



University at Buffalo

# Office of Research Advancement

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## **ORA WORKSHOPS, 2018-2019**

More information can be found on the ORA website (<https://www.buffalo.edu/research/about-us/units/ora.html>).  
(As of September 10, 2018)

### **LEARN ABOUT NSF**

October 11, 2018, 10:00am  
Location: Clemens 120

**Dr. Katharina Dittmar**, Program Director, Division of Environmental Biology at the National Science Foundation (NSF) will visit UB on October 11, 2018. There will be a public presentation at 10:00 AM, during which, Dr. Dittmar will talk about NSF, its mission, priorities for the coming year (NSF's Big Ideas), review process, and suggestions for submitting a competitive proposal. Although the focus will be on NSF's Biology Directorate, Dr. Dittmar's presentation would be relevant to researchers from any discipline and who wish to learn more about NSF.

Dr. Dittmar will discuss some of the high priorities for the Biology Directorate, with special emphasis on broad interdisciplinary topics – Rules of Life and Coastal Regions – that cut across NSF Directorates. Research support staff would benefit from learning about the new no-deadline model that was instituted across the entire BIO Directorate. There will be opportunities for Q&A following her presentation.

### **NIH R01 WORKSHOP**

Friday, Dec. 14, 2018,  
Location: Parker 104, South Campus  
Presenters: Lindsay Chakan, PhD; Aimee Jo Gibney, PhD – Office of Research Advancement

The NIH R01 application is a highly competitive process that can be “subverted by poor planning, preparation, disorganization and lackluster presentation” (NIH.gov). This workshop provides an overview of the R01 proposal requirements and suggestions for developing a strong application. Participants who have not yet submitted an R01 will benefit most from this introductory workshop.

### **NSF CAREER WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 1:00pm – 2:30pm  
Location: TBD  
Presenters: Office of Research Advancement, Sponsored Projects Services

This session will benefit early-career researchers who will be applying for NSF CAREER funding in July 2019. Get insight from CAREER Awardees on their experience applying and receiving this prestigious award. ORA editors will be on hand to discuss the nuances of writing a successful CAREER proposal and SPS will review budgeting basics. Attendees will receive a submission checklist and link to the NSF CAREER Template Library. ORA proposal managers will discuss resources including proposal management and editing services available to applicants.

## **NIH FELLOWSHIP WORKSHOP**

Tues., June 11, 2019, 12:00pm

Location: Commons 109 Conference Room (Tech Transfer Suite)

Presenter: **Lindsay Chakan**, PhD, Scientific Editor – Office of Research Advancement / Recipient of the F31 and F32

This meeting will help graduate students and early postdoctoral fellows plan for their F31 or F32 submission. The workshop will provide tips to help participants prepare a competitive application, a checklist and timeline for planning the submission, and information on pre-award services available through the Office of Research Advancement (ORA) and Sponsored Projects Services (SPS).

## **INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES (IES) WORKSHOP**

Wed., June 12, 2019, 12:00pm

Location: Commons 109 Conference Room (Tech Transfer Suite)

Presenter: **Aimee Jo Gibney**, PhD, Sr. Editor - Office of Research Advancement

This workshop will benefit researchers interested in obtaining funding from the Institute of Education Sciences (iES). An overview of the general requirements for submitting to iES will be presented along with grant writing tips and document templates. This workshop is best suited to faculty who are unfamiliar with this sponsor and applying to the Education Research opportunity (84.305A) due August 2019. Participants will have the opportunity to receive feedback on their draft narrative at a later date and in coordination with the editors in the Office of Research Advancement. Please note that developing budgets will not be covered in this session.

\*Note: Workshop date may change depending upon release date of the RFP.

## **DOD WORKSHOP SERIES**

Information forthcoming.

Faculty are strongly encouraged to explore other avenues of funding, including Department of Defense (DoD) research grants. To assist faculty in this process, SUNY Central hosted a SUNY DoD DC Day in June 2018, which provided the opportunity for faculty to meet face to face with DoD senior leaders and program managers, and learn about their strategic directions and funding priorities. To continue the momentum gained from SUNY DoD Day, the Office of Research Advancement will organize a series of workshops during the year geared toward faculty who are interested in pursuing DoD funded research grants.

These workshops are intended to help researchers navigate the DoD research funding process. Participants will have the opportunity to hear DoD Program Managers in various fields present their program's mission and priorities, and learn about their submission process. There may also be some opportunities for faculty to meet one-on-one with DoD Program Managers in order to present their research ideas and receive valuable feedback. Information on these events will be made available as it is confirmed.