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## CPI Newsletter – August 2019

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**2018-19 CPI roster:** *Chair* — David Threadgill, *Veterinary Medicine* • *Vice Chair* — Darren DePoy, *Science* • *Past Chair* — Penny Riggs, *COALS* • *AgriLife Extension* — Craig Carpenter • *AgriLife Research* — Michael Brewer, Ambika Chandra, Lee Tarpley • *Architecture* — Ergun Akleman • *Bush School* — Kent Portney • *COALS* — Russell Cross, Kerri Gehring, Wes Osburn, Elizabeth ‘Betsy’ Pierson, David Stelly, Aaron Tarone • *Education* — Oi-Man Kwok, Rafael Lara-Alecio • *Engineering* — Jorge Alvarado, Ulisses Braga-Neto, Akhilesh Gaharwar, Zach Grasley, Melissa Grunlan, Sheng-Jen ‘Tony’ Hsieh, Jodie Lutkenhaus, Scott Socolofsky, Ramesh Talreja • *Geosciences* — Alejandro Orsi, Pamela Plotkin, Brendan Roark • *Law* — Susan Fortney • *Liberal Arts* — Sandra Braman, Steve Maren, Harland Prechel • *Mays* — Korok Ray • *Medicine* — Vytas Bankaitis, Kayla Bayless, Carl Gregory • *Nursing* — Nancy Downing • *Pharmacy* — Jayshree Mishra • *Science* — Michael Hall, Christian Hilty, Alexei Safonov, Frank Sottile • *SPH* — Mark Benden • *TAMU at Galveston* — R.J. David Wells • *TAMCD* — Jay Groppe • *TAMU at Qatar* — Othmane Bouhali • *TEES* — Dean Schneider • *TTI* — David Bierling, Dennis Perkinson • *University Libraries* — Bruce Herbert • *Veterinary Medicine* — Candice Brinkmeyer-Langford, Jay Ramadoss

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## Update from Dr. David Threadgill, CPI Chair

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**August CPI News** – The Council of Principal Investigators Executive Committee (CPI-EC) met with administrators August 7, 2019. Discussions during the CPI-EC August meeting included having Dr. Jerry Strawser come provide CPI an update for the first A&M home game on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and had Mr. Brad Urbanczyk and Ms. Christina Robertson discuss BioRAFT along with what they were going to demo at the August 14<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Discussions continued on preparing for the August 14, 2019 meeting with the Student Financial and Employment Office regarding the Enhancing On-Campus Student Employment changes that impact research labs.

**CPI Contacts** – The new complete 2019-2020 roster of CPI Representatives and the new CPI Executive Committee can be found on the CPI website at [https://cpi.tamu.edu/membership/2019-2020\\_Council\\_Membership](https://cpi.tamu.edu/membership/2019-2020_Council_Membership). Previous membership lists can be found in the council [archive](#). Thank you to all the CPI representatives whose terms are ending August 31, 2019. Even though CPI terms end, Pls remain actively engaged with CPI from past years. Thank you for your continued efforts in moving research forward!

The CPI-EC will continue to meet with President Young and Provost Fierke each month in order to keep Pls informed. The CPI-EC also meets with Chancellor Sharp every other month. If there are items of concern that impact the research environment, we would like to hear from you. All Pls are encouraged to communicate with their representatives to bring forward items of concern or interest for the research community. Please continue to bring research-related issues (and solutions) to my attention at [CPI@tamu.edu](mailto:CPI@tamu.edu).

**Reminder:** The next CPI General meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, 2019, Rudder 601, 11:30-1:15pm.

The September 11, 2019 CPI General Meeting will have Dr. Sarah Misemer, Associate Director, LAUCH: Undergraduate Research provide an announcement of LAUNCH's upcoming events that faculty should be aware of. Dr. Diane Hurtado, Associate Vice Chancellor for National Laboratories Management and a panel of five researchers will come hold a panel discussion on their research activities with Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and how they are currently working with LANAL.

Contact Rebecca Luckey, [rluckey@tamu.edu](mailto:rluckey@tamu.edu) or 979.862.9166, for more information or to suggest agenda items for our monthly meetings.

## Writing Winning NIH Grant Proposals

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Mark your calendars to attend a professional development seminar for Texas A&M PI-eligible researchers on September 26, 2019. This workshop will be led by Dr. John D. Robertson, Granter Writers' Seminars and Workshops, LLC. The deadline for registering is September 20, 2019. For more information, see attached or contact Research Development Services at 979-845-1811.

## Research Development Services Upcoming Workshops

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The Research Development Services office within the Division of Research is offering numerous workshops that researchers can take advantage of. For a complete list of workshops with dates and locations, visit their website calendar at <https://vpr.tamu.edu/initiate-research/research-development-services/calendar>. (See attached flyer).

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## Summary of Recent NIH Policy Changes

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NIH, CDC, and AHRQ have announced that individuals supported by research training, fellowship, research education, and career development awards will be required to have an ORCID iD linked to their eRA Commons account beginning in FY2020.

For more information, see NOT-OD-19-109 (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-19-109.html>) and a recent NIH Open Mike blog post (<https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2019/08/05/linking-oid-identifiers-to-era-profiles-to-streamline-application-processes-and-to-enhance-tracking-of-career-outcomes/>).

## Limited Submission Proposal Opportunities

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The list of current Limited Submission Proposal (LSP) opportunities, maintained by the Division of Research, is available at <https://u.tamu.edu/LSP>. To receive notifications about new LSP opportunities as soon as they are announced, email Ms. Shelly Martin at [shelly.martin@tamu.edu](mailto:shelly.martin@tamu.edu).

## Bulletin for Principal Investigators

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The Division of Research at Texas A&M University publishes a weekly bulletin about research. The Research Bulletin accepts news items about researchers and their teams from the colleges, schools, campuses and agencies within the Texas A&M research enterprise, including honors, funding, presentations, and appearances in news media. [Click here](#) to subscribe or unsubscribe to the bulletin.





# Write Winning NIH Grant Proposals

**Thursday, September 26, 2019**

**8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**601 Rudder Tower**

**Texas A&M University**

*Also offered via Zoom*

A professional development seminar for Texas A&M PI-eligible researchers and the TAMU research community.

*Limited seating is available for post-doctoral researchers. Not open to undergraduate or graduate students. Please register to be notified.*

Every attendee will receive a copy of *The Grant Application Writer's Workbook*, NIH Version, and the presentation slides

All principal investigators interested in submitting research proposals to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are invited to learn how to:

- present their case to review committees using proven tips and strategies,
- write with a linear progression of logic that leads reviewers through the application proposal.
- write for two review audiences – those reading a proposal in its entirety and those reading critical sections only.

## Registration:

[researchdevelopment-registrations](http://researchdevelopment-registrations)

**\$100.00 fee to attend.  
Registration is required.**

## Registration Deadline

**Friday, September 20, 2019**

## Seminar Leader:

**Dr. John D. Robertson**

Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops, LLC

<http://www.grantcentral.com/>

## Contact

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# 2019 – 2020 Seminars & Workshops

## Research Development Services (RDS)

<https://vpr.tamu.edu/initiate-research/research-development-services/calendar>

### **Texas A&M-FAPESP (Brazil) Writer's Workshop**

**September 3, 2019, 10:30-11:30 am, 310 JKW**

This workshop has information on the Texas A&M-FAPESP (The São Paulo Research Foundation) Collaborative Research Program. This internal, international seed funding program seeks to build research cooperation between A&M faculty and the State of São Paulo, Brazil. The workshop also provides information on collaboration, eligibility, proposal submission, and best practice. Open to all disciplines. *Monica Holder*

### **Texas A&M-CONACYT (Mexico) Writer's Workshop**

**September 10, 2019, 10:30-11:30 am, 310 JKW**

The workshop will familiarize faculty with the Texas A&M-CONACYT (Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología) Collaborative Research Program. This internal, international seed funding program seeks to build research cooperation between Texas A&M faculty and higher education institutions in Mexico or CONACYT research centers. Information to include collaboration methods, eligibility, proposal submission, and best practices. Open to all disciplines. - *Monica Holder*

### **Write Winning NIH Grant Proposals**

**September 26, 2019, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Rudder 601**

Register by September 20, 2019 at

[researchdevelopment-registrations](https://researchdevelopment-registrations)

*John Robertson, Consultant from [GWSU](https://www.gwsu.edu/).*

### **A Strategic Approach: Writing Proposals and Publishing Your Work\***

**October 10, 2019, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., TBD**

This seminar is to offer new faculty a strategic approach to meetings their goals for successfully acquiring needed research support funding and publishing the results of their research. A submission plan will be drafted that links with other campus resources. – *Jorja Kimball*

### **Grants: They have a Language All Their Own**

**October 21, 2019, 1:00-2:00 p.m., ILSB Auditorium**

This seminar is designed for **graduate students and postdocs** as an overview of strategic proposal design and best practices that lead to more competitive research proposals. The information is applicable to all proposals irrespective of funding agency. - *Jim Izat, DoR & OGAPs*

### **Writing Successful Proposals**

**October 23, 2019, 1:30 – 3:00pm, TBD**

A seminar designed to offer faculty an overview of strategic proposal design and best practices to create competitive research proposal. Information applicable to all proposal types. - *DoR*

### **NIH Specific Aims Virtual Workshop**

**October 23 & November 6, 2019, Noon – 1:30pm, virtual meetings via Zoom**

Participants in this interactive two-part workshop will have opportunity to provide and receive feedback on NIH Specific Aims pages, as well as receive feedback from experienced NIH peer reviewers. - *Christina Howard*

### **Hanover Webinar: Multidisciplinary, Multi-PI, and Multi-Institutional Proposals**

**October 24, 2019, 1:30-2:30, via Skype or Zoom**

Discussion with Q&A on planning and developing a multi-PI plan. Includes best practices for collaborative proposal development.

Register by October 23, 2019 at:

[https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bvy15HNT1QQRpHL](https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bvy15HNT1QQRpHL)

-*Shannon Eyre*

### **\*Demystifying the NIH**

**October 29, 2019, 1:30-3:00 p.m. MSC 1401**

The purpose of this seminar is to provide a broad overview of NIH organization, how to identify NIH funding opportunities, the proposal submission and review process, and strategies for building a competitive NIH proposal. - *Christina Howard*

### **NSF CAREER & Young Investigator Programs**

**TBD, 1:00-5:00 p.m., ILSB Auditorium**

This seminar will familiarize faculty with the NSF CAREER and other federal agency young investigator programs to apply to. - *Laurie Garton*

### **Hanover Webinar: Foundation Outreach, Cultivation, & Proposal Development**

**November 5, 2019, 2:00-3:30, via Skype or Zoom**

Introducing development officers and research deans to the nuts and bolts of fostering and sustaining relationships with foundations who sponsor research. This workshop is perfect for all levels of experience. – *Shannon Eyre*

\*denotes a Junior Faculty Proposal Academy Session. - <https://jfa.tamu.edu/>

\*\*While Junior Faculty Academy Sessions focus on the needs of junior faculty, all faculty are encouraged and welcome to attend.

# 2019 – 2020 Seminars & Workshops

## Research Development Services (RDS)

<https://vpr.tamu.edu/initiate-research/research-development-services/calendar>

### KB Science Webinar: DOE Early Career

**November 19, 2019, 11:00-12:00 p.m., via Zoom**

Register by November 18, 2019 at: [Registration - DOE](#)

For those looking to apply to this proposal opportunity for junior faculty. Short presentation followed by Q&A.

– Shannon Eyre

### NSF Proposal Supplementary Documents

**November 20, 2019, 1:00-3:00 p.m., TBD**

Designed to familiarize faculty with the many types of NSF documents required to be included with NSF research proposals. - Jim Izat & DoR

### NIH Resubmission Discussion Panel

**January (TBD), HPEB, Room TBA**

A panel discussion then Q&A with experienced NIH peer reviewers. Information on strategies for NIH proposal resubmission strategies to increase proposal competitiveness. - Christina Howard

### Texas A&M-FAPESP (Brazil) Writer's Workshop

**February 4, 2020, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 310 JKW**

Explains the internal, international seed funding program, Texas A&M-FAPESP (The São Paulo Research Foundation) Collaborative Research Program, that seeks to build research cooperation between A&M faculty and researchers in the State of São Paulo, Brazil. Information provided on eligibility, proposal submission, and best practices. Open to all disciplines. - Monica Holder

### NSF Broader Impacts

**February 2020, 1:00 – 4:30, TBD**

**1:00-2:30 p.m. - Seminar** – A 90-minute seminar on improving the competitiveness of NSF proposals by creating a stronger Broader Impacts component.

**2:30-4:30 p.m. - Expo** – 2 hours for PIs to talk with representatives of organizations and programs, from the university and wider community, with whom they can collaborate and partner on broader impacts and outreach strategies and activities. - Held jointly by DoR and TEES

### NIH Specific Aims Virtual Workshop

**February 12 & 26, 2020, Noon – 1:30pm (Zoom)**

Participants in this interactive two-part workshop will have opportunity to provide and receive feedback on NIH Specific Aims pages, as well as receive feedback from experienced NIH peer reviewers. - Christina Howard

### NSF: The Agency, Proposal Preparation & Review

**February 2020 1:00-3:00 p.m., TBD**

For graduate students and postdocs, on applying to funding opportunities to the NSF. It will have an overview of the NSF, aid in identifying appropriate programs and proposal types, and insight into the review process. - Jim Izat, DoR & OGAPs

### NSFCAREER Writing Groups - Initial Meeting

**March 5, 2020, 1:30-3:00, TBD**

The purpose of this meeting is to familiarize faculty with the goals and organization of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual TAMU NSF CAREER proposal peer writers' group. Participants will receive resource materials, participate in Q&A session, and schedule writing meetings March – May. - Jim Izat & DoR

### \*Filling Your NIH Toolbox: Using RePORT to Your Advantage

**March 18, 2020, 1:30-3:00pm, TBD**

Participants will learn how to leverage NIH RePORT to help target NIH applications, identify key contacts at NIH and potential collaborators, and more. Participants are asked to bring their laptops for this workshop. - Christina Howard

### Demystifying the NSF: NSF Funding Opportunities, Proposal Preparation and Review Process

**March 25, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00pm, TBD**

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. - DoR

### NSF CAREER Mock Review Session and Workshop

**After Spring break 2020, TBD**

Laurie Garton (TEES)