GDSU SEMINAR SERIES: SPRING 2019

The Grant Development Support Unit (GDSU) Seminar Series is a set of educational opportunities on research and grant related topics. Sessions are offered monthly throughout the academic year and are open to faculty, staff, and students. You can register for the events on our webpage: grants.cfaes.ohio-state.edu. Contact Kayla Arnold.1065 if you have questions or suggestions for new topics.

BETTER MENTORING FOR BETTER SCIENCE: AN INTRODUCTION
January 18, 1-2pm
Video-linked: Agricultural Administration 214 (Columbus) – Research Services 130 (Wooster)

Strong mentorship has been linked to enhanced mentee productivity, self-efficacy, career satisfaction, and is an important predictor of the academic success of scientists and engineers in training. The Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research (CIMER) has developed a curriculum based on proven mentorship development curricula. We will explore the curriculum and talk about further training opportunities for faculty to participate in mentoring workshops.

Presenters: Marcela Hernandez and Noah Weisleder from the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

INTRODUCTION TO THE RED TEAM REVIEW PROCESS
February 19, 10-11:30am
Video-linked: 130 Research Services (Wooster) - 250A Agricultural Administration 250A (Columbus)

In this session, we provide an overview of the ”Red Team,” a critical review step in the proposal development process. We will discuss the importance, timing, and composition of the review, as well as how this review process differs from others, such as peer reviews. We describe the Red Team stages, roles, and responsibilities while highlighting the key features and benefits of the process.

Presenters: Kathy Renick and Ruth Ann Henderson from the Proposal Development Office

MAKING "CENTS" OF NIFA BUDGETS (BUDGET BASICS)
February 26, 1-2pm, Research Services 126 (Wooster)
February 28, 9-10am, Parker Food Science and Technology Building (Columbus)

This workshop will provide an overview of the expenses most commonly requested in grant applications, specifically focusing on NIFA applications. We will also discuss critical issues associated with developing budgets, including direct costs, allowable costs, and budget justifications. Please note this session is 1.5 hours.

Presenter: Lori Kaser, Grants and Contracts Administrator

SUCCESSFULLY ANALYZING A GRANT RFP (REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL)
March 5, 10-11am, Research Services 130 (Wooster)
March 7, 11-12pm, Agricultural Administration 250A

Each year, the Federal Government provides hundreds of billions of dollars in grant funding. These opportunities are usually announced by releasing a Requests for Proposal (RFP), or sometimes called Requests for Application (RFA). RFPs and RFAs are invitations for researchers to apply for “free” money. Knowing how to quickly and thoroughly analyze RFPs up front can not only get you grant funding, but also save you time and reduce your chances of being rejected. Why?

The most common reasons why your proposal might get rejected are:

- Your proposal was not received by the deadline
- You did not follow instructions in the RFP
- You misinterpreted what the sponsor was asking for

RFPs provide both deadlines and specific instructions for you to follow. As a bonus, they also provide clues to help you put together a winning proposal if you know what to look for. This session is designed to help you effectively and efficiently decipher the important information found in an RFP and get you well on your way to receiving some of that “free” money. We will primarily focus on the USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) RFP, which are typically released in early March.

Presenters: Pam Schlegel and Melissa Burant from the Grant Development Support Unit
**Writing a Compelling Project Narrative**
March 18, 2:00-3:00pm, Research Services 130 (Wooster)
March 20, 10:30-11:30am, Agricultural Administration 211 (Columbus)

Grant applications include various sections, one of the most important being the project narrative. This is your chance to describe your research idea to the funding agency, how it will be carried out, why your project is important, and the feasibility of such a project. In this session, we will discuss how to develop a strong project narrative and how to communicate your research clearly.
*Presenter: Kayla Arnold, Administrative Associate, Office for Research and Graduate Education*

**Time Management: Managing Your Priorities**
May 2, 12pm, Agricultural Administration 214 (Columbus)
May 3, 10:11am, Research Services 126 (Wooster)

There are only a certain number of hours in a day and days in a year so how do we most effectively manage our time. This session will focus on time management through managing our priorities. Effectively managing your priorities can help de-stress your work environment and enhance personal and professional productivity. There is only so much time, so what you do within that time is critical in determining how effective you are in work and life. Priority management includes prioritizing and allocating tasks as well as planning and setting goals relative to those priorities.

This session will provide helpful hints and strategies for you to organize your priorities to successfully accomplish needed tasks.
*Presenter: Jeff King, The OSU Leadership Center*