Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS):
A Workshop on Professional Development
in Cancer Prevention and Control Research

Agenda

National Cancer Institute – Shady Grove Campus
9609 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850
Day 1: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Day 2: 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Day 1: Thursday, August 10, 2017 [Seminar Room 110]

Presentation: Why Fund Behavioral and Social Science (BSS) in Cancer Control Research?
This presentation will focus on the current landscape of cancer prevention and control research and the key role behavioral and social factors often play in illness and health.

Presentation: Priorities in BSS Cancer Prevention and Control Research–Moving Forward With New and Existing Scientific Advances
In this forum, new data and advances in BSS in cancer prevention and control will be discussed, focusing on efforts and resources in (1) basic bio-behavioral and psychosocial studies, (2) health behaviors, (3) health communication, (4) tobacco control, (5) survivorship, (6) health care delivery, implementation science. Specific funding opportunities designed to move research forward will be highlighted. A Q&A will follow.

Presentation: With All These R's, Which One is Right For Me?
What's the difference between the R03, R21, and R01 mechanism, and how do I decide which mechanism best serves the research?

Presentation: Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in BSS and Cancer Prevention and Control Research
This discussion will focus on approaches to effectively create networks and build relationships with colleagues from other disciplines.

Presentation: Putting a Team Together
Learn how to create an A-team of collaborators, consultants, and co-investigators to make your grant successful, from determining the role they will play to how to recruit them.

Small Group Discussion: If Only I Had Known…..
Members from our esteemed external faculty will answer questions on key career issues such as work-life balance, mentorship, integration of teaching and research, identifying programs of research, and more.

How to Discuss Your Research Idea and Make it Compelling in 5 Minutes
Learn tips for giving clear, concise presentations focused on complex social and behavioral constructs in cancer prevention and control.

Time on Your Own to Refine or Prepare Your 5-minute Presentation

Concurrent Activities: Lunch, Information Session, Mentoring Opportunity

Activity 1: Team Mentoring
In this "Shark Tank" activity, meeting participants can present a 5-minute BSS cancer prevention and control research idea to a team of three scientific mentors to receive ideas and feedback in a closed room, supportive environment. Ideas can be presented at any stage of development, without slides or handouts.

Activity 2: Information Networking Session
Network with NIH staff and other meeting participants.

Presentation: Thanks For All the Feedback; Now What?
After this round of feedback, a faculty member will address how to assess the value of and incorporate feedback from multiple sources.

Presentation: Pre-submission Resources at the Funding Institution Level: A PDs List of Dos and Don'ts
This presentation will focus on how to establish contact with NCI staff for advice and assistance, the role that PDs play in supporting applicants and grantees, and the separation of program and review.

Presentation: Challenges and Rewards in Conducting NIH-and Other Funded Research
This presentation will address such topics as managing a multidisciplinary research team, recruitment and sample issues, and the rewards of behavioral and social science as a bridge to public health research, practice, and policy (e.g. tobacco research).

Day 2: Friday, August 11, 2017 [Seminar Room 110]

Presentation: Emerging Issues for the Next Generation of BSS in Cancer Prevention

Presentation: How to Get Started When You Are Staring at a Blank Screen
Tips for moving forward with your research idea. How does a blank screen transform into a research strategy?

Presentation: Nuts and Bolts of Submission
Faculty will address details of the application process including preparing biosketches, budgets, facilities pages, appendices etc. A Q&A will follow.

Presentation: Shared Resources to Support Application Submission
This presentation will focus on resources for data collection and analysis including research tools, datasets, common measures, and established cohorts.

Presentation: Opening the Black Box: Inner Workings of the NCI's Grant Review Process
Ever wonder why the grant process takes so long? This discussion will focus on what happens after the button to submit your application is pressed, how grants are scored, what the scores mean, and when and how feedback is received. Get programmatic insight into the process and tips to maintain a modicum of control over the path of your application.

Presentation: Where Oh Where Will My Application Be Reviewed?
Familiarize yourself with the NIH study sections, the disciplines/expertise represented, and when to utilize the SF424 Optional Request Form to communicate specific application assignment and review requests.

Concurrent Activities: Check in With Participants or 1-1 Pre-signed Up Office Hours

Activity 1: External Faculty Small Group Check in With Participants
This moderated session will be structured by a series of predetermined and participant initiated questions. This session is designed for individuals who are still formulating a research idea, study aims, and methodology.

Activity 2: 1-1 Office Hours With NIH Program Directors
Participants with have an opportunity to discuss fully formulated research study aims and methodology with a NIH program director. To benefit from this session, participants should be in the process of considering submission of the presented project.

Presentation: Interactive Mock Study Section Review:
A mock study section will be presented.

I blew it, my application wasn't discussed and it didn't get a fundable score
A discussion of the reality of paylines, what goes on behind the scenes, disconnect between reviewers and program, and resubmission options.

Top 10- List: Are you Ready to Submit?
A final discussion on pre-submission tips.