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

How and Why of Contracted Research Agreements
Learn the steps that USC follows to negotiate and process contracted research agreements, including intellectual property, deliverable work products, and financial terms, and distinctions between gifts, grants and contracts.
September 6, 2012 12-2 PM 1 CUB 329
Presenters: Rick Friedman and Sara Judd

Strategies for Writing a Successful Career Development Award (K01)
Learn best practices to plan, develop and write a K01 from past recipients and reviewers.
September 10, 2012 10-2 PM 1 SWC 106
Karen Lincoln, M. Elizabeth Fini, John Monterosso, Sonya Negriff, Donna Spruijt-Metz

Developing Funded Research Programs
Learn the proposal process, including identifying funding resources, building relationships with funding agencies, and targeting research capabilities.
September 12, 2012 12-2 PM 1 CUB 329
Randy Hall, Vice President of Research

How to Create International Partnerships to Conduct Global Interdisciplinary Clinical Research
Learn how to establish global research teams and identifying funding opportunities. Get practical advice using experience of presenters.
September 20, 2012 9-4 PM 1 CSC Rm TBA
Presenters: David Baron, Carlos Pato, Michelle Pato, Fabio Maccardi

The Brain: Natural and Artificial
Understanding of how the brain works and engineered systems that mimic processes of the brain, along with the philosophical questions associated with these endeavors.
September 27, 2012 2-4 PM 1 EEB 248
Presenters: Urbashi Mitra, Theodore Berger, Leana Golubchik, Janet Levin, Alice Parker, Bosco Tjan
OCTOBER EVENTS

**Harmonizing Health Data: Tools to Improve Health Policy Research**  
Goal is to introduce researchers to methods to assist in their analysis, using a relational database. The database will link data sets, programs, methods, documentation, and common data measures in a searchable research catalog.  
October 4, 2012 | 9:30 AM-1:30 PM | UGW Schaeffer Center 100B  
Presenters: Dana Goldman, Julie Zissimopoulou, Patricia St. Clair

**Early Career / Young Investigator Proposal Workshop**  
Learn tips on how to structure a successful proposal, including the amount of funding available, guidance toward topic selection, and the anticipated proposal due dates.  
October 10, 2012 | 12-4 PM | HSC NML West Conference Room  
James Murday, Assoc Director, Washington DC Office of Research Advancement

**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.  
October 11, October 25, November 8, 2012 | 1-4 PM | HSC NML West Conference Room  
Bonnie Lund, Professional Grant Writer and Owner of The Writing Company

**Conducting Experiments under Good Lab Practices: When and How**  
Learn what is involved with GLP: requirements, the health product development and how to position products in the product development path.  
October 22, 2012 | 9-2:30 PM | HSC CHP 106  
Frances Richmond, Director, Regulatory Science Programs

**Responsible Conduct of Research Training**  
This session will highlight current requirements and expectations, as well as describe options, resources and expectations for RCR.  
October 31, 2012 | 12-2 PM | HSC NML East Conference Room  
Susan Rose, Executive Director of OPRS

**Versatile Solutions for Next-generation Sequencing and Microarray Data at USC**  
Raising awareness among USC researchers about various hardware and software solutions for their Next-generation sequencing and microarray data analysis.  
October TBA, 2012 | 9-1 PM | HSC Aresty Auditorium  
Presenters: Yibu Chen, Meng Li, Bill Clintowrth
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER EVENTS

Research 2.0: How Tech Start-ups Can Save Your Research Projects Time, Money, and Increase Productivity
Learn about opportunities arising from biomedical research, communications technology, and meet industry leaders.
November 2, 2012 I 9-1 PM I HSC Aresty Auditorium
November 2, 2012 I 2-6 PM I UPC Ronald Tutor Center Room #350/1/2
Organizers: Llewellyn Cox, Sarah Hamm-Alvarez

Developing NIH Grant Applications
The objective is to educate investigatora in the complete process of conceptualizing a NIH grant proposal and getting the application funded.
November 15, 2012 I 12-2 PM I CUB 329
Steve Moldin, Executive Director, Washington DC Office of Research Advancement

Corporate Research Sponsorship Opportunities
Focus on corporate business & research processes as they apply to academic collaborations; identifying funding sources & USC resources.
November 28, 2012 I 12-4 PM I RTH 526
Angus McColl, Executive Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations

Mission Agency Funding- DoD, DoE, NASA
Objectives are to identify opportunitites, determine its funding prioritites, prepare applications, and advocate effectively for funding the application.
December 5, 2012 I 12-2 PM I CUB 329
James Murday, Assoc Director, Washington DC Office of Research Advancement

Mastering Public Presentations
Learn the tips and tricks to take your scientific presentations to the next level.
December 6, 2012 I 9-12 PM I HSC NRT-LG 503/4
December 7, 2012 I 12-5 PM I HSC NRT-LG 503/4
Tim Miller, Science Communication Expert from Spoken Science

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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/ner/).

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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