February 16, 2016 – NSF Framework for Improving STEM Education
Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | RSVP by February 9
The National Science Foundation (NSF) includes in its goal support for fundamental science and engineering, and is tasked with keeping the United States at the leading edge of discovery in a wide range of scientific areas, from astronomy to zoology. In addition to funding research in the traditional academic areas, the agency also supports “high risk, high pay off ideas, and novel collaborations.” During this informative workshop, Dr. Ferdinand Rivera, SJSU Chair of the Department of Teacher Education and Professor of Mathematics Statistics and (part time) NSF Program Director, will provide an overview of the NSF Education Directorate’s strategic goals and framework that are designed to advance science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and nurture innovation.

March 10, 2016 – Managing Your Funded Projects
Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | RSVP by March 3
Now that a sponsor has funded your project you are ready to get started, but you suddenly realize you have questions about funds management and project administration. How do I manage my budget successfully? How do I recruit and hire staff for my project? What about compliance issues? Animal subjects or human subjects? Labor laws? How do I obtain travel approval? How do I purchase supplies for my project or pay my vendors? This informative workshop will cover essential elements of externally-funded project administration from beginning to end. Meet the knowledgeable SJSU Research Foundation administrators who will support you throughout the lifecycle of your project including members from Post-Award, Accounts Payable, and Human Resources.

April 22, 2016 – Budget Basics—Developing Budgets for a Successful Proposal
Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: Noon to 1:30 p.m. | RSVP by April 15
An important part of writing a successful grant proposal is developing a budget that clearly expresses the cost of your research project. Where do you begin when creating your budget? For example, do you plan to hire students, purchase supplies, rent space, or attend conferences? How will these costs affect your proposed budget? This workshop will be a step-by-step primer on the components of a proposal budget and how best to build a budget in response to a request for proposal (RFP). Each of the major line items in a typical budget will be discussed in detail. Important topics such as salaries, cost-sharing, facilities and administrative costs, and allowable costs will be addressed.

May 12, 2016 – Proposal Review Process Revealed
Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | RSVP by May 5
As an experienced successful principal investigator and reviewer for federal agencies, Dr. Marc d’Alarcao, Associate Dean for Research, College of Science, and Chemistry Professor, will provide an inside look at federal proposal review sessions. During this workshop Dr. d’Alarcao will provide insight on how to best position your proposal for success during evaluation.