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Proposal Development

NIH Training on the Go: All About Grants Podcasts

Do you want to learn more about developing competitive NIH proposals but don't have the time to attend in-person training sessions? Try NIH's All About Grants podcast series. Designed for investigators, fellows, students, and research administrators, the Office of Extramural Research talks with NIH staff members about various aspects of the application and award process. These podcasts allow you to gain valuable information as your schedule allows.

Podcast topic categories:

- Getting to Know NIH and the Grants Process
- Preparing A Successful Grant Application
- Advice for New and Early Career Scientists
- Submitting Your Application
- How NIH Grants Are Reviewed
- Life as an NIH Grantee

Episodes range from 4 to 20 minutes in length, and a full transcript of each is provided on the NIH website. Episodes are available as MP3s for download, via iTunes, or via RSS feed. If you prefer videos over podcasts, check out the NIH YouTube channel that features a wide variety of topics, and the Webinars posted on the NIH website, as well.

Need assistance with developing NIH proposals? Contact Michelle Schoenecker (schoene7@uwm.edu) or Kari Whittenberger-Keith (kariwk@uwm.edu) in the UWM Proposal Development Services unit. We have a variety of NIH templates, checklists, and other guidance materials to help you develop competitive proposals.

NSF 2017 CAREER Proposals: The Education Plan

A common but significant misconception about the NSF CAREER Award is that it's a research proposal with a complementary education plan. In fact, the CAREER Award is a five-year plan that discusses BOTH your research and educational goals and objectives in an integrated plan. Successful CAREER proposals include meaningful and innovative education and outreach activities that engage your students and the broader community (e.g., high school students and teachers), and the general public. Therefore, an equal amount of attention must be placed on your developing education plan as well as your research plan.

Creating a strong education plan can be time-consuming, so it's important to start early. Here are some aspects of the education plan to help jump-start your thinking:

- What are you passionate about? Consider activities you already involved in.
- You do not need to be an educational researcher but must show initiatives based on best practices.
- Address diversity (can include underserved rural areas or gender diversity).
• Do not reinvent the wheel; leverage existing successful UWM programs and resources.
• Assessment of the activities in the Education Plan is essential.

Need Help? Contact Proposal Development Services – we have a collection of internal and external materials, and we can connect you with campus resources and programs. Contact Michelle Schoenecker (schoene7@uwm.edu) or Kari-Whittenberger-Keith (kariwk@uwm.edu).

Pre-Award Administration

NIH PubMed Central: Complying with NIH Public Access Policy

NIH makes the peer-reviewed articles it funds publicly available on PubMed Central (PMC). But did you know that the NIH Public Access Policy requires scientists to submit final peer-reviewed journal manuscripts that arise from NIH funds to PubMed Central immediately upon acceptance for publication? It can be easy to forget to submit papers to PMC, especially when juggling teaching and project management responsibilities. However, non-compliance with this requirement can affect your future awards: NIH may withhold new awards or delay continuing funds until the paper(s) have been submitted.

To help researchers submit their publications to PMC, the NIH website has a wealth of information available to make the process as easy as possible, including training materials, submission methods, a variety of FAQs, and instructions on how to add and maintain citations in My Bibliography and the National Center for Biotechnology Information. It also includes detailed instructions on using the NIH Manuscript Submission (NIHMS) system. Questions? Contact your Pre-Award Specialist.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Production Assistance for Cellular Therapies (PACT) Webinar: March 14, 2017

Production Assistance for Cellular Therapies (PACT), a National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)-funded resource initiative, provides assistance with cellular therapy translational research and the manufacture of cellular therapy products. PACT will hold a free Webinar on March 14 from 11:00am-12:15pm CST to discuss the PACT program, including the application process and the details regarding PACT manufacturing assistance. Registration is required.

Workshop: Getting to Know PCORI – From Application to Closeout: April 10-11, 2017

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) is hosting a free interactive workshop April 10-11 in Chicago, IL to provide applicants with the tools and strategies to develop that winning application. Led by PCORI staff, workshop topics include priority topics for research, funding announcements, the application process, large pragmatic clinical studies, and research partnerships and engagement. Participants will be able to meet PCORI staff, ask questions, obtain resources, and network with other participants. Registration is required.

Spring 2017 NSF Grants Conference: June 5-6, 2017

The Spring 2017 NSF Grants Conference will be held June 5-6, 2017 in Louisville, KY. This conference is especially valuable for new faculty, researchers, and administrators who want to gain key insight into a wide range of current issues at NSF, including the state of current funding, new and current policies and procedures, and pertinent administrative issues. NSF program officers representing each NSF directorate will provide up-to-date information about specific funding opportunities and answer your questions.

Registration will open at 12:00pm EST on March 30, 2017; the fee is $300. NSF anticipates the conference will reach capacity very quickly, and thus encourages attendees to reserve your place as soon as possible. Further information will be available on the NSF Grants website soon. Questions? Contact Reagan Sims at grants_conference@nsf.gov or 703-245-7410.
The annual Science of Team Science (SciTS) Conference will be held June 12-14 in Clearwater Beach, FL. SciTS is a rapidly growing cross-disciplinary field of study that aims to build an evidence-base and to develop translational applications to help maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of team-based research. Attendees will include thought leaders in the SciTS field, scientists engaged in team-based research, institutional leaders who promote collaborative research, policymakers, and federal agency representatives. Registration information is forthcoming.