Tips/Lessons Learned in Submitting Proposals

Proposal Writing – Start Early

Competitive grants are not best produced through last minute efforts. You’ll need time to research, reflect, rewrite, and to get others to critique your proposal. It is critical to identify funding opportunities as early as possible to allow the maximum amount of time to prepare the proposal.

Funding Opportunities (from the past 7 days)

For previous funding opportunities, see http://teesresearch.tamu.edu/funding-opportunities/

LIMITED SUBMISSIONS
If you would like to receive all notices of limited submission opportunities, please email shelly.martin@tamu.edu. Note that if you are on this list, you will receive any and all announcements, whether or not they apply to you. All limited submission opportunities are also posted on the VPR’s site.

Limited Submission  NIMHD Transdisciplinary Collaborative Centers for Health Disparities Research on Chronic Disease Prevention (U54) – Email of Intent Due September 3, 2015; Internal Proposal Due September 10, 2015

DARPA
Innovative Vacuum Electronics Science and Technology (INVEST) (link)
Circuit Realization at Faster Timescales (CRAFT) (link)

DOE
FY2016 Scientific Infrastructure Support for Consolidated Innovative Nuclear Research (CINR) (link)
Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) FY 2015 Phase I Release 2 (link)

NIH
Limited Submission
NIMHD Transdisciplinary Collaborative Centers for Health Disparities
Research on Chronic Disease Prevention (U54) (link)
Centers of Research Translation (P50) (link)

NSF

Request for Information

NIH
Request for Information: Input on the Development of the Federal Pain Research Strategy (link)

Upcoming Events
See also http://teesresearch.tamu.edu/events/ for a complete listing and links to handouts/presentations

Register Now!
Grant Proposals 101
August 21, 2015
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wisenbaker 236C
Register in TrainTraq for Course #2112545 (Section 2247)
Description: This workshop will cover the basics for putting together a proposal for internal and external funding. The intended audience is individuals relatively new to the grants process.

Lunch and Learn – RIG: Cybersecurity & Security of Cyberphysical Systems
September 22, 2015
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
ETB 3002
Registration required – coming soon. Lunch will be provided.

Writing Successful Proposals Workshop Part 1
September 22, 2015
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Henderson Hall, Room 103
Registration required
**Description:** The workshop will cover the best practices for successful proposals to federal and other funding agencies. Questions will be taken at the end of the session until all have been asked.

**Maestro Training for Research Portal Users**
**Dates:** September 23, October 21
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
To register for one of the dates listed above, email maestro@tamus.edu. Regional campuses can receive training via WebEx on request.

**Write Winning NIH Grant Proposals**
September 24, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Rudder Tower, Room 601
Registration required
**Description:** Faculty will learn how to present their case to review committees using proven tips and strategies; write with a linear progression of logic that leads the reviewers through the application; and write for two review audiences—assigned reviewers reading a proposal in its entirety and non-assigned reviewers reading critical sections only.

**Budget Bits**
September 25, 2015
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wisenbaker 236C
Register in TrainTraq for Course #2112550 (Section 2267)
**Description:** This workshop will focus on planning and tips for strategic budget development to make your proposal more competitive. All sizes of projects—from single PI to multi-institutional—will be discussed. Major compliance issues will be covered. The intended audience is both new and moderately experienced proposers.

**NSF Proposal Writer's Group Inaugural Meeting**
September 29, 2015
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Henderson Hall, Room 103
Registration required
**Description:** The workshop will cover strategies and considerations relevant to the successful creation or resubmission of proposals to the National Science Foundation. Questions will be taken at the end of the session until all have been asked and answered.

**Demystifying the NSF!**
October 1, 2015
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Henderson Hall, Room 103
Registration required
**Description:** The goal of this workshop will be to familiarize participants with the mission and structure of the National Science Foundation, the NSF merit review process, how to navigate the NSF website, and how to find relevant funding and other NSF related information.

**3-Part Workshop Series Coming This Fall**

**Increasing Your Research Funding through Increasing Your Visibility – To the Public, To Your Peers and To Funders**

**Increasing Your Visibility to the Public – 2-part session**
October 7 & 14, 2015
12:40 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
ETB 2005

**Important:** Bring your own laptop. Participants will need to attend BOTH sessions.

**Description:** Many funders are influenced by their perception of your research, especially if the public is aware of the work you have done as a result of the funder’s grant. The first session will be about how to make yourself look good and get more people looking at you. The second session will be on how to actively push your message to the popular press – Presented by Dr. Bruce Gooch, Associate Professor of Computer Science and Engineering.

**Increasing Your Visibility to Your Peers – 1 session**
October 19, 2015 – 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
OR
October 23, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
ETB 3002

**Important:** Bring your laptop. Participants can attend EITHER session.

**Description:** Participants will know how to maximize their online scholarly identity (a researcher has no reputation if they have a poor online identity because no one can assess their profile), be able to characterize their scholarly impact, and be introduced to publishing strategies that maximize scholarly impact – Presented by Dr. Bruce Herbert, Director of Scholarly Communication, Texas A&M University Libraries.

**Increasing Your Visibility to Funders – 1 session**
October 30, 2015
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
ETB 3002

**Important:** Bring your laptop.

**Description:** This workshop will help researchers explain the value proposition of their research to potential funders in 2 minutes or less. The potential types of funders will be discussed along with an overview of what types of descriptions would best engage which funder. – Presented by Dr. Richard Malak, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and Rodney Boehm, Industry Mentor, Engineering Academic and Student Affairs (EASA)

**NSF Broader Impacts Workshop**
October 7, 2015
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Henderson Hall, Room 103
Registration required

Description: The workshop will cover the strategies and considerations relevant to the Broader Impacts requirement of grant proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation. Questions will be taken at the end of the session until all have been asked and answered.

2nd NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding & Grants Administration
October 14-16, 2015
San Diego, CA
Information
Registration required

Description: The NIH Regional Seminar offers a comprehensive program for the NIH extramural community about the NIH grants process and related policies, including such topics as Fundamentals of the NIH, compliance, peer review, grant writing for success, pre-award and post-award issues for administrators and investigators, animal and human subject research, and how to interact electronically with NIH. In addition to a strong, track for of sessions for administrators, a redesigned track for new investigators will provide step-by-step guidance on mapping your career, an understanding of the funding process and what can be expected up to the time of award. To add to the array of topic choices, special interest sessions are provided on topics like research integrity, data sharing, foreign collaborations, and more.

Finding and Responding to Funding Opportunities
October 23, 2015
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wisenbaker 236C
Register in TrainTraq for Course #2112551 (Section 2268)

Description: The intended audience is both new and moderately experienced proposers. Potential federal and state funders will be discussed including agency culture, finding funding opportunities, assessing competitiveness, contacting program officers, and reading RFPs. This workshop requires computer access for hands-in interactions. Participants are responsible for providing their own access via laptop or tablet.

Cancer Prevention and Research Institute (CPRIT) Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference
November 9-10, 2015
Renaissance Arboretum Hotel
Austin, Texas
Information – Registration to be announced

Review Process
November 13, 2015
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wisenbaker 236C
Register in TrainTraq for Course #2112552 (Section 2269)
Description: Interactive workshop includes mock review panels, discussion of the review process and provides tips to successfully maneuver through the proposal review process.

Research News

Yakovlev Leads Team Awarded NSF Major Research Instrumentation Grant

A team of researchers led by Vladislav Yakovlev, professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Texas A&M University, has been awarded a Major Research Instrumentation grant from the National Science Foundation for its efforts in developing a new tool for studying large populations of cells without destroying them.

The instrument, Yakovlev says, is expected to overcome many of the challenges associated with conventional cell analysis, such as the use of molecular labels or analytical approaches that destroy cell viability, while providing a more effective alternative to the labor-intensive and slow approaches that characterize cell analysis.

Joining Yakovlev on the research team are Michael Pishko of the University of Wyoming and Robert Burghardt, Paul de Figueiredo and Arum Han of Texas A&M.

To view the complete story, please visit the website.

Collaborators Corner

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