

# Fall 2017 NIH Specific Aims Writing Clinic

## SCHEDULE

Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00pm | 1109 ILSB

Target Audience: Junior faculty, and faculty who have not previously applied to NIH

Goal: Craft a clear, compelling, peer-critiqued Specific Aims page for an NIH proposal

September 5 ..... Writing Assignment (bring to first group meeting): Draft of Critical Need, Hypothesis, and Aims statements

**September 5 ..... Group Meeting:**  
Kickoff and Specific Aims—Essential Elements of an Effective Aims Page

September 18/19 ..... Quiet Writing Time (QWT)\*

September 19 ..... Writing assignment due: Aims drafts from a few participants/volunteers

**September 26 ..... Group Meeting:**  
Critique of Aims by peers and RDS staff members

October 9/10 ..... QWT

October 10 ..... Writing assignment due: Aims drafts from a few participants/volunteers

**October 17 ..... Group Meeting:**  
Critique of Aims by peers and RDS staff members

October 30/31 ..... QWT

October 31 ..... Writing assignment due: Aims drafts from a few participants/volunteers

**November 7 ..... Group Meeting:**  
Critique of Aims by peers and RDS staff members

November 20/21 ..... QWT

November 21 ..... Writing assignment due: Aims drafts from a few participants/volunteers

**November 28 ..... Group Meeting:**  
Critique of Aims by peers and RDS staff members

December (date TBA) ..... Optional: Apply for Spring 2018 NIH Writing & Feedback Group, with a June or July submission goal

\*Quiet Writing Time (QWT or *Turn Off Your Phone and Write!*) will provide an opportunity to distance yourself from distractions and concentrate on writing. RDS staff will also be present to answer any questions regarding grants policy and strategy.

QWT will meet Mondays, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. and Tuesdays, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. in 1109 ILSB.