The NSF describes CAREER as "its most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars".

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Patrick's proposal and award are entitled “Developing a Theoretical Understanding of the TeV Energy Scale from the LHC and Dark Matter”, and this project will engage the most pressing issues in contemporary elementary particle physics.

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