TOP STORY

Writing Bootcamp

Register by May 6th for faculty writing groups

Once again, the Learning Center and IPSSP will host a three-day faculty writing boot camp to help kick-off your summer writing endeavors. This year’s camp will be held from May 16th through the 18th.

Participating in writing groups offers a supportive space for writers to access the expertise, experience, and networks of their colleagues throughout the writing process. By carving out three days to focus on writing projects, you will find that you can make significant progress on a manuscript or grant proposal.

The Faculty Writing Group Boot Camp will provide a time for setting goals, a quiet space for writing, opportunities for receiving feedback on drafts, guidance in developing a new grant, expertise in revising an existing grant, refreshments, and lunch.

Faculty interested in submitting a letter of intent to apply to the Center for Rural PA’s research grant program (see below and at right) might find the boot camp a great place to get feedback on your draft project description.

The only requirement for joining the Boot Camp is commitment to attending all three days. Registrants should plan to clear their schedules so they can devote time to completing their writing and grant development projects.

Attendance will be limited to 25 participants so register before May 6th by completing the short survey at (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDG7HRW).

For more information, contact Chris Wonders, cawonders@ship.edu or by phone at extension 3049.

FUNDING FOR RESEARCH

Center for Rural PA issues RFP

Letters of Intent to apply for research grants DUE May 23

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania legislative research agency, issued its RFP for 2017 research funds earlier this month.

The CRPA Research Grant Program funds one-year grants to conduct applied policy research or to identify local strategies that can result in legislative or program policy considerations or recommendations. For the 2017 grant cycle, the maximum allowable grant award is $50,000 per project.

Mini Grants are also awarded to projects that focus on basic data collection and analysis, time-sensitive issues, and/or the preparation of reference materials. Projects supported as Mini Grants are a maximum of nine months in duration and are eligible for a maximum of $15,000 in Center support.

The Center’s mandated research areas are rural people and communities, economic development, local government finance and administration, community services; natural resources and the environment, rural values and social change, educational outreach, agriculture, and health and welfare concerns.

This year the CRPA’s Board of Directors has approved seven targeted topics which can be explored on the program website. Other reasonable and beneficial projects that address one or more of the Center’s mandated research areas will be considered by the Center under an “Open Topics” category.

Letters of Intent are due by 4:30 PM Monday, May 23. You can learn more about the grant program online at http://www.rural.palegislature.us/grants_rfp.html.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

INTERNAL FACULTY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- 1st and 2nd Year Faculty Council of Trustees Grants
  Proposals DUE noon Tuesday, May 2. Contact Chris Wonders at cawonders@ship.edu for info.

- CFEST Travel Grants and CFEST FTCE* Grants
  *Faculty Training and Continuing Ed Proposals for Travel and FTCE are DUE at 11:59 p.m. May 2 or until funds are depleted. More info at http://www.ship.edu/CFEST/Grants/Overview/.

- InfoReady Review Online
  Proposals for many internal programs now flow through the InfoReady Review portal at https://ship.infoready4.com/.

EXTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Center for Rural PA Research Grants
  Letters of Intent to Apply are DUE at 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 23. More info at http://www.rural.palegislature.us/grants_rfp.html.

- April GRC “Deadlines”
  Access the latest Grants Resource Center RFP compilation online at http://bit.ly/1T8zUCU. Username: supa; Password: member.

STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS

- At this time, all undergraduate and graduate student research grant programs are closed. Check back in the fall for more student research funding opportunities.
# Tools from InfoEd & the Grants Resource Center

**Funding databases available online**

The chart below highlights the various tools included with University-paid subscriptions. If you have any questions, please give IPSSP a call, 717-477-1251. We pay institutional dues for access to these services. In an effort to not subsidize free and unethical use by others, we ask that you do not share this access outside of the institution. Thank you!

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