Program Description

Using a unique and proven method to learn how to write a fundable proposal, the Grant Writing Crash Course provides one-on-one mentoring by successful University of Utah Faculty Grant Writers. Participants complete a series of short exercises prior to the Grant Writing Crash Course, drafting text that will be refined and assembled under the guidance of faculty mentors into critical sections of their proposal. Several essential topics are covered in focused brief lectures and discussions, including the strategies and mechanics of effective proposal writing, how to sell your project (and yourself as Principal Investigator) to a sponsoring agency, the criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your proposal, pitfalls to avoid in grant writing, how to develop aims and justifications, the ins and outs of major funding agencies, and the political, social, and psychological aspects of “grantsmanship.” Focused, intensive work sessions provide participants with amply uninterrupted time to craft and recraft their thinking, writing, and presentation based on real-time constructive feedback from faculty mentors, enhancing their proposals and increasing the likelihood of their success.

The $1,195.00 registration fee includes two nights lodging at the Deer Valley Resort, use of recreational facilities, and most meals. A spouse/partner and up to two children are welcome to accompany the participant (additional charge if more than two children attend). If you do not have seed or personal funding available for the registration fee, we encourage you to discuss other options with your Department Chair or Research Dean. In order to meet our stated objective of providing a high faculty to trainee (PI) ratio, the number of spaces available for attendees is highly limited. Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, please contact Tony Onofrietti, Director, Research Education, at tony.onofrietti@hsc.utah.edu or 801-585-3492.