Anually RDS hosts opportunities for the Texas A&M Research Community to increase their knowledge and skills of research proposal development to federal funding agencies. Academic Year 2021-2022 Professional Development opportunities are offered with in-person and virtual formats. Registration is required for BOTH types of events. Virtual events will supply Zoom links upon registration. These events are for faculty. Offerings of professional development for postdocs and graduate students are listed on the organizational webpage.

**Fall 2021**

Professional Development Opportunities

**Department of Energy (DoE) Early Career Research Program**  
**August 24, 2021, Mitchell Institute for Fundamental Physics & Astronomy, Hawking Auditorium, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., In-person**  
This 3-hour event will include presentations by DoE program officers, the TAMUS National Laboratories Office, and past awardees, including time for Q&A. The RDS and TAMUS NLO collaborative have a comprehensive plan to assist faculty targeting this funding opportunity and will present information on developing a competitive proposal to this program. 

**Register here.**  
Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Sr. Research Development Officer

**Meg Bouvier Videos for NIH Faculty Learning Communities**  
**September 16, 23, 30 & October 7, 2021  
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Virtual and in-person options available**  
Each session will begin with a video from the Meg Bouvier Medical Writing NIH Ready: R Series followed by an open Q&A led by Research Development Services. The Faculty Learning Community format will introduce participants to other faculty researchers targeting NIH and TAMU research development professionals. This setting is designed for open discussion and reflection on the proposal development process. 

**Register here.**  
Contact: Monica Holder, M.S., RDS Research Development Officer

**Hanover: Securing Department of Defense (DoD) Funding: Proposal Development for Research and Young Investigator Programs (YIPs)**  
**October 6, 2021, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Virtual**  
Attendees will learn best practices associated with proposal development for Department of Defense opportunities. Highlighted opportunities will include the Young Investigator Programs targeted to early career faculty investigators, such as the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) YIP, Office of Naval Research (ONR) YIP, Army Research Office (ARO) YIP, and Defense Advanced Research Programs Agency (DARPA) Young Faculty Award. Final information on confirmed date and access link will be sent to those registering. 

**Register here.**  
Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Sr. Research Development Officer

**GWSW - Write Winning NIH Grant Proposals**  
**October 12, 2021, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Rudder 701**  
The seminar provides a broad overview of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), identifying NIH funding opportunities, the NIH proposal submission and review process, and strategies to build a competitive NIH proposal. 

**Register here by October 6, 2021.**  
Presenter: Dr. John Robertson, Consultant from GW SW.  
Contact: Shannon Eyre, Sr. Administrative Coordinator

**Writing Successful Proposals**  
**October 20, 2021, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Virtual**  
A seminar designed to offer faculty an overview of strategic proposal design and best practices to create a competitive research proposal. Applicable to all disciplines. Early Career faculty encouraged to attend. 

**Register here.**  
Presenter: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Sr. Research Development Officer

**Medical Technology Enterprise Consortium (MTEC)**  
**October 28, 2021, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Virtual**  
Texas A&M University is a member of the Medical Technology Enterprise Consortium (MTEC). MTEC partners with universities to make available funding opportunities under an Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) with the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC). This seminar will present an overview of MTEC, and describe the process for the TAMU Research Community to apply for funding opportunities in biomedical, life sciences, and health related research through their organization. 

**Register here.**  
Contact: Dr. Jorja Kimball, RDS Executive Director

**The NSF CAREER and Other Young Investigator Programs Workshop**  
**November 3, 2021, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Rudder 701, In-person**  
This workshop will familiarize junior faculty with the NSF CAREER and other federal agency young investigator programs, including an informational session on program elements, an interactive session on getting started, and an awardee panel. 

**Register here.**  
Presenter: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Sr. Research Development Officer

**NSF Proposal Supplementary Documents**  
**November 16, 2021, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Virtual**  
This seminar is designed to familiarize faculty with the many NSF documents required for inclusion when submitting any NSF research proposals. It also provides information on the resources available to assist faculty with developing these documents. All experience levels welcome. 

**Register here.**  
Presenter: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Sr. Research Development Officer

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NSF Broader Impacts & Education Plan Expo and Seminar
February 2, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., TBD
This ½ day event includes as series of informative and interactive sessions for all faculty:
Seminars – to inform attendees about strategies and considerations relevant to grant proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation (NSF):
(1) Broader Impacts (for all faculty) and
(2) CAREER Education Plan (for junior faculty)
Expo – to introduce campus representatives in programs seeking collaborations with faculty on the broader impacts and CAREER education plans of their future proposal efforts, followed by an expo for attendees to network with these campus representatives about their broader impacts needs.
Register here.
Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Sr. Research Development Officer

NSF CAREER Writing Groups - Initial Meeting
February 9, 2022, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., TBD
The purpose of this meeting is to familiarize faculty with the goals and organization of the TAMU NSF CAREER proposal peer writers’ group. Participants will receive resource materials, participate in the Q&A session, and schedule writing meetings March-May.
Register here.
Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Sr. Research Development Officer

Finding Humanities Funding
March 1, 2022, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Virtual
This webinar will discuss how to find humanities funding in today’s funding landscape. We will describe the types of funding available, their policies, and the tendencies present among current funders. We’ll talk about the relative weight assigned by administrators to various kinds of funding, including internal vs. external funding and the value of each. We’ll talk in some detail about how to write an effective proposal, using brief examples from successful bids for funding. And we’ll consider the value of writing groups as laboratories for generating more robust bids for support. Finally, we’ll consider how to respond to the success or failure of proposals—how to learn from our mistakes and improve our grant-writing skills. Questions will be encouraged at the conclusion of the presentation.
REGISTER here.
Presenter: Dr. Kate Kelly, Academic Research Funding Strategies, Inc.
Contact: Shannon Eyre, RDS Sr. Administrative Coordinator

Congressionally-Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) Funding Basics
March 3, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Virtual
This presentation will cover Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) funding opportunities aligned with the work of both early and more experienced TAMU investigators. Attendees will learn how to find CDMRP funding opportunities, the process for applying, and tips for success as well as pitfalls in grant applications.
REGISTER here.
Presenter: Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Sr. Research Development Officer

Demystifying the NSF
March 23, 2022, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Virtual
This seminar is designed to offer faculty an overview of the NSF organization, aid in identifying appropriate NSF programs, and an overview of NSF proposal types and proposal review at NSF. Open to all disciplines.
REGISTER here.
Presenter: Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Sr. Research Development Officer