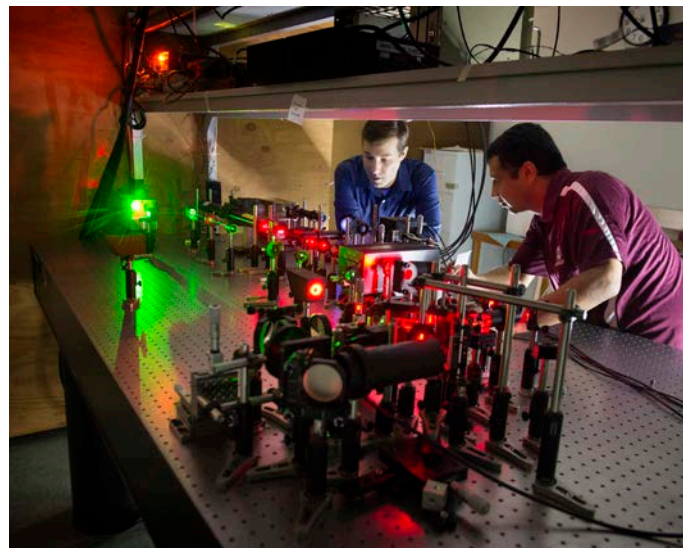
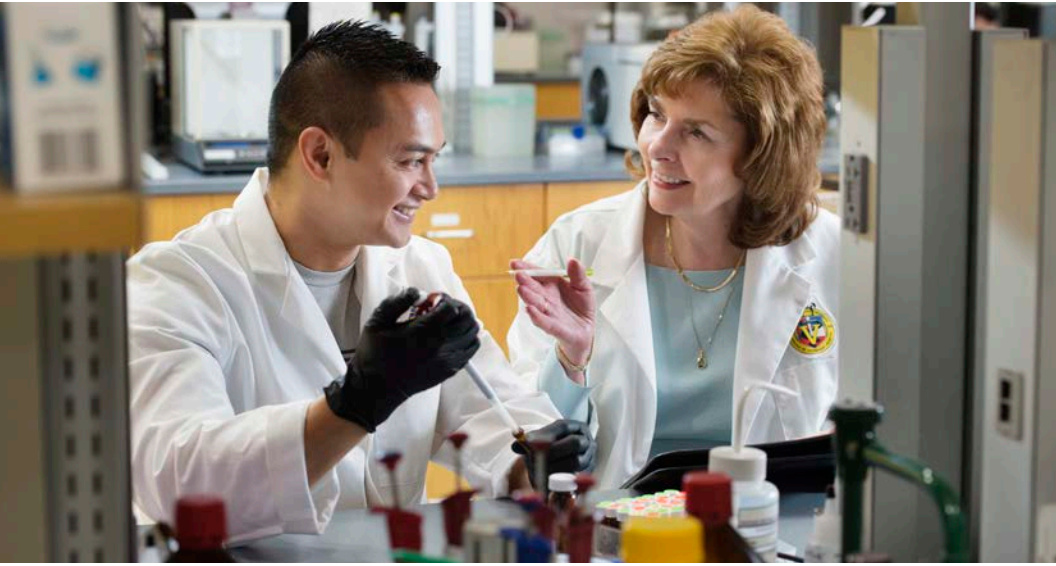


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# MINI SERIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

## **LIFE AFTER GRADUATION: OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Shauncey Hill – Director, International Research Development

Emiko Tezuka – Japanese LEAP Intern

Thursday, January 19, 2017

4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Bost Theater

This session will provide a general overview of fellowship opportunities specific to non-U.S. students and how to prepare for the opportunities. Key topics will include exploring fellowship opportunities; processing the application for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) & Optimal Practical Training (OPT) as well as understanding the career development process.

## **THE GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT: ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND REWARDS**

Stephanie Hyche - Associate Director, Office of Sponsored Projects

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Bost Theater

Graduate student assistants enjoy many professional and personal benefits, but what are the expectations of the faculty mentors with regard to the assistants' responsibilities? What are the intangible benefits of the assistantship that can be leveraged for future professional success? This program will provide insight into mentors' expectations of student assistants, as well as discuss the scope of benefits associated with a research-related graduate assistantship. **Both faculty and students are encouraged to attend.**

## **OVERVIEW OF THE FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM**

Shauncey Hill – Director, International Research Development

Friday, April 21, 2017

2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Bost Theater

This seminar will discuss opportunities provided by the Fulbright Foreign Student Program specific to non-US students. Program eligibility and selection procedures vary widely by country. We'll address eligibility requirements and application guidelines, plus much more.



## JANUARY

### **USING REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS IN THE CLASSROOM TO GROW INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS**

**Kathy Gelston – Associate Vice President for Corporate Engagement & Economic Development, Office of Research and Economic Development**  
**Reuben Burch – Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering**

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Bost Theater

Growing a mutually beneficial partnership with a company from industry can be a lengthy process that, if handled successfully, could lead to long-term engagement and funding opportunities. One of the ways to produce a relationship with industry is through partnering to create real-world classroom problems based on the immediate needs of the company. The purpose of this seminar will be to discuss the types of successful classroom problems that have been used in the past to grow industry relationships here at MSU, as well as recommendations about what makes a successful project for both the students and the sponsor.

### **WRITING A COMPELLING PROPOSAL**

**Stephanie Hyche – Associate Director, Office of Sponsored Projects**

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Time: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Bost Theater

So you've narrowed your research focus and found a great funding opportunity, now it's time to write! Is your idea simply compliant with the instructions or is it compelling? This program will focus on finding the "hook" and selling your idea through a persuasive proposal narrative. We will discuss structure and format, as well as stylistic tools for writing to engage and stand out to a review panel. This program will be aimed at a broad audience rather than a specific agency, however, the content will be transferable.



## FEBRUARY

### **FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATE**

Presented by the Office of Sponsored Projects

Thursday, February 2, 2017

3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Bost Theater

This session will provide updates on many of the federal agencies. Research funding priorities and application information will be covered, as well as other topics of interest.

### **NSF PROGRAM OFFICER**

Marie Cornwall, Program Officer, Division of Social and Political Science  
National Science Foundation

Monday, February 6, 2017

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

Dr. Cornwall will visit MSU and provide an overview of the funding opportunities available in her directorate. In addition to this session, there will also be one-on-one sessions (during the morning) for faculty to meet face-to-face with the program officer to present a proposal idea and gain immediate feedback. These one-on-ones will be in 20-minute intervals. Scheduling will be on a first come/first serve basis. Please reserve your slot today by contacting Lynn Taylor in ORED at 662-325-3168.

### **MSU LIBRARIES: YOUR RESEARCH PARTNER!**

Deborah Lee – Professor and Coordinator, Graduate Student Services,  
MSU Libraries

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Student Union

Your library might seem large and imposing but there are lots of people who are ready, willing and able to help make your library experience an effective and efficient one when preparing research proposals. This session provides an overview of the library research resources and services that support every step of the research process for the MSU research community.



## **WRITING A GRANT: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Stephanie Hyche - Associate Director, Office of Sponsored Projects**

**Thursday, February 16, 2017**

**3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Bost Theater**

Using feedback from previous Seminar Series programs, members of the Office of Sponsored Projects will answer some of the most frequently asked questions faculty and researchers have pertaining to federal funding from the various agencies, as well as MSU research policies and processes. This Q & A will also include basic guidance on preparing a proposal for the greatest chance of success.

## **SHOULD I CONTACT THE PROGRAM OFFICER?**

**Teresa Gammill – Assistant Vice President for Research  
Office of Research and Economic Development**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

**2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Bost Theater**

Establishing an effective line of communication with a funding agency's program officer is imperative to successful proposals. This one conversation with a program officer can impact the faculty/researcher 'rethinking' the project focus or questioning if you are submitting to the appropriate funding track or agency directorate. This seminar will focus on the communication skill sets for success in contacting a program officer. A real-time conference call will be held with a program officer to discuss a white paper associated with a planned proposal submission.

# MARCH

## **MONEY MANAGEMENT – HOW TO STRETCH YOUR GRANT PROPOSAL BUDGET**

**Jennifer Easley - Director, Office of Sponsored Projects**

Thursday, March 2, 2017

3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Bost Theater

Who says all “creative accounting” is bad? In this session we will discuss ways to best manage and stretch your grant proposal budget all while staying within the legal and ethical confines of the award.

## **CAYUSE 424**

**Tina Hood – Associate Director, Office of Sponsored Projects**

**Penny French – Assistant Director, Office of Sponsored Projects**

Thursday, March 23, 2017

2:00 – 4:00 p.m., ELI and Giles Computer Lab, Library

Are your Cayuse424 skills rusty or nonexistent? Come learn hands-on how to navigate MSU’s proposal development tool/submission portal to Grants.gov. Cayuse 424 is a convenient, user-friendly interface where you can search and download funding opportunities and develop your proposal with the aid of these exciting features: auto-filling of university and faculty profiles, budget building, faster submission time, and interactive error checking as the proposal is developed.





## **NSF MOCK REVIEW PANEL**

**Dana Franz - Associate Professor, Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education, College of Education**

**Drew Hamilton - Professor, Computer Science and Engineering and Director, Center for Cyber Innovation**

**Lesley Strawderman – Associate Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering, College of Engineering**

**Edwin Webster - Professor, Department of Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2017**

**2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Bost Theater**

What really happens in a proposal review panel? Attendees will get a good sense from this mock review session as panelists discuss the strengths and weaknesses of a proposal.

The session will include the following:

- Brief overview of the National Science Foundation proposal cycle and review panel process.
- Mock review panel session - MSU faculty/researchers (see list above), who have served previously on actual NSF review panels, will participate in a “mock review panel” session demonstration to provide attendees an informed perspective on how review panels are conducted at the NSF and what panelists look for when they discuss and assess proposals.
- Open Q&A session with the mock panelists - At the conclusion of the mock panel session, the mock panelists will answer questions from attendees about the mock session or other questions related to the NSF review process.





**APRIL**

### **LIFE CYCLE OF A PROPOSAL**

**Kevin Enroth – Senior Grants and Contracts Administrator,  
Office of Sponsored Projects**  
**Blair Reed – Grants and Contracts Administrator,  
Office of Sponsored Projects**

Thursday, April 6, 2017  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Bost Theater

This session will provide an overview of the proposal approval process to include policies and procedures for proposal submissions, compliance certifications, and other documentation needed for issuing subawards or subaward modifications.

**DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A SEMINAR?  
LET US KNOW!**

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## LABORATORY CHEMICAL SECURITY

Presented by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety

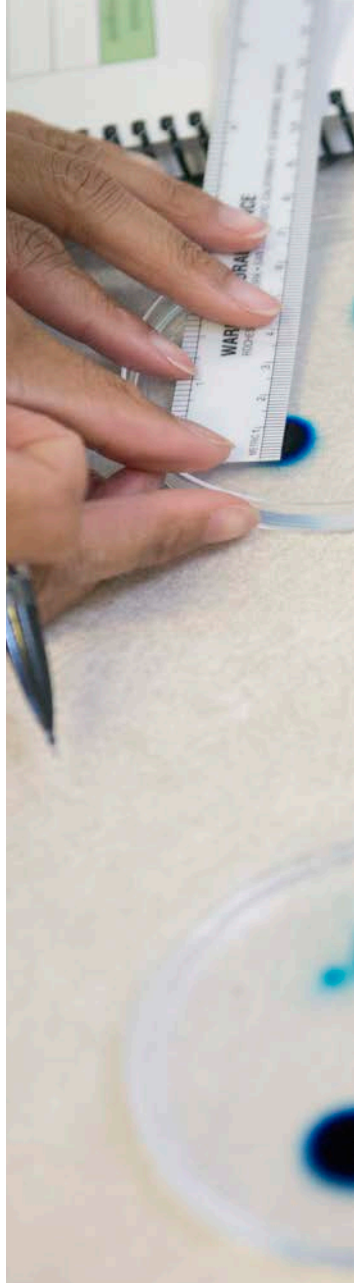
Tuesday, April 25, 2017

1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Bost Theater

While a necessity for academic and research purposes, laboratories provide a source of chemicals that can be used to produce improvised explosives (IEDs) and other weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Local, state and federal agencies are now focusing on increasing the awareness regarding the potential nefarious use of these chemicals and the actions faculty, staff and students can take to identify and report suspicious behavior. The following are examples of suspicious activities to be on the lookout for and that will be covered in this presentation:

- missing supplies, glassware, chemicals or lost or moved lab equipment
- requests to borrow chemicals or equipment from unidentified individuals
- chemical purchases charged to a lab purchase card or grant but are never delivered
- e-mails from domains that make it look like they are attributed to legitimate entities (@edu.com or @edu.us)
- individuals attempting to access the lab who generally have no reason to be there
- unsolicited delivery of chemicals to the lab without a corresponding chemical purchase order
- unsolicited requests in person or over the internet for technical information (i.e., chemical synthesis and purification procedures)

**Responsible Conduct of Research credit will be given for attendance.**



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