

CBI FastLane Interview Protocol: PI's

Interviewee.....
Institution.....
Contact/email/fax.....
Date.....
Interviewer: _____ Permission.....

Please outline your education (final degree/year); your scientific field; principal academic appointments

Briefly describe your experience with submitting (or reviewing) NSF paper proposals <2000 (before FL).

What was your initial response to the news that FastLane was being developed ... made mandatory? What did you expect from NSF's FastLane initiative?

When did you start using FastLane? (reviews or submits?)

Did you have access to the necessary computing resources to utilize FL? (*network, browser, Adobe*)

Did your institution offer training or support for FL?

What was your experience with the screen design and functionality/usability of FastLane? [when?]

Any observations on challenges to be overcome in implementing FastLane at your university?

Did you have support staff to help you with FL (at the department or college level)? What type of support?

Did you send comments about FastLane to NSF staff?

On balance, did FastLane make you more (or less) likely to submit a proposal to NSF?

Did FastLane have an impact on your collaborative, interdisciplinary, or cross-directorate proposals?

Does FL support communication of your science?

As a reviewer, can you identify any impact of FastLane...on proposal quality? ...resubmits?

Did FL change your interactions with NSF staff?

Did FastLane change relations between PIs and SPA/support staff (e.g. proposal budgets)?

Did FastLane have any influence on centralizing – or decentralizing – research administration?

Could NSF improve FastLane to advance the research enterprise? ...in what ways?

Key lessons NSF should learn from FastLane to inform the design of cyber-infrastructures?