

Institute for Health Seminar in K-Award Grantwriting

The Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research (IFH), New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science (NJ ACTS), and Office of Vice Chancellor for Research are pleased to announce the availability of a grants writing workshop targeted to talented faculty who are committed to developing and submitting a career development research application to NIH or similar agencies or foundations. The workshop sessions will engage panels of Institute-affiliated, RBHS and Rutgers faculty with experience in grant writing and peer review involving diverse research topics, funding agencies, and study sections, in providing input and feedback on specific challenges for successfully negotiating the peer-reviewed grant system, and crafting compelling applications, targeted to workshop participants who are actively engaged in developing their own grant applications. The approach will be interactive; workshop participants should be prepared to share draft Specific Aims and other grant sections for discussion in workshop sessions, and to participate in turn in providing feedback for other participants. Participants should have identified their research teams and mentors for their application with specific expertise in the area of their application, who can help them revise in response to workshop feedback.

Who Should Attend? Early career faculty (post doctorate trainees, instructors and assistant professors) and advanced postdoctoral fellows/associates working on federal research grant applications in the areas of behavioral, social, health services, health policies and systems, intervention, prevention, outcomes, and related topics. You must have an identified mentor working with you in your substantive area. Completion of all sessions is required.

Eligible early career faculty should be planning or working on a K01, K08, K23, K76 or K99 application.

Seminar Application Deadline: Thursday, Oct 1st or earliest possible

What Will be Covered?

Overview of Grant Development Process; Structure of an Application. Overview of NIH, working with PO, what happens in a review committee. Overview of funding sources and major sections of an application. (10/29)

Developing a Strong Specific Aims Section: Workshopping Specific Aims. The formula of a Specific Aims section. Critique by responder panel of examples/drafts from participants. (11/5)

Career Development Section: *Developing Strong Section on career development plan and organizing a carefully crafted mentorship team.* Brief presentations how to select mentors, advisors and consultants as well as must have components of career development plans. (11/26)

Surviving Peer Review. Thinking Like a Reviewer--Understanding Study Sections. Choice of a study section; expectations and "culture" of various study sections. First impressions and "red flags". Panel of experienced grant-funded researchers, each presenting for 10 minutes followed by discussion with group and among panelists. (12/3)

The Mechanics of NIH Applications: Getting All the Parts Right. Preaward process and budget. Other elements of an application that are critical to get right: Abstract; Personal Statement Sections of Biosketch; Human Subjects Sections; Rules on Appendices; Resources and Environment; Inclusion Tables. (1/7)

Getting the Approach Section Right. Options for structuring Approach sections. Checklist for fully developed approach section; how to avoid being characterized as "underdeveloped". What are recurring peer review criticisms of Approach sections and dealing with power calculations. (1/21)

Approach: Methods Workshop. Developing Applications for Mixed Methods Studies. Applying combined qualitative and quantitative methods. (1/28)

Responding to Peer Review: It's Not Over Till It's Over. Writing the A1 submission. Introduction page, deciphering summary statements and recurrent review concerns. (2/4)



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Workshops will meet on **Tuesdays from noon-1:30** at the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, 120 Paterson St, New Brunswick. Lunch and resource will be provided. **Free Registration. Accepted participants are expected to write, present and refine their specific aims and general sections of the grant during the course of the seminar. Participants are highly encouraged to have plans for K award submission in June or October cycles of 2020.**

To apply, please include the following information:

1. Name, Title, School, Department, Email, Phone.
2. Most Recent CV
3. What are the areas of grant development where you most desire help/information?
4. What do you most hope to gain from the workshop?
5. Working title(s) (can be tentative) for planned application.
6. Brief description of planned application: aims, data sources, key research questions, likely methods. Draft of specific aims is a preferred format; otherwise, please provide a brief description.
7. Any identified mentors and collaborators for your application

Please direct any questions or applications to Natalie Tuseth grantwriting@ifh.rutgers.edu or 848-932-8413

