Research & Innovation Week provides informative sessions to help make UMSL investigators and inventors more successful in their research, academic works and commercialization. It also celebrates UMSL’s funded investigators and successful inventors at the closing reception. Join us!
MONDAY | 04.03.17

10-11:30 a.m. Getting Funded: NIH Proposal Writing with Dr. Rob Paul

Participants will learn effective strategies for writing NIH Specific Aims and strategies for developing the three core components of NIH Research Plans – Significance, Innovation, and Approach – including scientific rigor and premise. Best practices such as following a script, peer review, revision, and others will be shared.

Speaker: Dr. Robert Paul, Director, Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH), and Professor of Psychology at UMSL will lead this session. Dr. Paul has been continuously funded by the NIH since 1998.

1-2:30 p.m. Accessing & Harnessing Existing Datasets: Pathways to Impactful Research

The use of existing data sets is an excellent way to jumpstart research in the social sciences. Join an esteemed panel of UMSL social science faculty and learn how they use existing data sets to conduct innovative research. Learn about the variety of existing data sets, how to use existing data sets to shape research questions, understand data set capacity with respect to research interests, and massage data to form research variables and design a valid study.

Moderator: Dr. Shirley Porterfield, Associate Professor, Social Work

Speakers: Dr. David Kimball, Professor, Political Science; Dr. Adriano Udani, Assistant Professor, Political Science; Dr. Matt Vogel, Assistant Professor, Criminology; and Dr. Susan Depue, Assistant Research Professor, Missouri Institute for Mental Health

TUESDAY | 04.04.17

10-11 a.m. Grants: It’s More than the Writing!

Grant writing is about strategy. This session will cover topics of particular interest to junior faculty and those new to grant writing including finding and working with mentors and collaborators, finding the right funding opportunities, the importance of peer review, revision, using campus and external resources, and effective time management. A must-attend session for junior faculty. Speaker: Dr. Rachel Wamser-Nanney, Assistant Professor of Psychology, will share her experiences about competing for multiple federal grants.

1-2:30 p.m. Developing Competitive Broader Impacts Strategy for NSF Proposals

Broader Impacts is one of the two NSF review criteria. The Broader Impacts criterion encompasses the potential of funded research to produce desired societal outcomes. Participants in this session will learn how to develop broader impacts plans that align with investigator interests, respond to gaps, locate strategic BI partners, leverage institutional strengths and past outreach and training efforts, build strong rationale for Broader Impacts activities, create effective messaging and shape BI narrative, unpack ideas into compelling and feasible plans, scale impact at the campus and community levels, evaluate proposed activities, reach out to program officers, and select reviewers.

Speaker: Susan Renoe, from the MU Broader Impacts Network will lead this hands-on session that should not be missed by anyone planning to submit NSF proposals.

3-4:30 p.m. Community-based Participatory Research

A roundtable discussion in the MSC Fireside Lounge

This interactive roundtable discussion will focus on applied research in community settings. Participants will learn about basic tools and decision-making processes critical to CBPR, gain exposure to specific studies and approaches, and explore opportunities for engagement and collaboration with UMSL social science scholars.

Discussants will include Dr. Tom Meuser, Associate Professor of Gerontology; Dr. Sheila Grigsby, Assistant Professor of Nursing; Dr. Larry Irons, Associate Teaching Professor, Sociology; and Dr. Ann Steffen, Associate Professor of Psychology.
To Honor UMSL Funded Faculty Investigators and Innovators

RECEPTION | 4-7 p.m.
MSC 3rd Floor Rotunda

PROGRAM | 4:30-5 p.m.
SGA Chamber (MSC)

Join us as we recognize and honor UMSL’s funded investigators and campus inventors during the Reception and Program. We will present the Investigator of the Year and Innovator of the Year awards and more! Before and after the Program, enjoy chatting with your colleagues while partaking in some appetizers and beverages in the 3rd floor rotunda of the Millennium Student Center. Don’t miss it!

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