New Grant Writing

2015 Course Syllabus

Overview
This course is designed to serve as a practical introduction to grant writing and strategy, particularly as it relates to the completion of the written portion of the candidacy exam. The course is structured to coincide with a reasonable timeline for when students will be completing the respected sections of the candidacy exam document—including the specific aims page, significance and innovation, and approach. Considerable emphasis will be placed on small group discussions and critiques aimed at improvement of the document through development of clarity and comprehensibility in one's thinking and writing. Additionally, students will be introduced to the process of grant review.

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Organization:
Class will meet on Thursdays from 2 – 4 pm in the Barchi Library for a total of 6 sessions spread throughout January and April (detailed below). Meetings will include group and peer-to-peer discussions, exercises and critiques of the relevant portion of the document for that class. Students should prepare their own documents and have read any assigned materials which will be reviewed during class.

Writing Assignment Due Dates:

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Grading Policy:
Grading in this course is dependent on class participation, attendance and adherence to assignment due dates. Grades will not be a reflection on writing ability, and apart from significant deviation from these requirements, an A can be expected.

Schedule:

- **January 8th - Week 1: Mock Study Section**
  - Prepare by reading 3 assigned grants, submitting scores by email (to T.A.) by Jan. 5th (rubric will be provided).
  - Mock Study Section (~1 hr 30 min.)
  - Group Discussion of exercise (~ last 20 min.)

- **January 22nd - Week 2: Peer Review of Aims (Rough Draft)**
  - Discussion of example NRSA
  - Paired peer review of rough drafts

- **January 29th - Week 3: Peer Review of Aims (Polished Draft)**
  - Paired peer review session
  - Group discussion

- **April 9th - Week 4: Review of Research Strategy**
  - Significance and Innovation section

- **April 16th - Week 5: Review of Research Strategy (I)**
  - Figures and Data Presentation

- **April 23rd - Week 6: Review of Research Strategy (II)**
  - Pulling It All Together