Hello,

The OVPRGS would like to announce the NSF grant WEBINAR: Get Noticed, Get Funded! --a webinar on Competitive Advantage in NSF Grant Writing. Experienced grant editor Myrna Watanabe will be conducting a 10 week webinar series, made up of 5 webinars and 5 individual in-person grant sessions.

This introductory webinar series is a follow up to the NSF Workshop: Get Noticed, Get Funded! (Registration) -- where participants will write and develop their NSF grant proposals from start to finish. The interactive program will begin with an introduction to hints and techniques for writing NSF grants, to deconstructing the project narrative and learning what to write where and how to write it and writing all the other parts of the grant that are not part of the project narrative.

Eligibility for this webinar series is restricted to faculty preparing to apply for a new or competing renewal NSF grant by JULY 2016. Enrollment is limited to 15 faculty.

This webinar is complementary, all applications will be considered. Please see the flyer for more details.

*Space is limited. Please APPLY FOR THE WEBINAR by 9/2/15.*

We hope you join us,

Steve Hsu
V.P for Research and Graduate Studies

Corey Washington
Director of Analytics and Strategic Projects
OVPRGS Presents

**NSF Grants: Get Noticed, Get Funded!**

**A Personal Coaching Program for Preparing Your NSF Grant**

Aug. 18 – Nov. 17, 2015

Presented by

Myrna E. Watanabe, Ph.D., Contracted Grant Consultant for OVPRGS

Applications are required for this program. **CLICK HERE TO APPLY NOW**

This is a fall semester course consisting of a workshop, a webinar series, and coaching on advanced NSF grant strategies to help you write a grant that wins. The webinars and coaching go beyond the workshop to give you the best possible chance to score high and get funded.

**About the instructor**

*Myrna E. Watanabe* has been a science journalist for more than 30 years and has run a grant writing and editing firm for the past 6 ½ years. She works mostly on university grants to the federal government and has brought in more than $200 million to her clients. She also served as a consultant to NSF for former NSF Director Rita Colwell.

**Limited Enrollment**

While the “NSF Grants” workshop is open to all MSU faculty, eligibility for the NSF personal coaching program is restricted to faculty preparing to apply for a new or competing renewal NSF grant by spring, 2016. Enrollment is limited to 15 faculty.

**What makes this program different? You will:**

- learn how to use NSF’s and their related websites to gather competitive intelligence about NSF funding possibilities in your field
- have your Proposal Summary edited and commented on by an experienced NSF grant writer/editor and, with permission, your peers, before you commit to a full proposal
- obtain personal attention in solving grant problems
- learn how to set up your “Red Team” so your research proposal will be reviewed and critiqued by your peers prior to submission
- get professional editing of your research plan for clarity, persuasiveness and good writing.

**Program overview and schedule**

The program runs in the fall semester and is limited to 15 faculty. The number is small so Myrna can help each person individually. We’ll begin with the “NSF Grants: Get Noticed, Get Funded!” workshop (REGISTRATION) and follow with five webinars about every two weeks. Webinars will be recorded, so if you miss one, you can catch it later. Each month, you’ll receive about one hour of personal attention from Myrna, either in person or by phone, on any grant problem. Then, after your project narrative is reviewed by peers of your choosing—the “Red Team”--one of OVPRGS’ editors will edit it to help make your proposal its very best. If your proposal isn’t ready to submit in the spring semester, you’re still eligible for editing next academic year.
Aug. 18  NSF Grants: Get Noticed, Get Funded! Kickoff Workshop
  o a general introduction to NSF
  o hints to improve your chances of being funded and suggestions about other Federal sources of funding
  o up-to-the-minute analysis of how the federal budget will grant proposals
  o a panel of MSU’s own NSF insiders to help you understand how NSF works

Assignment: Those who have begun writing may submit their first paragraphs and may give permission for the use of the paragraph to illustrate good or poor starts to a grant.

Sep. 22  Webinar 1: Step-by-Step, How to Write a Grant to Maximize Your Chances of Winning
Assignment: Submit a grant Project Summary for 1) Myrna to review and 2) if permission is granted by the writer, for presentation to the class. We will also look at project summaries from successful grants.

Sep. 29  Individual Grant Strategy Sessions
Myrna will be on campus to meet by appointment

Oct. 6  Webinar 2: How to Write the Body of the Grant So That It Makes Sense and Will Obtain a Higher Score.
Deconstruction of the project narrative so participants will have a template and ideas of how to create their own project narratives.

Oct. 13  Individual Grant Strategy Sessions
Myrna will be on campus to meet by appointment

Oct. 20  Webinar 3. Broader Impacts, Intellectual Merit, Education Section and How (and If) the America Competes Act Will Affect You
Specific requirements must appear within the grant and must be given significant attention and time. We’ll discuss winning strategies for these components and discuss the impact of The America Competes Act.

Oct. 27  Individual Grant Strategy Sessions
Myrna will be on campus to meet by appointment

Nov. 3  Webinar 4: Things Not To Forget: Letters of Collaboration, IACUCs, IRBs, the Budget Justification, Post-doctoral Mentoring Plan, Data Management Plan, Biographies. And Things You Can’t Help. Other NSF Funding Mechanisms, Part I.
NSF grants have many sections that may appear extraneous, but a very clear budget justification, or an excellent post-doctoral mentoring plan may go a long way in helping your grant.

Nov. 10 Individual Grant Strategy Sessions
Myrna will be on campus to meet by appointment

Nov. 17  Webinar 5: Other NSF Funding Mechanisms, Part II. Putting It All Together, a Q&A
This is a continuation of the Other Funding Mechanisms portion of Webinar 4. The rest of the session will be spent answering questions submitted ahead of time.

TBD  Peer Review and Editing
As a condition for acceptance into the course, you agree to have your project narrative peer-reviewed by at least two others in your field (“Red Team”). After peer review, you may schedule with OVPRGS to have your NSF project description and project summary professionally edited prior to submission. We sincerely hope the end result of the program, culminating with editing, will be the best prepared application you’ve ever submitted. We also hope this program will give you a better understanding of what is required to produce that well-prepared application.

Application Deadline: September 2, 2015

To apply for the NSF Grants: Get Noticed, Get Funded! coaching program APPLY NOW. For questions, email: rgs.review@campusad.msu.edu

Sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies
(517) 432-3773  vprgs.msu.edu