
CPI Newsletter – September 2021

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2021-22 CPI roster: Chair — David Stelly, COALS • Vice Chair — Debjyoti Banerjee, Engineering • Past Chair — Steve Maren, Liberal Arts • AgriLife Extension — Craig Carpenter, Jamie Rae Walker • AgriLife Research — Anil Somenahally, Lee Tarpley, Qingwu Xue • Architecture — Wei Yan • Bush School — Laura Dague • COALS — Russell Cross, Kerri Gehring, Jean-Phillipe 'JP' Pellois, Elizabeth 'Betsy' Pierson, Paul Straight, Aaron Tarone • Dentistry — Hongjiao Ouyang • Education — Timothy Elliott, Rafael Lara-Alecio • Engineering — Raymundo Arroyave, Theodora Chaspari, Melissa Grunlan, Tracy Hammond, Daniel Jiménez, James Kaihatu, Samuel Ma, Ramesh Talreja • Geosciences — Jessica Fitzsimmons, Ethan Grossman, Daniel Thornton • Law — Felix Mormann • Liberal Arts — Jessica Bernard, Harland Prechel • Mays — Korok Ray • Medicine — Helene Andrews-Polymenis, Shannon Glaser, Carl Gregory • Nursing — Robin Page • Pharmacy — Jayshree Mishra • Science — Heath Blackmon, Jennifer 'Jen' Dulin, Rainer Fries, Jean-Luc Guermond, Wenshe Liu • Public Health — Gang Han • TAMU at Galveston — R.J. David Wells • TAMU at Qatar — Konstantinos Kakosimos • TEES — Dean Schneider, Nathan Tichenor • TTI — David Bierling, James Kovar, Dennis Perkinson • University Libraries — Sarah Potvin • Veterinary Medicine — Joe Arosh, Candice Brinkmeyer-Langford, Dana Gaddy

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Update from Dr. David Stelly, CPI Chair

September CPI News – The Council of Principal Investigators Executive Committee (CPI-EC) met with administrators on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Discussions and updates during the September CPI-EC items for potential speakers as well as items of discussions with President Banks when she meets with the full CPI membership at the September 8, 2021 CPI General Meeting.

I invite you to contact me, Dr. Deb Banerjee, 2021-2022 CPI Vice Chair at cpi@tamu.edu or Rebecca Luckey, rluckey@tamu.edu, for more information or to suggest agenda items for CPI's monthly meetings. The CPI Executive Committee continues to meet with the president, interim provost and chancellor on a regular basis.

CPI Contacts—The complete 2021-2022 roster of CPI Representatives and the CPI Executive Committee can be found on the CPI website at [2021-2022 Council Membership — Council of Principal Investigators \(tamu.edu\)](https://www.cpi.tamu.edu/2021-2022-Council-Membership-Council-of-Principal-Investigators). Previous membership lists can be found in the council [archive](#).

Public Disclosures: What You Need to Know

Research often generates new ideas for novel technologies which also provides for the creation of traditional publications and presentations. Texas A&M University encourages faculty and staff to take that a step further by translating the results of their academic work beyond the university setting. However, it is imperative that inventors understand that making a public disclosure, perhaps through these traditional publications and presentations, can impact the commercialization process.

Tuesday, September 21st 10:00-11:00am MSC2501

Click [here](#) to register!

Presented by Sam Udovich, Winstead, P.C., attendees will gain a better understanding of:

- *What the law says about public disclosures;*
- *What constitutes a public disclosure; and,*
- *How inventors can work with their commercialization office to ensure intellectual property rights are not compromised.*

About Sam Udovich:

Sam Udovich is a member of Winstead's Intellectual Property Practice Group. He represents innovators and technology developers ranging from established corporations and universities to entrepreneurial startups. His practice focuses on domestic and international patent prosecution in a wide spectrum of mechanical and electrical technologies. Sam works extensively with clients to protect various intellectual property assets. He has drafted and prosecuted patent applications in a number of subject matter areas including robotics, medical devices, petrochemical refining systems and processes, mining, telecommunications, computer systems and networks, and manufacturing systems. In addition to patent prosecution, Sam also takes part in due diligence studies of intellectual property assets including patent infringement and validity analysis. He also has experience preparing intellectual-property agreements. Before joining Winstead, Sam worked as a manufacturing engineer.

AnSRS4u presentation on Cayuse Proposals

The next Sponsored Research Services (SRS) AnSRS4U presentation will cover Cayuse Proposals (S2S), the implemented System-to-System submission software for Proposal Preparation. The presentation will cover the “Why?” of utilizing Proposals (S2S) and how to generally maximize the functionality that the program offers. The presentation will be on Thursday September 9 from 10:00 to 11:00am. There will be time set aside for questions.

Have you had any of the following questions:

- How do I access the application in Proposals (S2S)?
- What sort of applications will be submitted via Proposals (S2S)?

If you have had these or other questions about using Proposals (S2S) for proposal preparation, you will want to attend this presentation. Questions in advance are encouraged. If you have questions that you would like to have addressed, please email them in advance to ansrs4u@tamu.edu.

SRS will record the presentation and it will be available at a later time for anyone to access. Recordings and slides of the previous AnSRS4U presentations are available via the SRS website at <https://srs.tamu.edu> under the Resources link and then select AnSRS4U.

Participation will be via Zoom. The Zoom meeting information is below. You will need to register in advance for this presentation.

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You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Sep 9, 2021 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://tamu.zoom.us/j/9kfkfmsqjktE9bdRt0v3lpKEH1D5mFj-43F>

Research Development Fund – Applications due October 4, 2021

Full applications are due Monday, October 4, 2021. The guidelines and application for submission can be found at rdf.tamu.edu or email questions to rdf@tamu.edu.

NIH Virtual Seminar

If you are new to working with the NIH grants process as an investigator or administrator, then mark your calendar for Monday, November 1 – Thursday, November 4 for a unique opportunity to learn, share and meet virtually with NIH and HHS experts. The NIH is offering a virtual seminar that you will not want to miss! Here are our top five reasons:

- #1: Four days of sessions with live and simu-live sessions, as well as an on-demand video library
- #2: Three tracks designed around grants policies, processes, case-studies and Q&A
- #3: Live chats one-on-one with NIH & HHS experts on the grants process and policies
- #4: Downloadable resources to reuse and/or share with others at your institution
- #5: Registration is free! Yes, you read it right.

Are you excited yet? Visit our Save the Date page and sign-up to be notified when registration opens. We hope to “see” you there!

To learn more about this and similar events check out the NIH Regional Seminar Home Page and sign up for our listserv while you are there.

RDS Professional Development Calendar

Annually 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. See attached flyer for more information.

GWSW: Write Winning NIH Grant Proposals Seminar

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. Please register by October 6, 2021. See attached flyer for more information.

COVID-19 Guidance, Testing and Reporting

Reminder, check the Texas A&M COVID-19 webpage [COVID-19 Guidance - Texas A&M University, College Station, TX \(tamu.edu\)](https://tamu.infoready4.com/#limitedsubmissions) for the latest updates, guidance, testing and reporting forms.

Limited Submission Proposal Opportunities

The Division of Research has a limited proposal submission and review portal. The system will be used for limited submissions and most internal grant programs. You will find available opportunities at: <https://tamu.infoready4.com/#limitedsubmissions>. If you have any questions, please contact limitedsubmissions@tamu.edu or Shelly Martin at 979-862-2233.

Proposal Assistance for Large Multidisciplinary Funding Opportunities

The Division of Research, Research Development Services, offers free assistance to teams pursuing large multidisciplinary funding opportunities. To learn more about the types of assistance offered or to request assistance, see the one-pager included in this edition of the CPI newsletter, click [here](#), or contact Dr. Candice Jongsma (cjongsma@tamu.edu).

Bulletin for Principal Investigators

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.

2021 – 2022 Faculty Seminars & Workshops

Research Development Services (RDS)

<https://u.tamu.edu/RDScalendar>

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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 [GWSW](#).

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 a.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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Professional Development Opportunities

NSF Broader Impacts & Education Plan Expo and Seminar

February 2, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., TBD

***Registration link coming soon**

This ½ day event includes a 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.

REGISTRATION coming soon!

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.

REGISTRATION Coming soon!

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, Retired from TAMU Dept. of English

Contact: [Shannon Eyre](#), RDS Sr. Administrative Coordinator

Hanover CDMRP

March 3, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Virtual

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

Write Winning NIH Grant Proposals Seminar

A seminar for principal investigators submitting NIH grant proposals

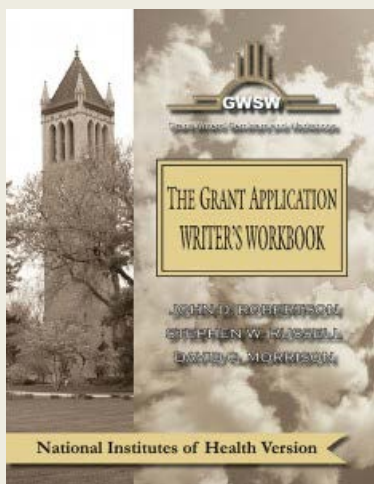
OCTOBER 12, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Rudder 701

A 1-day professional development seminar for Texas A&M researchers, research staff, and administrators.

****Principle Investigators interested in applying to the subsequent six-month 2021-2022 NIH Writing Program *are required* to attend this seminar.**



This workshop is free, however, every attendee must order a copy of *The Grant Application Writer's Workbook*, NIH Version. Information for book ordering will be sent once registered.

Registration Deadline:
October 6, 2021

Register at:

<https://u.tamu.edu/2021GWSWSeminar>

Seminar Leader:



Dr. John D. Robertson

[Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops, LLC](#)

Core:

Principles, Funding Priorities, and Preparation of Overview and Executive Summary.

Contact:

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Large and Multidisciplinary Proposal Services



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DIVISION OF RESEARCH **RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Research Development Services (RDS) assists Texas A&M University faculty with preparing ambitious, collaborative, multidisciplinary funding opportunities that are generally over \$1M per year. RDS can assist with idea development and proposal planning and/or project management throughout the proposal development process. The level of support will vary depending on the PI's needs, staffing, workload, and budget. Please fill out the below information to request support.

Provide the following information

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| PI: | | College/Dept: | |
| Sponsor: | | FOA #: | |
| Deadline: | | Amount: | |

Indicate services you are requesting

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| Positioning and capture planning | |
| Review funding opportunities and advise on agency requirements | |
| Proposal process coordination | |
| Proposal development planning (checklists, outlines, schedule, responsibilities, etc.) | |
| Advise on all aspects of proposals (clarity, logic, organization, presentation, etc.) | |
| Assistance with non-scientific documents | |
| Edit and format for consistency, clarity, cohesiveness, and overall effect | |
| Proposal compliance to sponsor submission guidelines | |
| Internal proposal review | |
| Coordinate external proposal review | |

Email Completed form to Dr. Candice Jongsma at: cjongsma@tamu.edu



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DIVISION OF RESEARCH **RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

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Research Development Services (RDS) provides faculty with proposal development support for high priority large, multidisciplinary funding opportunities.

The level of support will vary depending on whether the submission is a preliminary or full proposal, the PI's needs, staffing, workload, and budget.

RDS can assist with idea development and proposal planning and/or project management throughout the proposal development process. Specific assistance might include a combination of the following



POSITIONING AND CAPTURE PLANNING

- Explore and analyzing potential funding opportunities
- Internal and external capability assessments
- Organize workshops or brainstorming sessions with faculty
- Support engagement with funding agency representatives



PROPOSAL PROCESS COORDINATION

- Solicitation analysis and advice on agency requirements
- Proposal development planning (checklists, outlines, schedule, responsibilities, assignments)
- Coordinate consultant support
- Facilitate proposal team meetings to clarify project goals and implementation plans
- Coordinate with partner institutions/entities
- Assistance with the visual appeal of the proposal (graphics, fonts, white-space, etc.)



ASSISTANCE WITH NON- SCIENTIFIC DOCUMENTS

- Provide agency specific templates and guidance
- Assist with gathering and collecting university information and data for required documents
- Document collection, coordination, and compliance check
- Documents include but not limited to Biosketches, Current and Pending, Conflict of Interest, Letters of Support, etc.



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PROPOSAL WRITING AND EDITING

- Structure proposal outline as a writing guide
- Provide customized templates and samples of key documents
- Provide suggestions to increase the power and clarity of the key messages/themes
- Edit and format for consistency across multiple sections and authors for voice, grammar, stylistic elements, clarity, cohesiveness, and overall effect
- Condense text and eliminate redundancies
- Finalize/polish final documents



INTERNAL PROPOSAL REVIEW

- Provide comments on the focus, organization, and development of preliminary drafts
- Provide comments on clarity of significance, innovation, and potential impact of proposed work
- Provide comments for compliance with review criteria, funder mission and guidelines, and past reviewer comments (if available)



EXTERNAL PROPOSAL REVIEW

- Organize and facilitate proposal reviews that include both internal and external reviewers
- Note: the proposal must be reviewed internally for cost justification of the use of externally paid reviewers



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