GRANT-WINNERS SEMINARS
Workshops for Academic Researchers

The Office of Research, in collaboration with the Graduate School and The Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement, presents two full day grant writing workshops. The agenda each day will alternate between a presentation followed by a practical writing exercise. All departments and disciplines are encouraged to attend where our guest, Dr. Robert Porter, will present the following:

WRITING SUCCESSFUL GRANTS
Workshop for Academic Researchers
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

CAREER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR PRE- AND POSTDOCS
Workshop for Graduates, Undergraduates and Postdocs
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

Register at ORevents@nd.edu or at https://ndgrad.wufoo.com/forms/grantwinners-seminar/

WORKSHOP LEADER
Robert Porter, PhD, has presented grant writing workshops at leading universities and medical schools internationally. Formerly Director of Research Development at the University of Tennessee, Dr. Porter has received the Distinguished Faculty Award by the Society of Research Administrators International. With thirty years' experience as a tenured professor, private consultant and research administrator, his proposals have won more than $8 million in awards from government agencies and private foundations. A national leader in the growing field of research development, he has presented papers and workshops on grant writing at national conferences and has published prize-winning articles in the Journal of Research Administration and Research Management Review. Dr. Porter has previously taught at Virginia Tech, Swarthmore College, Susquehanna University and Eastern Washington University. He holds graduate degrees in Speech Communications from the University of Michigan.
WRITING SUCCESSFUL GRANTS

Workshop for Academic Researchers

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

Full day writing workshop: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm

For those who are new to the grant game, this introductory workshop covers basic principles of good grant writing, starting with the phrasing of a compelling research theme to the actual construction of the proposal itself. Major differences between traditional "academic prose" and persuasive grant writing are highlighted. Common pitfalls that can lead to early rejection of good ideas with practical strategies for better writing are emphasized. Special attention will be paid to the perspectives of grant reviewers and how to write in ways that will meet their expectations.

- Killer mistakes in grant writing and how to avoid them
- Two critical steps that will double your chances for success
- How to win over the grant reviewer
- Simple keys to a more powerful writing style
- Visualization: Using illustrations to "sell" your project

CAREER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR PRE- AND POSTDOCS

Workshop for Graduates, Undergraduates and Postdocs

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

Full day writing workshop: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm

This session will focus on NSF and NIH grants that support doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows as they transition through critical career stages, from early graduate study to the doctoral dissertation, the initial postdoctoral fellowship, and on to becoming an independent investigator. We will examine the purpose and structure of NSF’s Graduate Research Fellowship programs and its Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants. NIH funding mechanisms such as F awards, K awards, and the new Pathway to Independence program will be described. Requirements unique to career development proposals will be specified, and successful proposals will be used to illustrate principles of effective writing. Topics to be discussed include:

- Choosing the appropriate award track for your career stage
- Anatomy of a typical career award proposal
- Understanding the grant review process
- Contacting grant program officers

All workshops will be located in the McKenna Hall Auditorium

Refreshments served — lunch on your own