Research Foundation Workshop: A Retrospective View of Successful Grant Proposals

Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. | March 15, 2018

If you haven't had a chance to register for the March workshop yet, there is still time! In this interactive workshop, experienced researchers will offer a retrospective review of grant proposal development and project management. They will “walk back” through their pre-award and post-award experiences and provide insights from various aspects of their journey from their proposal development and submissions to successfully obtaining grant funding. Researchers will share lessons learned—including insights on administrative and programmatic support, challenges and resolutions, best practices for working with agency program managers, strategies for handling re-submissions, obtaining and incorporating relevant feedback, effective project management, and more.

In a nutshell, this session will give workshop attendees the opportunity to ask these knowledgeable, successful researchers this critical question, “If you were submitting your proposal today, given your experiences and the availability of tools and resources, what would you do differently?” To RSVP click the registration link below.

March Workshop Registration Link

Upcoming Events – Please Save These Dates!

April 4, 2018 – SJSU Celebration of Research

Location: Diaz-Compean Student Union Ballroom | Time: 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Please join us at the annual SJSU Celebration of Research as we honor Early Career Investigator Awardees—Assistant Professor Ehsam Khatami from the Department of Physics and Astronomy, College of Science, and Assistant Professor David Schuster from the Department of Psychology, College of Social Sciences. The event, sponsored by the Office of the Provost, Office of Research, Center for Faculty Development and the SJSU Research Foundation, is open to the SJSU campus community.

April 17, 2018 – SJSU Student Research Forum

On February 28 and March 1, SJSU research students were given the opportunity to present their work at the SJSU Student Research Competition and compete for selection as SJSU representatives at the annual CSU Student Research Competition at California State University, Sacramento. Student winners of the SJSU competition and their faculty mentors will be honored at the annual SJSU Student Research Forum April 17, 2018 at Noon in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, Room 225. Please save the date and join us in celebrating these outstanding researchers!

NSF Sets Plan to Address Sexual Harassment

The National Science Foundation published the first of several documents (Important Notice No. 144) establishing its new standards and expectations to combat sexual harassment in all forms on NSF funded projects. The notice was issued by NSF Director, Dr. France Cordova and was addressed to presidents of universities and colleges and heads of other National Science Foundation grantee organizations.

Dr. Cordova states that “the National Science Foundation (NSF) does not tolerate sexual harassment, or any kind of harassment, within the agency, at grantee organizations, field sites, or anywhere NSF-funded science and education are conducted.” The notice describes “a new award term and condition that will require grantee organizations to report findings of sexual harassment, or any other kind of harassment regarding a PI or co/PI or any

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other grant personnel." This new award term will allow NSF the to take action on any such cases, "to include suspending or terminating an award or requiring the grantee to replace or remove personnel." The notice further clarifies that "NSF expects all awardee organizations to establish and maintain clear and unambiguous standards of behavior to ensure harassment-free workplaces wherever science is conducted, including notification pathways for all personnel, including students, on the primary and supplemental awards. This expectation includes activities at all research facilities and field sites and during conferences and workshops."

For easier access to information, the NSF Office of Diversity and Inclusion has recently launched a "dedicated web portal" and will continue to update the portal with content related to ending harassment. To read Important Notice No. 144 in its entirety and other related documents, visit the NSF website.

**Highlights from the 2018 GRC Funding Competitiveness Conference**

The 2018 Grants Resource Center Conference held February 20-23 in Washington, D.C. featured presentations from several sponsoring agencies. Conference presentation highlights from two of the agencies are shared below:

Program Officer Cathleen Tefft of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) spoke about NEH funding to support preserving and accessing cultural collections. Eligible cultural collections can include collections of books, serials, manuscripts, sound recordings, still and moving images, works of art, objects of material culture, and digital collections. For a complete list of Preservation and Access grant programs, visit the NEH website.

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ)—the research, development and evaluation agency division of the U.S. Department of Justice—gave a presentation on its criminal justice research, development, and forensic science programming. Renee Cooper, responsible for overseeing the Office of Grants Management at NIJ, provided information about research and fellowship opportunities, tips for successful applications, and funding priority areas. Programs featured in Ms. Cooper’s presentation included the Graduate Research Fellowships (GRF), W.E.B Du Bois Program, and Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes.

NIJ is also currently seeking qualified peer reviewers! Compensation for non-federal reviewers is $125 per application. If interested, send an inquiry to ojppeerreview@1-secb.com.

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**Limited Submissions - Upcoming SJSU Internal Deadlines!**

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**March–August Grant Application Deadlines Now Available**

The Grant Application Deadlines Report shows application deadlines for funding opportunities that have been identified as relevant to research interests at SJSU and sent through the Research Foundation Funding Alert System. The current report covers the six-month period beginning March 1 through August 31. Links to sponsors funding announcements are included. To view the report, visit the SJSU Research Foundation website.

**Fellowships and Scholarships**

The SJSU Research Foundation receives notification of fellowship and scholarship opportunities for faculty and students. Highlights this month include:

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