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

Qualtrics: Building and Utilizing Surveys for Research
Workshop will cover the necessities in creating surveys for research & for your department. Topics covered: data security, collaboration, design elements, links, social media & reporting.
**Target Audience:** Faculty, post-docs, graduate students, and research administrative staff
*January 22, 2014* 9:30 AM-11:30 AM | HSC Pharmaceutical Sciences Center PSC 104
*January 22, 2014* 1-3 PM | UPC Leavey Library Auditorium
Presenter: Bryce Winkelman, Regional Director and Trainer from Qualtrics

Developing Funded Research Programs
Learn the proposal process, including identifying funding resources, building relationships with funding agencies, and targeting research capabilities.
**Target Audience:** Junior faculty and post-docs
*January 29, 2014* 3-5 PM | HSC NML West Conference Room
Randolph Hall, Vice President of Research

Early Career Young Investigator/Faculty Award Proposal Workshop
Workshop will provide tips on how to structure a successful proposal, including the amount of funding available, guidance toward topic selection, and the anticipated proposal due dates. Past recipients will provide insights on how to succeed in the competition.
**Target Audience:** Assistant professors applying for one of the five awards
*February 5, 2014* 3-5 PM | UPC RTH 526 Ming Hsieh Board Room
James Murday, Associate Director, Washington DC Office of Research Advancement

Orientation to Clinical Research at USC
Two-day orientation; overview of the processes, committees, departments that clinical investigators work with throughout the submission review, approval and conduct of clinical trials. More information: https://research.usc.edu/orientation-to-clinical-research-at-usc/
**Target Audience:** Clinical investigators, research coordinators, data managers and those associated with human research studies and clinical trials
*February 12 & 19, 2014* 8-12 PM | HSC Broad (CIRM) Center, 1st Floor Seminar Room
Presenters: Office of Research, OPRS, CTO, CTU, CISO, SC CTSI and Office of Compliance

Preparing and Submitting NSF CAREER Award Proposals
Learn insight and the best strategies for submitting a NSF proposal. Recent awardees will share their experiences and secrets of what worked and what did not.
**Target Audience:** New and junior faculty, post-docs who plan to stay in academia
*February 19, 2014* 12-2 PM | UPC CUB 329 (3rd Floor Conference Room)
Presenter: Phil Taylor, Executive Director of Research Advancement & Federal Relations

Publishing Behavioral Research in Major Academic Journals
Discussion on research guidelines: intro, framework, hypotheses, argument & discussion section.
**Target Audience:** Behavioral researchers across the University are welcome
*February 26, 2014* 2-4 PM | UPC CUB 329 (3rd Floor Conference Room)
Gary Frazier, Professor of Distribution Management, Marshall School of Business
MARCH EVENTS

Obtaining Funding from Corporate Research Sponsors
Fooces on corporate business & research processes as they apply to academic collaborations; identifying funding sources and USC resources available. Learn the process at Stevens and who and how the Center can assist you with your patents and intellectual property.
Target Audience: All faculty and post-docs
March 5, 2014 | 2-4 PM | UPC CUB 329 (3rd Floor Conference Room)
Presenter: Vasiliki Anest, Senior Director of Strategic Alliances, Stevens Center for Innovation

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.
Target Audience: All levels of faculty and post-docs
March 12, 2014 | 12-2 PM | HSC NML East Conference Room
Steve Moldin, Executive Director, Washington DC Office of Research Advancement

Writing Persuasive Proposals (Consisting of three sessions)
This three session workshop is hand-on and 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 and some peer-review.
Target Audience: Faculty who are currently writing or resubmitting a proposal
March 13, March 27, April 10, 2014 | 14-6 PM | UPC CUB 329 (3rd Floor Conference Room)
Bonnie Lund, Professional Grant Writer and Owner of The Writing Company

NIH Grants: Strategies to Get Funded
Workshop will cover strategies and insights on getting funded with NIH and other funding agencies as well. Learn about the NIH CRISP RePorter, registering with NIH as an Early Stage Investigator, using the database, choose a study section and tailoring specific aims page.
Target Audience: New and established investigators, including post-docs
March 26, 2014 | 2-4 PM | HSC NML West Conference Room
Silvia da Costa, Director Faculty Research Relations, Office of Research

Integrating Advances in Imaging & Engineering Technologies: A Theme-Focused Technology Collaboration
All day symposium will develop the Technological Roadmap for the iterative process, using the best practices in medicine and engineering, with the goal to improve healthcare. Interdisciplinary approaches to clinical application of enhanced imaging technology through collaboration and mentoring.
Target Audience: Junior and senior faculties from Viterbi, Keck and all other physical scientists
March 27, 2014 | 9-4 PM | HSC Aresty Auditorium
Team: George Tolomiczenko, Edward Grant, Bhushan Desai, Michael Crowley, Tom Sloper
APRIL EVENTS

Designing a Clinical Trial
Providing and practicing a clear set of guidelines on how to develop a well-designed clinical trial: why a clinical trial, study population, trial outcomes, sample size, planning and resources available for data collection and management.

Target Audience: Faculty and post-docs interested in evaluating research questions
April 2, 2014 | 1PM-5 PM | UPC Leavey Library Auditorium
Presenters: Wendy Mack, Professor & Christianne Lane, Asst Professor of Biostatistics

Digital Tools & Technology in Academia Research
Info session on the services and resources available to you via ITS and USC. Learn how to empower research collaborations across and beyond USC with technology.

Target Audience: All levels of faculty, post-docs, grad students and research admin staff
April 3, 2014 | 12-2 PM | UPC CUB 329 (3rd Floor Conference Room)
Presenters: Joan Getman, Jamie Putorti- Sandheinrich, Brenda Osuna
(all from Technology Enhanced Learning, USC Information Technology Services)

Mission Agency Funding: DHS, DOD, DOE, ED, EPA, FAA, FHWA, NASA, NOAA, NIST and USDA
Objectives are to educate investigators on identifying appropriate agencies, getting to know the program officers, developing the proposal, structure the application, submitting for review and working with agency officials to get the proposal funded.

Target Audience: New and established investigators
April 9, 2014 | 12-2 PM | UPC CUB 329 (3rd Floor Conference Room)
James Murday, Associate Director, Washington DC Office of Research Advancement

Balancing Research and Life: Maternity Leave
Purpose of this workshop is to discuss the reality of what happens when one is involved in research and planning a family. Topics: University policies & resources, stigma, experiences from other researchers (men & women) and time management.

Target Audience: All levels of faculty and post-docs
April 23, 2014 | 12-2 PM | UPC RTH 306
Presenters: Leana Golubchik, Director, WiSE Program, and other panelists

Obtaining Funding from Foundations & the USC Process
Focuses on the steps needed in developing a relationship with a foundation that can lead to funding and developing your proposal. Learn about the USC process and resources.

Target Audience: Faculty and post-docs interested in foundation funding
April 30, 2014 | 9-11 AM | CUB 329 (3rd Floor Conference Room)
Presenters: Linda Zukowski, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, and guest speaker from the Endowment

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