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.
**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

**Irreproducibility of Scientific Data**
Learn the important issues of reproducibility (stats, design, etc.) & be prepared to meet the increased demand of journal editors in regard to data presentation & submission.

**Target Audience:** All levels of faculty, postdocs & trainees

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2015 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM**
**CHLA Saban Auditorium**
Leader: Yves DeClerck, Professor of Pediatrics & Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, USC

**How to Write a Great Research Paper & Get it Accepted by a Journal**
Discussion on the publishing processes that enable authors to have confidence in publishing & how to produce a top paper. Learn the tricks used by reviewers, editors & publishers.

**Target Audience:** New/junior faculty, post-docs

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 4 - 5 PM**
**UPC Gerontology Auditorium**
Organizer: Kelvin Davies, Chair, Dean of Faculty & Research, Gerontology
Guest Speaker: Anthony Newman, Publishing Editor, Elsevier

**Use of Archival Textual, & Born Digital Materials in Publication: Intellectual Property, Copyright & Use Permissions**
Learn the basics of understanding legal issues surrounding use of the archival & non-textual primary materials in research & publication, & whom to ask for assistance at USC Libraries.

**Target Audience:** New/junior faculty, post-docs & grad students

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 4:30 - 6 PM**
**UPC DML G28, Herklotz Room**
Organizers: Ruth Wallach, Director, Arts & Humanities Libraries
Danielle Mihrum, University Librarian, Liaison to the USC Digital Humanities Program

**How to Fund Your Research: Tips & Opportunities at the National Science Foundation (Law & Social Sciences Program)**
Overview of the funding process at NSF & the various programs available. Focus on tips for successful proposal writing, with a special emphasis on mistakes to avoid.

**Target Audience:** All levels of faculty, post-docs, PhD students & research staff

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 12 - 2 PM**
**UPC LAW Room 1**
Guest Speaker: Jon Gould, Program Officer, Law & Social Sciences Program, NSF

**Writing Compelling NSF Proposals**
Learn the proposal & panel review process & what to highlight in your proposal to get it funded.

**Target Audience:** New/junior faculty & post-docs

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 12 - 2 PM**
**UPC VPD 203**
Paul Ronney, Professor of Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering, Viterbi School of Engineering

**Women Advancing Together Workshop**
Presentation & breakout group sessions to share information & strategies for professional development. Topics: negotiation, self-promotion, obstacles, work-life balance & confidence.

**Target Audience:** Women junior faculty & post-docs in the health sciences

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 11 - 6 PM**
**HSC CHP 157, Sullivan Technology Center**
Organizers: Shannon Mumenthaler, Asst Professor, Keck School of Medicine
Christina Dieli-Conwright, Asst Professor, Biokinesiology & Physical Therapy
Guest Speaker: Nancy Wayne, Associate Vice Chancellor, Research, UCLA
OCTOBER EVENTS

**Developing NIH Grant Applications**
The objective is to educate investigators in the complete process of conceptualizing an NIH grant proposal & getting the application funded.
**Target Audience:** All levels of faculty & post-docs
October 1, 2015 12 - 2 PM  HSC NRT LG 503/4 (across from Aresty Auditorium)
Steve Moldin, Executive Director, Washington DC Office of Research Advancement

**Developing & Submitting a Successful Science/Engineering Grant**
Objectives are to educate investigators on identifying appropriate agencies, getting to know the program officers, developing the proposal & application structure, submitting for review & working with agency officials to get the proposal funded.
**Target Audience:** New/junior faculty & post-docs
October 7, 2015 12 - 2 PM  HSC NML East Conference Room
James Murday, Associate Director, Washington DC Office of Research Advancement

**SBIR/STTR Programs: Funding to Commercialize Innovative Technologies**
Learn benefits & limitations, funding & steps to prepare for the writing & submission processes.
**Target Audience:** All levels of faculty, post-docs & grad students
October 8, 2015 12 - 2 PM  UPC VPD 103
Presenters: Molly Schmid, Adjunct Professor, Lloyd Greif Center, Marshall School of Business
Mike Rondelli, Director, Licensing, USC Stevens Center for Innovation

**Developing Funded Research Programs**
Learn the proposal process, including identifying funding resources, building relationships with funding agencies, & targeting research capabilities.
**Target Audience:** New/junior faculty, post-docs
October 14, 2015 12 - 2 PM  UPC CUB 329 (3rd Floor Conference Room)
Randolph Hall, Vice President of Research

**Writing Persuasive Proposals**
This three-session workshop is hands-on & requires you to bring a proposal to work on. Each session covers different topics: understanding the announcement, best language to use, what to include and/or omit, writing strategies to get funded & peer-review.
**Target Audience:** Faculty who are currently writing or resubmitting a proposal
October 15, October 29, November 12 14 - 6 PM  UPC CUB 329 (3rd Floor Conference Room)
Bonnie Lund, Professional Grant Writer & Owner of The Writing Company

**High Containment at USC - What Can it Do for You?**
Learn about the resources/equipment available, safety & security measures in place, training process, associated costs, investigator support & grant opportunities available.
October 16, 2015 12 -2 PM  HSC Broad (CIRM) Center, 1st Floor Seminar Room
Presenters: Lucio Comai, Director, Biosafety Level 3 Lab, Keck School of Medicine
Jill Henley, Lab Manager, Biosafety Level 3 Lab, Keck School of Medicine

RSVP (required): usccer@usc.edu
Information on sessions at: https://research.usc.edu/for-investigators/training/
**OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EVENTS**

**Academic Book Proposal Workshop with Richard W. Morrison**
Workshop on how to prepare a book proposal for submission to academic publishers.
**Target Audience:** All levels of faculty, post-docs & grad students  
**October 21, 2015 | 11 - 1 PM | THH 309K**
Organizer: Erin Graff Zivin, Professor, Spanish & Comparative Literature, Dornsife College  
Guest Speaker: Richard W. Morrison, Editorial Director, Fordham University Press

**Communicating Technical Innovation to the Public**
Overview of language & text techniques for explaining research in an accessible way. Learn guidelines on popularizing complex information & attracting public interest & support.
**Target Audience:** All levels of faculty & postdocs  
**October 21, 2015 | 4 - 6 PM | UPC VPD 302**
Sky Marsen, Associate Professor, Marshall School of Business

**Protecting Your Intellectual Property (IP)**
Intro course to types of IP: utility patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets & their differences will be presented. Pitfalls of the provisional patent application will also be discussed.
**Target Audience:** All levels of faculty, post-docs & grad students  
**October 28, 2015 | 12 - 2:30 PM | UPC CUB 329 (3rd Floor Conference Room)**
Fikret Kirkbir, Manager, Intellectual Property Analysis & Assessment, AMI at USC

**Fostering New Networking Opportunities Among Junior Faculty Through Peer-Mentoring Activities**
Bringing together junior faculty clinicians & researchers via networking activities. Identify research interests resulting in engaging interactions, collaborations & peer mentoring.
**Target Audience:** New/junior faculty  
**October 29, 2015 | 4:30 - 6:30 PM | CHLA Saban Auditorium**
Leaders: Rita Burke, Asst Professor, CHLA & Juan Espinoza, Asst Professor, CHLA

**Pathways to Corporate Research Funding**
Corporations can play a critical role as an alternative source of funding. Learn about the various pathways to obtaining research funding & the levels of industry engagement.
**Target Audience:** All faculty, post-docs & research administrative staff  
**November 4, 2015 | 12 - 2 PM | HSC NML West Conference Room**
Presenters: Vasiliki Anest, Senior Director, Corporate Collaborations, USC Stevens Center  
Michael Arciero, Associate Director, Corporate Collaborations- Life Sciences, USC Stevens Center

**Obtaining Funding from Foundations & the USC Process**
Focuses on the steps needed to develop a relationship with a foundation that can lead to funding your proposal. Learn about the USC process & resources.
**Target Audience:** All levels of faculty, post-docs & research administrators  
**November 11, 2015 | 12 - 2 PM | CUB 329 (3rd Floor Conference Room)**
Hossein Pourmand, Senior Executive Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations

**Proposal Writing for a Mission Agency: Young Investigator Early Career Award**
Learn tips on how to structure a successful proposal, including the amount of funding available, guidance toward topic selection, & the anticipated proposal due dates.
**Target Audience:** New/junior faculty, postdocs  
**November 19, 2015 | 4 - 6 PM | UPC VPD 203**
James Murday, Associate Director, Washington DC Office of Research Advancement
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