**2025 Virtual NSF CAREER Proposal Workshop**

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This highly anticipated virtual workshop is designed to provide comprehensive guidance and robust support to early-career faculty members aspiring to compete for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) program award—the NSF’s most prestigious honor for junior faculty. Sponsored by the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and the Center of Excellence in Productive Design and Advanced Manufacturing (CEPDAM), this workshop aims to empower participants to craft compelling research and education plans that establish a strong foundation for a lifetime of academic leadership. Attendees will have exclusive opportunities to engage with successful NSF CAREER award recipients, build meaningful professional networks, and exchange insights with fellow emerging scholars.

**Theme:** Insights from Distinguished NSF CAREER Award Recipients

**Date and Format:** 1:00 – 3:00 pm, October 24, 2025 | Virtual Workshop via Zoom

**Agenda:**

* **1:00 – 1:10 pm** | Welcome and Opening Remarks
* **1:10 – 1:50 pm** | Individual Presentations by Esteemed Guest Speakers (see Bio below)
* **1:50 – 2:10 pm** | Panel Discussion (Moderator: Dr. Chang S. Nam)
* **2:10 – 2:50 pm** | Audience Q&A Session
* **2:50 – 3:00 pm** | Closing Remarks

**Biography:**

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[Andrew Lee](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmae.ncsu.edu%2Fpeople%2Fandrew-lee%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ccsnam%40ncat.edu%7C318722705a094a4575ee08ddff670bb2%7Cd844dd75a4d74b1fbd33bc0b1c796c38%7C0%7C0%7C638947540269652286%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FAgIoFpvTdsMz9ZJFzfVaE2Zs6xXG6SGsh3LRn8Xz3g%3D&reserved=0) is an Assistant Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at North Carolina State University. He received his B.S.E., M.S.E., and Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Michigan and was a postdoctoral scholar at Caltech. His research focuses on the mechanics of lightweight space structures including problems related to packaging, deployment, stability, and active control. Dr. Lee is the recipient of the 2025 NSF CAREER Award and the AFOSR Young Investigator Program Award.

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