In this overview of NSF programs, Engineering Design & Systems Engineering (EDSE) Program Director Kathryn Jablokow will highlight NSF core programs and a variety of cross-cutting opportunities relevant to the engineering design community, along with a few key principles for successful proposal writing. In addition, she will discuss her vision for design research, including the implications of treating design as a system and the need to establish a more synergistic relationship between the engineering design and systems engineering communities.

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