers in Science: Dissemination and Collaboration

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In 2009, the NIH funded fourteen grants to examine factors influencing women’s careers in the sciences (at over $16 million combined). Four years later, these awardees have published over 40 peer-reviewed articles and formed the Research Partnership on Women’s Careers in Science. This purpose of this Partnership is to build an evidence-base of rigorous scholarship on causal factors and interventions for women’s careers in science, translate that knowledge into meaningful practices at the national and institutional levels, and generate support for future initiatives to address the underrepresentation of women in research and leadership roles in science.

In this proposed Panel Symposium, five members of the Research Partnership (representing distinct funded projects) will provide insight into the past, present, and future of the Research Partnership on Women’s Careers in Science. They will first describe some key experiences and findings from their NIH grants. Then, panelists will be asked to discuss their current efforts disseminate their findings to academic audiences and key decision-makers. The majority of the session will focus on future opportunities for dissemination and collaboration between the Research Partnership and the Work and Family Researchers Network. Both audience members and panelists will be asked to generate and discuss ideas for translating research into meaningful practice, building relationships across social science and STEM fields, and generating additional funding opportunities at the institutional and national levels.