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, CER Faculty Fellows, and other USC faculty.
JANUARY AND FEBRUARY EVENTS

**What's With Washington? Your Roadmap to Federal Funding in a Challenging Fiscal Environment**
Presenters will discuss 2012 funding outlook for extramural research at federal agencies as the fiscal climate shifts and the election nears.
- January 10, 2012 | 4-5:30 PM | HSC NML East Conference Room
- January 11, 2012 | 4-5:30 PM | UPC CUB 329
Presenters: USC’s Office of Federal Relations and experts from Lewis-Burke Associates

**Developing & Submitting a DoD & DoE Research Grant**
Objectives are to identify opportunities within the DoD/DoE, determine its funding priorities, prepare applications, and advocate effectively for funding the application.
- January 18, 2012 | 4-6 PM | CUB 329
James Murday, Assoc Director, Washington, DC Office of Research Advancement

**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 or molecular imaging.
- January 25, 2012 | 9-3 PM | HSC CSC 250
Presenters: Peter Conti, Grant Dagliyan and additional experts in the field

**Mastering Public Presentations**
Learn the tips and tricks to take your scientific presentations to the next level.
- February 8, 2012 | 9-3 PM | Davidson Conference Center
- February 9, 2012 | 9-3 PM | Davidson Conference Center
Presenter: Tim Miller, Science Communication Expert from Spoken Science

**Developing Funded Research Programs**
Learn the proposal process, including identifying funding sources, building relationships with funding agencies, and targeting research capabilities.
- February 15, 2012 | 3-5 PM | HSC West Conference Room
Randolph Hall, Vice President of Research

**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.
- February 22, 2012 | 12-2 PM | CUB 329
Steve Moldin, Exec Director, Washington, DC Office of Research Advancement
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.
February 23, March 8, March 22  | 4-6 PM  | HSC NML West Conference Room
Bonnie Lund, Professional Grant Writer and Owner of The Writing Company

How to Successfully Publish a Book
Goal of the workshop is to share successful strategies to publishing in academia.
February 29, 2012  | 2-4 PM  | CUB 329
William Deverell, Professor of History, CER Fellow

MARCH AND APRIL EVENTS

Preparing & Submitting NSF Proposals
Learn insight and the best strategies for submitting a NSF proposal.
March 7, 2012  | 12-2 PM  | CUB 329
Phil Taylor, Executive Director of Research Advancement & Federal Relations

Entrepreneurship for Academics
Daylong workshop to educate faculty about opportunities and challenges in the private sector, and explore the entrepreneurial landscape of biosciences.
March 10, 2012  | 9-4 PM  | HSC PSC 112
Organizers: Llewellyn Cox & Sarah Hamm-Alvarez (both from School of Pharmacy)

A Methodological Guide to Publishing Quantitative Research in the Social & Behavioral Sciences
Topics covered include developing an overall game-plan, learning what editors and reviewers are looking for, developing critical skills, negotiating co-authorship.
March 21, 2012  | 12-2 PM  | RTH 526
Merril Silverstein, Professor of Gerontology and Sociology, CER Fellow

Pipeline Management: Framework for Publication Success
This seminar will focus on increasing faculty publication success, through enhanced research management. Learn from other's difficulties and successes.
March 28, 2012  | 2-4 PM  | UGW Conference Room 100B
Marco Huesch, Assistant Professor of Public Policy
Corporate & Foundation Fundraising
The workshop focuses on the steps needed in developing a relationship with a foundation or corporation that can lead to funding, and the proposal process.
April 4, 2012 | 12-2 PM | NML West Conference Room
Linda Zukowski, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations

Forming Collaborations with Sponsors from Industry
Workshop will discuss how to build programs for funding research sponsored by industry, including how to build relationships and present research ideas to corporations.
April 11, 2012 | 12-2 PM | CUB 329
Annette Kleiser & Karen Kerr (both from USC Stevens Institute)

How to Prepare for an Academic Position
Panel discussion covering topics from: how to spend one's postdoc time, assembling research statement, interviews, applying and selecting a position.
April 18, 2012 | 2-4 PM | Ronald Tutor Campus Center TCC Room: Forum
Maja Mataric, Vice Dean for Research, Viterbi and Professor of Computer Science

What are Grant Reviewers Looking for? Tips from NIH Study Section Members
Panelists will discuss their experiences and will provide insight as to what is expected in your application.
April 20, 2012 | 11:45-1:30 PM | CHLA Saban Auditorium
Charles Gomer and NIH Study Section Members

MAY AND AUGUST EVENTS

NSF CAREER Award Proposal Workshop
This workshop will provide tips on how to structure a successful CAREER proposal.
May 16, 2012 | 12-2PM | CUB 329
Randolph Hall, Vice President of Research and Faculty who recently received CAREER awards

Managing a Scientific Laboratory
Become successful in managing the resources and people within research labs, enabling significant research that puts investigators on the path to tenure.
August 23, 2012 | 8-5 PM | Descanso Gardens
Instructors: Randolph Hall, Betty Fini, and Sarah Hamm-Alvarez

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CER Faculty Fellows: CER Faculty Fellows serve as leaders, advisors and mentors to fellow faculty and students both within and beyond their areas of expertise. Fellows organize interdisciplinary research groups with common interests and expertise, provide individual mentoring on a range of topics, and lead CER research workshops and events.

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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