



CACHET Grantsmanship Workshop presented by Jerry Heindel

Wednesday, May 1

CMWT 133A (UIC, 1853 W. Polk St.)

9:00-10:30AM NIH grants: The Right Grant for the Right Time Across Your Career

Early career scientists have access to a variety of funding opportunities. This session will overview all the different grant opportunities available. What should you apply for, a K99R00, a research grant like an R03, R21, R15 or R01, RIVER (R35) or a VICTOR supplement? Should you apply for a large grant right away or first build a successful funding record by securing a series of smaller grants?

11:00-12:30PM Grantsmanship: Writing a Winning Proposal

This session will provide detailed advice about what to do (and *not* to do) to craft a competitive proposal. Having a good idea is not enough, everyone has good ideas. The key to getting funded is to also have good presentation skills...grantsmanship. Grantsmanship is a skill that everyone can learn, but it takes time and commitment to master it. This session will focus on how to integrate a good idea with good presentation skills.

1:30 -3:00PM Understanding the NIH Review Process

This session will provide an insiders perspective about the proposal review process. How does an actual review work? What are reviewers looking for? What are some things you should avoid to improve your chances of a good review? There will also be several local scientists who have been on review panels to add their perspective to how the review process works.

3:30-5:00PM “Open” – appointments to provide guidance on Specific Aims page. (Geared to the Early Stage Investigator) Please contact Amanda (amandaa@uic.edu) to sign up for an appointment with Dr. Heindel to discuss your specific aims page.

The presentations will be presented by Jerry Heindel, Ph.D. He was an academic scientist for 10 yrs and wrote grants so he knows the system from that end. He then spent more than 20 yrs as a Scientific Program Administrator in the Extramural Division at NIEHS. He was responsible for developing over 30 requests for applications (RFAs) and program announcements (PAs). He has given over 50 presentations on how to write a winning application based on his personal experience, talking to investigators, reviewing preproposals, reviewing summary statements and attending review meetings. He has now put his knowledge into a daylong session covering all the key aspects all scientists need to know about how to best use all the opportunities NIH offers for grant support over a career.

Lunch will be provided from 12:30-1:30PM. Please RSVP to Amanda (amandaa@uic.edu) to be included in the lunch count.

