The Art of Grantsmanship: A Hands-On, Intensive Workshop

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**: Advancements through research hinge on the availability of extramural funding.  While the outcome of the grants process is a funded proposal, grantsmanship is far more than the art of writing proposals and obtaining grants.  It is a philosophy, a code of ethics, and a set of skills applied simultaneously to bring about positive change.  This course includes didactic and experiential learning activities that assist the investigator in developing requisite skills to plan and write clear, effective, and fundable grants; conduct thoughtful and proactive funding searches; build partnerships with funders and colleagues; and apply grantsmanship principles to various funding sectors such as NIH, industry, and foundations.

**COURSE OBJECIVES:**At the end of the course, the investigator will be able to:

1.     Assess the needs, environment, skills, and resources available to address given research and funding needs.

2.     Compare and contrast the funding objectives and processes of federal, state, private, and foundation funders.

3.     Identify and complete the pre-writing tasks of grant writing.

4.     Explain how to build partnerships and collaborations with funders, community, industry, diverse groups of researchers, and other stakeholders.

5.     Write a grant application that is specific to an identified funding opportunity that supports the investigator’s/institution’s needs/mission.

6.     Submit a completed grant to a major funder, e.g., NIH, SAMHSA, CDC, etc., within 2 months of completing the course.

**IMPORTANT KEY POINTS:**

-      Open to any early/new investigator and mid-career investigator who is making a major change in his/her research focus

-        Hybrid course (online/ synchronous and asynchronous sessions conducted through Go-to-Webinar)

**ALL CLASSES WILL BE ONLINE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARCH 14, 2017; MARCH 16, 2017; AND MAY 4, 2017. THESE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO MEDICAL SCIENCES CAMPUS. ALL OTHER CLASS ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE TRAVEL TO A CLASSROOM ON CAMPUS.**

-        Dates: begins 2/28/2017 through 5/4/2017.  The final face-to-face, group session is on 5/4/2017 when participants will present on their proposals.

-        Application form is required:  Due date is February 13, 2017

-        Course meeting times: Tuesdays/Thursdays: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm (PR time)

-        **Clinicians interested in developing a research focus in their careers are invited to apply**

For Spring 2017 Session:  Each institution will submit the required documents for each candidate no later than February 13, 2017 to be considered for the course beginning on February 28, 2017.

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