Center for Excellence in Research workshops provide training and forums for dialogue on research topics spanning all academic disciplines, covering proposal development, book preparation, funding strategies and academic scholarship. Workshops are led by members of the Office of Research, University Advancement and other USC faculty.
JANUARY AND FEBRUARY EVENTS

Mission Agency Funding- DoD, DoE, NASA
Objectives are to identify opportunities within DoD/DoE, determine its funding priorities, prepare applications, and advocate effectively for funding the application.
January 30, 2013 | 12-2 PM | HSC NML, West Conference Room
James Murday, Assoc Director, Washington DC Office of Research Advancement

Developing Funded Research Programs
Learn the proposal process, including identifying funding resources, building relationships with funding agencies, and targeting research capabilities.
February 13, 2013 | 2-4 PM | HSC NML, East Conference Room
Randolph Hall, Vice President of Research

Writing Persuasive Proposals (Consisting of three sessions)
This workshops is aimed at faculty who are currently writing or resubmitting a proposal and covers writing strategies to get funded.
February 14, February 21, February 28, 2013 | 12-2 PM | ICT
Bonnie Lund, Professional Grant Writer and Owner of The Writing Company

Preparing and Submitting NSF Proposals
A workshop on the best strategies for preparing and submitting NSF proposals. This workshop explores the growing interests of NSF that intersects with a range of themes and approaches in the sciences, and in the role of funding organizations.
February 27, 2013 | 2-4 PM | UPC CUB 329
Phil Taylor, Executive Director, Research Advancement and Federal Relations

MARCH EVENTS

PIVOT- Funding Database Training
Discover the tools for finding funding opportunities and collaborators.
March 5, 2013 | 12-2 PM | ICT
Jason High, Lead trainer from PIVOT, Community of Science
Developing NIH Grant Applications
The objective is to educate investigators in the complete process of conceptualizing a NIH grant proposal and getting the application funded.
March 13, 2013 | 12-2 PM | HSC NML, East Conference Room
Steve Moldin, Executive Director, Washington DC Office of Research Advancement

Corporate and Foundation Funding
Workshop focuses on the steps needed in developing a relationship with a foundation or corporation that can lead to funding, and learn the proposal process.
March 14, 2013 | 2-4 PM | CUB 329
Linda Zukowski, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations

Reviewing a Scientific Paper: Practical, Collegial, and Ethical Issues (Manuscript Review)
Obtain information and skill sets to more effectively review scientific manuscripts. For faculty involved with the peer review process or wanting to get involved.
March 22, 2013 | 11-2 PM | CHLA Saban Auditorium
Yves de Clerck, Professor of Pediatrics, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

APRIL EVENTS

Learn How to Patent Your Intellectual Property
Workshop will cover the fundamentals of USC Stevens and the resources available to you. Mainly, learn about the process in which it takes to patent your IP.
April 3, 2013 | 12-2 PM | CUB 329
Keith Johnson, Senior Patent Advisor, USC Stevens Center for Innovation

Writing Persuasive Proposals (Consisting of three sessions)
This workshop is aimed at faculty who are currently writing or resubmitting a proposal and covers writing strategies to get funded.
April 4, April 18, May 2, 2013 | 14-6 PM | UPC CUB 329
Bonnie Lund, Professional Grant Writer and Owner of The Writing Company

RSVP (required) at usccer@usc.edu
**Strategizing Survival in the Current Research Funding Climate**
This seminar will be a two-hour discussion led by a panel of 10 mid-level and senior faculty researchers from across the Health Sciences campus. The panel will provide their personal insights and observations about changes in study section behavior, collaborative approaches to achieving funding successes, foundation approaches, reinventing the research focus, etc.
April 17, 2013 | 9AM-1 PM | NRT Aresty Auditorium
Organizer: M. Elizabeth Fini, Director, USC Institute for Genetic Medicine

**Interdisciplinary Team Leadership**
Learn how to select and foster a successful collaboration amongst different disciplines. Panelists will provide insight on their journeys.
April 23, 2013 | 12-2 PM | CUB 329
Presenters: George Tolomiczenko, Administrative Director, HTE@USC & Azad Madni Professor and Director Systems Architecting and Engineering Program

**NSF CAREER Award Proposal Workshop**
This workshop will provide tips on how to structure a successful CAREER proposal. Recent CAREER award recipients will provide insight on how they were successful with seeking funding.
April 30, 2013 | 12-2 PM | CUB 329
Phil Taylor, Executive Director, Research Advancement and Federal Relations

**MAY EVENTS**

**Understanding, Writing, and Obtaining NIH K-Series Career Development Grants**
This session will include short presentations on background information, specific requirements for the various K-award, mentoring and career development expectations, and best practice information from recent K-award recipients.
May 10, 2013 | 11-2 PM | CHLA Saban Auditorium
Charles Gomer and K-award recipients

**Preclinical Imaging Workshop**
A practical course in small animal/translation imaging. This workshop is for those with little or no prior training or experience in small animal or molecular imaging.
May 22, 2013 | 9AM-3 PM | HSC Harkness Auditorium, CSC 250
Presenters: Peter Conti, Grant Dagliyan and additional experts in the field
The Center for Excellence in Research (CER) is a faculty-initiated activity at USC designed to increase the impact and prominence of scholarly research throughout the university. Under the auspices of the Vice President of Research and the University Research Committee, the CER promotes advancement, leadership and excellence in the pursuit of all areas of research, university-wide. The primary activities of the CER are a series of faculty-led research events and training workshops organized by the Office of Research.

Grant Proposal Mentoring: The Center for Excellence in Research offers a peer-to-peer proposal review service for faculty applying to external funding sources. Further information on this program is available at the CER website (http://research.usc.edu/about/vp/cer/).

In addition to grant proposal mentoring, the Office of Research offers administrative support for preparing large interdisciplinary/multi-school proposals.

Additional courses on grants submission, management and administration are offered by the Office of Compliance and the Department of Contracts and Grants (see: http://research.usc.edu/for-investigators/training/).

Catalogs and course descriptions are available at the CER website. Inquiries can be directed to the Office of Research: 213-740-6709 or usccer@usc.edu
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