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RFCUNY WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG RESEARCH WEBINARS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

1) September 4, 2024 (12 Noon – 1:30PM)
GrantForward Training for CUNY Grant Seekers
Overview: GrantForward is a service available to all CUNY faculty/student/staff to access an extensive database of funding opportunities across all disciplines from sponsors worldwide. This webinar is organized to help CUNY grant seekers maximize GrantForward's potential to find best-fit funding opportunities. It also covers how to receive grant alerts for your desired expertise and grant recommendations tailored to your research interests and learn strategic information through upcoming grants, sample awards, proposal ideas, experts in your research areas.
Audience: All CUNY Grant Seekers
Presenters: John Tsapogas, RFCUNY APPS Director and Kevin Chang, GrantForward President
Agenda for GrantFoward Training for CUNY Grant Seekers
Registration and Zoom link: https://forms.gle/bZZak8Qk6XWGW93Z6

2) September 18, 2024 (12 Noon – 1PM)
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Grants
Overview: The NEA was established by Congress in 1965 and it's an independent federal agency that is the largest funder of the arts and arts education in communities nationwide, and a catalyst of public and private support for the arts. By advancing equitable opportunities for arts participation and practice, the NEA fosters and sustains an environment in which the arts benefit everyone in the United States. The NEA's primary activities include grantmaking to nonprofit arts organizations, public arts agencies and organizations, colleges and universities, federally recognized tribal communities or tribes, and individual writers and translators. Grant applications are reviewed by panels of arts experts and individuals from across the country. All grants must be matched one-to-one by non-federal sources, except for grants to individuals. While the NEA's primary activity includes grantmaking, it also is a national leader in the field and a convener on issues important to the arts community and people working at the intersections of arts and other fields such as health, community development, and education, among others. This webinar will focus on opportunities available to CUNY faculty.
Audience: All CUNY Arts Faculty
Presenter: John Tsapogas, RFCUNY APPS Director
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6853264113435524699
Webinar ID: 740-753-667

3) October 2, 2024 (12 Noon – 1PM)
Pivot-RP Training for CUNY Grant Seekers
Overview: Pivot-RP is an online tool that helps users connect with global and local research opportunities. This webinar is suitable for those seeking a Pivot-RP refresher and/or new faculty interested in learning about Pivot-RP. Access, Researcher Profiles, and Funding Database Navigation will be reviewed.
Audience: All CUNY Faculty
Presenter: Andrew Bell, Pivot-RP Customer Success Manager
Agenda
Registration and Teams Virtual Event link: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/b1bee89b-e0e3-4dbd-9bfd-2ac23fc5f31f@127fa96e-00b4-429e-95f9-72c2828437a4

4)   October 9, 2024 (12 Noon – 1PM)
NSF Grant Programs for CUNY Postdoctoral Researchers
Overview: NSF Postdoctoral Fellowships are designed to provide opportunities for recent doctoral graduates and postdoctoral researchers to gain research experience under the sponsorship of established scientists, to broaden their scientific horizons beyond their undergraduate and graduate training, and to engage in research activities at an significant time and level of their professional development. NSF offers Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in the Social Sciences, STEM Education, Biology, Earth Sciences, Ocean Sciences, Atmospheric and Geospatial Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Astronomy and Astrophysical Sciences, and Polar Programs. The NSF Engineering Directorate offers an engineering postdoctoral program (eFellows) for early-career PhDs in engineering fields. The eFellows program is administered by the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) with funding provided by the National Science Foundation. The webinar will also cover the CREST Postdoctoral Research Program (CREST-PRP) which provides two years of support for research experience and training for postdoctoral researchers at active CREST Centers. The goal of the CREST-PRP awards is to increase the workforce presence of individuals from groups underrepresented in STEM fields. CREST-PRP awards recognize investigators with significant potential and provide them with research experiences that broaden perspectives, facilitate interdisciplinary interactions, and prepares CREST-PRP scholars for positions of leadership within the scientific community. The NSF postdoctoral research awards are designed to provide active mentoring to the postdoctoral scholars by the scientific mentor who, in turn, will benefit from the incorporation of these talented scientists into their or other research groups.
Audience: All CUNY Postdoctoral Researchers
Presenter: John Tsapogas, RFCUNY APPS Director
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2995578089360387934
Webinar ID: 477-776-603

5)   October 23, 2024 (12 Noon – 1:30PM)
GrantForward Training for CUNY Grants Officers and other Designated Administrators
Overview: GrantForward is not only a funding discovery but also a grant dissemination service for CUNY grants officers and other designated administrators. The webinar will focus on administrative functions and privileges to leverage the funding opportunities on your individual campuses. Learn how to manage users, generate usage reports, deliver funding opportunities via curated searches/grant lists, publish funding newsletters, create grant portals, and promote GrantForward on your campus.
Audience: CUNY Grants Officers and other Designated Administrators
Presenters: Ingrid Valentin, Assistant Director, RFCUNY APPS and Kevin Chang, GrantForward President
Agenda for GrantForward Training for CUNY Grants Officers and other Designated Administrators
Registration and Zoom link: https://forms.gle/8kkSkzy2ZTrJdf2u6

6)   November 6, 2024 (12 Noon – 1:30PM)
Pivot-RP Training for CUNY Grants Officers and other Designated Administrators
Overview: Pivot-RP is an online tool that helps users connect with global and local research opportunities. As Designated Administrators on your campus, not only do you have access to basic features, but also to specific administrative functions and privileges as well. Learn how to utilize these additional features to leverage the funding opportunities on your individual campuses.
Audience: CUNY Grants Officers and other Designated Administrators
Presenter: Nicholas Epiphaniou, Pivot-RP Customer Success Manager
Agenda
Registration and Teams Virtual Event link: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/fd149e4e-ac09-46a8-80c9-e3390258aeb0@127fa96e-00b4-429e-95f9-72c2828437a4

7)   November 20, 2024 (12 Noon – 1:30PM)
Writing Competitive Grant Applications Focusing on Project Summaries and Descriptions
Overview: Project summaries and descriptions are important sections in grant proposals that need to be carefully presented with a focus on the needs of the Principal Investigator project and the sponsor program goals. While preparing the document, emphasis should be given to the quality of information and how the information is organized, structured, and presented. These documents are often written by faculty in a fast-paced manner to meet sponsor deadline requirements. This webinar will provide faculty with guidance and training on how to present the important sections of these documents to make them competitive. The webinar will include the following topics: Effective proposal titles; Setting a realistic scope for the project; Outlining the scientific problems/challenges that the project will solve; Describing the hypotheses of the research; Setting project goals, objectives, and outcomes; Identifying project benefits to your field of study, your institution, your students, and society; Employing and presenting the right methods; Employing the right team (researchers, faculty, students); Designing an effective management plan (advisory committees); and Establishing stages, timelines, deadlines, and milestones.
Audience: All CUNY Faculty
Presenter: John Tsapogas, RFCUNY APPS Director
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1949820485554824282
Webinar ID: 833-970-667

8)   January 15, 2025 (12 Noon – 1PM)
NSF Grants for CUNY Graduate Students
Overview: From research experiences across the world to internships at its headquarters, the U.S. National Science Foundation offers graduate students and recent doctoral degree recipients paid opportunities to expand their skills and knowledge in science and engineering. Prospective applicants must be pursuing or have pursued graduate study in a research-based program in STEM or STEM education, The webinar will cover the basics of applying to the following NSF programs: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) , Computer and Information Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowships (CSGrad4US), Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (DDRIG), Mathematical Sciences Graduate Internship, Presidential Management Fellowship Program, and the Summer Scholars Internship Program.
Audience: All CUNY STEM Graduate Students
Presenters: John Tsapogas, RFCUNY APPS Director and Joshua Brumberg, President, CUNY Graduate Center
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6717597572707868758
Webinar ID: 181-929-827

9)   February 5, 2025 (12 Noon – 1:00 PM)
NSF Grants for CUNY Early Career Researchers
Overview: Researchers who are beginning their careers have not developed the body of research that mid-career or senior faculty have accumulated over time and are at a disadvantage when competing for NSF research grants. NSF has set aside funding to early-career researchers working across a wide range of research areas where early career researchers are only competing against each other rather than against mid-career and senior faculty. **This webinar highlights key funding opportunities especially appropriate for early-career researchers at the rank of assistant professor.** Early-career researchers are also eligible (and encouraged) to compete for NSF's core grants, special initiatives, and other funding mechanisms. However, the success rates of early career faculty that target grants that are focused on early career faculty are generally higher. Join us while we explore these opportunities on NSF grants for early career faculty.
Audience: All CUNY Early Career Science and Engineering Faculty
Presenter: John Tsapogas, RFCUNY APPS Director
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1050292430685358943
Webinar ID: 456-177-835

10)   March 5, 2025 (12 Noon – 1PM)
NSF Undergraduate Research Programs for CUNY Faculty
Overview: The NSF Directorate for STEM Education supports programs at all educational levels and in a variety of settings. The directorate funds innovative research and evaluation projects across all STEM disciplines and STEM projects —

through scholarships, fellowships, centers, alliances, networks, curriculum development and institutional capacity building. It invests in activities aimed to improve knowledge of accessibility, integration, and adaptability in STEM education and beyond — ensuring that STEM education and career opportunities are accessible, inclusive, and equitable for all Americans, including women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities. The NSF Division of Undergraduate Education focuses specifically on undergraduate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education programs for all students. These programs are designed to strengthen STEM education at two- and four-year institutions by improving curricula, instruction, infrastructure, assessment, and diversity at these institutions. This webinar will focus on a selected group of grant opportunities that include: the CyberCorps Scholarship for Service program; the Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program; the Advanced Technological Education program; the Improving Undergraduate STEM Education program; and the Facilitating Research at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions program. Professor Iurov will discuss the development of his proposal for establishing an REU site at Medgar Evers College.

Audience: All CUNY STEM Faculty
Presenters: John Tsapogas, RFCUNY APPS Director and Professor of Physics, Andrii Iurov, Medgar Evers College
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8967742621393426012
Webinar ID: 498-886-091

11) April 9, 2025 (12 Noon – 1PM)
Federal Grants for Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs)
Overview: Most CUNY colleges are designated as Hispanic Serving Institutions. HSIs play a vital role in our nation's higher education framework. For more than a century, the diversity of Hispanic and Latino students makes our classrooms across the country rich learning and research environments. For many Hispanic and Latino students, HSIs provide critical pathways to opportunity, and hundreds of HSIs across our Nation are advancing inter-generational mobility, success, and opportunity. For these reasons, it is important to ensure that in higher education HSIs receive an increasing level of research and education support. In recent years, Federal funding agencies have developed grant programs that target HSIs in their programs. In this webinar we will cover details on HSIs programs within the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the U.S. Department of Education. The focus of the webinar is to provide broad coverage on the types of grants that have targeted HSIs as eligible institutions for research and education support and to share with CUNY faculty strategies for successfully applying for these grants.

Audience: All CUNY Faculty
Presenter: John Tsapogas, RFCUNY APPS Director
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1352830751649417816
Webinar ID: 287-836-507

12) April 23, 2025 (12 Noon – 1PM)
NIH Grant Programs for CUNY Postdoctoral Researchers
Overview: The purpose of this webinar is to describe the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (F32) program which supports research training of highly promising postdoctoral candidates who have the potential to become productive, independent investigators in scientific health-related research fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. These fellowships are designed specifically for candidates proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary clinical trial, but does allow candidates to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a sponsor or co-sponsor. The research and training plans are expected to provide the candidate with a strong understanding of research design, experimental methods, quantitative approaches, and data analysis. Applications are expected to incorporate exceptional mentorship. The training plan should document the need for, and the anticipated value of the proposed mentored training in relationship to the individual's research career goals.

Audience: All CUNY Postdoctoral Researchers in all disciplines directly or indirectly related to health
Presenter: John Tsapogas, RFCUNY APPS Director
Audience: All CUNY Postdoctoral Researchers
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4675959511355437909
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