Pre-Conference Workshop VI

**Date:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017  
**Time:** 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**NIH Grantspersonship: Opportunities to fund research and training**

**Organizer:** Erica L. Spotts, PhD, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, NIH  
**Presenter:** William Elwood, PhD, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, NIH

**Description:**

This seminar will provide participants with information and advice to write competitive applications for National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding. The format will include didactic presentations, guidance on summary statement interpretation, and small group mentoring sessions. NIH scientists and review officers will describe current funding opportunities, grant mechanisms, policies, procedures, and steps in the grant submission process. Current and past NIH-based fellows will share experiences on how their fellowships influenced their respective career trajectories.

There will be ample time to answer questions regarding programmatic and review issues related to the NIH funding process. In addition, experiential and small-group activities will deepen participants’ knowledge of the grant writing process and provide individually-tailored feedback. Presenters will describe the roles and interactions among various study section participants, including the NIH review officer, review group chair, and assigned reviewers.

Participants who’d like tailored advice for their projects-in-development should bring at least five paper copies of a one- to two-page synopsis of the research aims, hypotheses, and methods. Participants interested in fellowship opportunities should bring a similar number of vitae/biosketches. NIH staff and senior investigators will provide participants with detailed feedback and advice.

**Target audience:**

Anyone who is currently or soon will be applying for an NIH-funded grant. This program will most likely be more useful for potential grantees who are earlier on the career spectrum.

**Materials:**

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12:00 Opening remarks

12:15 Know your experts: 5-minute career-biography presentations from panelists

1:15 Q&A

2:00 NIH 101: Agency mission, structure, FOAs, and tips

2:30 Q&A

3:00 Brief NIH panelist presentations
NIH Institute-specific descriptions of missions, guidance, and strategies.

4:00 Staged study section discussion
Chairperson (TBD)
Reviewer 1 (TBD)
Reviewer 2 (TBD)
Reviewer 3 (TBD)
Discussant: Scientific review officer (TBD)
Q&A

5:00 Roundtable discussions:
Panelists and/or participants change every 20 minutes to ensure participants receive maximum advice opportunities.

6:00 Dismissal

Presenter:

William N. Elwood, PhD, is the OppNet/Health-Scientist Administrator, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) National Institutes of Health.