FRESSH Program

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Fostering Research Expansion in the Social Sciences and Humanities

Pilot Program Overview

The FRESSH Pilot Program establishes a cohort of Social Science and Humanities faculty, predominantly from A&S, to develop research concepts and proposals suitable for two federal agencies: the National Science Foundation (NSF) Directorate on Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Research Programs, with NSF serving as the primary training template. Future iterations of the program may center on developing proposals for other federal agencies or foundations. FRESSH will focus on awareness and utilization of internal resources, targeted training for opportunity scoping, concept and proposal development, and building community around Social Sciences and Humanities research.

Meetings will begin on Zoom and may transition to a hybrid format. Participants' preferences for the format and time of each meeting will be taken into account. As long as the pandemic continues, an online option will always be available for anyone who does not feel comfortable or is unable to attend in-person.

Application available 1/18/22 through NOON 2/4/22 on InfoReady Review.

Program Objectives

- Faculty will develop the skills needed to effectively prepare research proposals and respond to critiques of their work.
- The cohort will build important cross-department and cross-campus connections.
- The program will increase participation in extramurally funded research programs.
- The program will strengthen the UNM culture of collaboration and cooperation in pursuing research funding.
- UNM will build expertise in understanding programs of support for Social Sciences and Humanities and will diversify its portfolio of funding.

Participant Expectations

- Attend 80% or more of the scheduled workshops and small group meetings. Failure to do so will impact participants' compensation.
- Complete structured assignments throughout the program such as drafting concept papers, attending meetings with agency program officers, meeting intermediate proposal development milestones, and submitting a partial draft of the proposal prior to the agency due date for peer and external review.
- Participate constructively in small group discussions and peer writing and review activities.
- Adhere to UNM's external funding systems and guidelines.
- Learn about and utilize UNM's support systems and resources.

- Submit a research proposal to either the NSF SBE Directorate or the NEH Division of Research for consideration in 2022-2023 (within 18 months of the start of the FRESSH pilot program).
- Complete program evaluation activities and provide feedback for future program improvements.
- If a submitted proposal receives an award, participants may be asked to serve as a mentor for future program cohorts.

Eligibility

- Any PI-eligible UNM faculty or staff member.
- All participants must demonstrate support from their Department Chair.
- Competitive applications will demonstrate commitment to pilot expectations (including active peer review and milestone achievement), a research vision, and interest in external funding; selection is not based on perceived merit of proposed research ideas.
- No restrictions based on faculty rank.
- No experience with targeted extramural research funding agencies required.
- While teams and partners on the grant applications are anticipated and we hope you will meet colleagues within the program with whom you will collaborate in the future, this program focuses on those individuals who will serve as lead PI for the workshopped proposal. Please email frdo@unm.edu prior to application if you wish to participate as a partnership.

Compensation

Details will be provided before the application closes on February 4th.

Key Activities

- **Monthly 3-hour hands-on workshops** and seminars as a full cohort (some portions open to wider UNM faculty).
- **Weekly hands-on small group and mentoring sessions** focused on the development of extramural funding proposals, including concept development, proposal development training, peer writing support and review, mentoring from successful researchers, and opportunities for collaboration.
- **Engagement with NSF or NEH program officers** to understand agency-specific expectations and needs.

Tentative Timeline

Jan 18 – Feb 4, 2022	Application Period
Week of Feb 14, 2022	Cohort Selected
Feb 25, 2022	Program Kick-off
Feb – Dec 2022	Program Duration
Within 18 months of program initiation	Expected Extramural Funding Proposal Submissions

Contact

Email the Faculty Research Development Office (frdo@unm.edu) with questions.