Join the Office of Technology Management for multiple educational opportunities related to Intellectual Property that is generated at MSU. Topics to be covered include:
- Defining Intellectual Property
- Process for Obtaining a Patent, Copyright, Trademark
- Additional topics to be determined

Information sessions will also be presented on resources that are available to MSU Researchers and Entrepreneurs, including funding opportunities for further research and starting your own business.

Sessions will be taught by representatives of MSU’s Office of Technology Management, E-Center, and United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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Coming Spring 2023

**January 25, 2023**
Proposal Planning, Development, and Preparation

**February 22, 2023**
Evaluating Your Project and Proposal

**March 29, 2023**
Sustaining Your Vision

**April 19, 2023**
What’s On the Horizon
Positioning for Success and Determining Readiness
September 28, 2022

11 AM: EVALUATING THE MERIT OF YOUR IDEA IN RELATION TO THE OPPORTUNITY
Devon Brenner, Director, Social Science Research Center
Lesley Strawwarden, Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering

This program will explore how to assess funding opportunities for the right "fit" before you invest hours of time and labor into crafting a grant proposal. The presenters will share best practices for evaluating and aligning your goals and the strengths of MSU with the goals and mission of a potential funder. They will also discuss why you should consider preparing a strong, shareable concept paper, and vetting your ideas with agency program officials.

NOON: INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY AND APPLICANT CREDIBILITY
Steve Pratt, Professor, CVM, Department of Comparative Biological Sciences
Giselle Thibaudeau Munn, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Hear from experienced investigators how to identify and assess the various capacities available to your project against what is needed to be successful. This program will explain how to draw upon prior experience and success to establish institutional capacity (human, organizational, procedural, material) and how to demonstrate this throughout your proposal. It will also present suggestions for how individuals can leverage their personal experience, including preliminary activities, data, and related studies, with their record of prior support as evidence of their ability to conduct well-thought-out projects and successfully manage funded activities.

1 PM: PROJECT FEASIBILITY: ORGANIZATIONAL AND INVESTIGATOR READINESS
Office of Research Development Staff

Determine whether your proposal is ready to go forward by identifying the merit review criteria and evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of proposal components. We will discuss some measures of readiness, including leveraged resources, fiscal implications (cost share), stakeholder input, time constraints, and other organizational and individual risks that could potentially keep you from success, and best practices on solving such issues.

Organize and Prepare to Win
November 16, 2022

11 AM: IDENTIFYING ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT READINESS: ADMINISTRATIVE AND REGULATORY SUPPORT
Office of Sponsored Projects Staff
Office of Research Compliance and Security Staff

Administrators from the ORED support units will share information on the services they provide and how to maximize their expertise, as well as introduce steps and processes associated with their respective offices. Learn about the OSP portal ticketing system for proposals and awards, the ORCS processes for RCR training and submitting IRB protocols, among other topics.

NOON: IDENTIFYING ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT READINESS: OTHER RESOURCES
Office of Research Development Staff

This session will review a variety of institutional resources that may support your grant proposal, including Centers & Institutes, Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, the Research Curriculum Unit, NSPARC, the Social Science Research Center, the International Institute, Office of Technology Management, and University Libraries. These resources can provide support including data and evaluation services, to facilities and sources of cost share, and are a robust source for potential collaborators.

1 PM: PROJECT-SPECIFIC PREPAREDNESS
Shauncey Hill, Director, International Research Development, CVM, Department of Comparative Biological Sciences

There are a number of skills, resources, and forms of experience and expertise that can be invaluable for preparing a grant proposal. This session will look at things such as how to contract a consultant for proposal prep if needed, and for contracting the services essential to the project’s success, if funded.