

2008 IPSR NSF Grant Mentoring Workshop

Faculty Participant Information

Who should apply:

KU Social Science faculty considering a submission to NSF in the next 3-24 months. This includes revise & resubmit proposals as well as new proposals.

Tentative Dates:

- Day 1: Mon., June 2, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., 100C Multidisciplinary Research Building (MRB)
- Clinic 1: Tues., June 10; 2-hr. session, 1:30-3:30 p.m., 100C MRB
- Clinic 2: Tues., June 24; 2-hr. session, 1:30-3:30 p.m., 100C MRB
- Day 2: Tues., July 22, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., 100C MRB

Workshop structure:

Option 1: Day one only

Participants can choose to attend only Day 1, which will provide a general overview of preparing a competitive NSF submission. Topics and speakers will include an NSF program officer, designing a competitive submission, a panel discussion of lessons learned by successful NSF award recipients, review panelists and program officers (from KU and/or regionally), and an overview of the submission process. Participants in day 1 will receive \$325 paid as summer salary.

Option 2: Day 1 plus two clinics & Day 2 (*limited to 8 participants*)

Participants can choose to continue through the full workshop series which includes two clinics and a second workshop. Participants choosing this option will be paired with a faculty mentor who will review and provide feedback, both during and outside the workshops and clinics, on a mini (3-5 pages) proposal to be prepared by the participant over seven weeks (June 2-July 22). The two-hour clinics will cover specific proposal elements and the proposal process. These sessions will allow time for analysis of mini-proposal assignments by peers and mentors in a small group setting.

Workshop Day 2 will provide time for peer and mentor review of the mini proposals. Time at the end of the workshop will allow for either more consultation with the faculty mentor, peers, or grant staff. Participants in Day 2 will receive \$325 paid as summer salary. Participants completing a draft 3-5 page proposal reviewed by their faculty mentor and other workshop participants will receive an additional \$2,000 in summer salary.

Total summer salary available to participants: \$2,650 plus fringe.

Follow-up:

Participants who complete the full workshop series and clinics are encouraged to make a full submission to NSF within 24 months. IPSR grant staff will work with faculty to develop a proposal timeline and to assist with proposal preparation. Also, continued contact with the workshop cohort and faculty mentors will be encouraged.

Application procedure:

Please submit a brief description of the proposed research, the NSF program you plan to target, and an estimated timeline for submission to Nancy Cayton Myers, Grant Coordinator, Institute for Policy & Social Research, at ncmyers@ku.edu. For more information you may reach Nancy at 4-9106.

IPSR Grant Mentoring Workshops: Tentative Schedule

Day 1

- 8:00 Registration & Coffee
- 8:45 Welcome - VP for Research & Graduate Studies
- 9:00 NSF Program Officer (Overview of SBE/SES Programs & Initiatives)
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Designing a Competitive Proposal/NSF Review Process
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 Quick Summary of Table Discussions
- 1:30 Panel Discussion by Successful KU NSF Principal Investigators
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Overview of the Submission Process/IPSR Staff
- 3:30 Adjourn

Interim Clinics

Two, 2-hour writing clinics will be offered for those preparing mini-proposals. Clinics will cover specific proposal elements and related assignments with time for general Q&A. Faculty mentors and peers will review mini-proposals outside clinic time and return to participants prior to Day 2 Workshop

Day 2

- 8:30 Welcome: Steven Maynard-Moody
- 8:45 Peer-to-Peer Activity
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Discussion: The Writing Process to Date, Next Steps to Full Proposal
- 10:45 Mentor-to-Peer Activity
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Self-Review Exercise

- 1:45 Q&A with Grant Staff/Evaluation of the Workshop Process
- 2:15 Adjourn