NIH PROGRAM OFFICER

January 19, 2023

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Lyric Jorgenson

NIH Acting Director, Office of Science Policy

Data sharing is becoming an expected part of research. To promote openness and transparency, many funding agencies require data produced as a part of a funded project to be made widely available. NSF, USDA-NIFA, DOD, DOE, and most recently, the NIH. The NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing goes into effect January 25, 2023. This policy applies to “all research, funded or conducted in whole or in part by NIH, that results in the generation of scientific data.”

Dr. Lyric Jorgenson, Acting Director of the Office of Science Policy at NIH will discuss the impetus behind this policy and the many benefits of data management and sharing. We will also have representatives from MSU to discuss the many resources MSU has available to help you write and comply with your plan.

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PROPOSAL PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND PREPARATION
January 25, 2023
11:00 AM: RFP ANALYSIS AND OUTLINE
Dr. Cassie McGee, MAFES Administration

Learn how to read, analyze, and outline a proposal solicitation to ensure that you are capturing all the requested information and staying compliant with administrative requirements.

NOON: PROPOSAL PREPARATION LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
Ms. Christy Bischoff (CAVS) and Ms. LeLe Kirkpatrick (OSP)

This session will guide the audience through the typical steps and processes of working with your departmental and central level proposal support teams to prepare various non-technical elements of your proposal, such as budgets, supplementary and subaward documents, internal forms, and more. We will discuss their separate roles and responsibilities and the level of review each brings to your proposal before submission.

1 PM: PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES
Office of Research Development

This segment of the program will describe the development resources and support services available through the Office of Research Development. ORD has development tools such as checklists, outlines, and logic models, and can provide writing prompts, boilerplate language, and examples or templates for various supplemental documents, as well as information on institutional capacity resources. ORD also provides in-house responsiveness and editorial review services. Learn how ORD can help you.

EVALUATING YOUR PROJECT AND YOUR PROPOSAL
February 22, 2023

11 AM: HOW WILL YOU EVALUATE YOUR PROJECT’S SUCCESS?
Social Science Research Center Evaluation Group

Funders want to know how you will define success. A strong evaluation plan allows you to consider how you will determine the effectiveness of the project, thus meeting your and the funder’s goals. During this seminar we will discuss why we evaluate, as well as some methods of and resources for preparing strong project objectives and your evaluation plan.

NOON: WRITING YOUR EVALUATION PLAN
MSU Research and Curriculum Unit Team

This session will focus on the elements of a narrative evaluation plan, such as the logic model, evaluation tools and instruments, and measurable criteria. It will also include a discussion on budgeting for the evaluation and sourcing/contracting evaluators.

1 PM: PRESUBMISSION PROPOSAL REVIEW
Dr. Katie Echols, Office of Research and Economic Development

Proposals require layers of review such as technical, responsiveness, compliance or “merit,” and editorial. This session will focus on putting together a review team for your proposal and evaluating your proposal for responsiveness and compliance with the solicitation.

WHAT’S ON THE HORIZON?
April 19, 2023
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 pm.

Dr. Marty Fuller, MSU Consultant

The final program of the series will include discussion and landscape analysis for new opportunities by Dr. Marty Fuller. Sessions will include 1) a review of emerging institutional strengths and priorities, 2) federal funding updates and new investment areas to look for, 3) a recap of any notable administrative or policy changes, or new services you need to know going forward.

SUSTAINING YOUR PROJECT BEYOND THE PROJECT PERIOD
March 29, 2023

11 AM: A SUSTAINABLE VISION: BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND
Dr. Halitham Elkadiri, Bagley College of Engineering

At the proposal stage, you must sell the long-term vision for your project. This may include a description of the activities you will undertake during a lengthy performance period and/or a sustainability strategy well beyond the award. This session will focus on how to craft a strong vision statement that conveys your projected impact, while aligning with the purpose and long-term goals of the funder as well.

NOON: THINKING AHEAD: CONSIDERATIONS FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY
Dr. Steve Grice, NSPARC
Mr. Trey Breckenridge, HPCC

Large externally-funded projects are expected to make a lasting impact beyond the project period. In this session, we will learn how to establish sustainability goals for your project that are also aligned with the long-term goals of the funder. Some considerations include financial sustainability (institutional commitment & leveraging assets), community sustainability (maintaining relevance and encouraging usage/engagement), and organizational sustainability (securing donors, external sources, membership fees).

1 PM: PLANNING FOR NEXT STEPS
Ms. Whitey Alford, HPCC

Knowing what is expected in terms of managing your project during and after the award period will help you plan for long term success. This session will review the administrative requirements, of both MSU and the typical sponsor, that must be met as you end your project and transition to sustaining activities.