

Research Advancement - Services & Programs

1) Grants & Research Enterprise Writing

The GREW Fellowship is a five-week program that teaches early-career faculty members how to communicate effectively with grant officers, develop successful proposals, and share their research with media and other stakeholders.

2) Pre-submission Proposal Review

Through Rapid Critical Review (a one-day intra-campus review panel) and supporting formal external review by previously funded scholars from other universities, pre-submission reviews enhance the competitiveness of proposals being submitted for extramural funding.

3) Graduate Student Editing Services

Graduate student editors from the SDSU Writing & Rhetoric Department are available to review proposals for grammar and language clarity.

4) Graduate Fellowship & GREW Workshops

Graduate Training is designed to improve the participation and competitiveness of graduate students, specifically JDP students, in securing sponsored fellowships & research funding support. Workshops focus on NIH F31 and NSF GRFP Fellowships (1st – 3rd year) & GREW for Grads (4th – 5th, Postdoc)

5) Speaker Performance Excellence in Academic Communication (SPEAC) Workshop

Developing an ease with describing scientific insights to a variety of audiences can be a critical component of developing successful scholarly programs. SPEAC uses real-life examples and proven practices to support faculty in their pursuit of communication excellence.

6) Subject Matter Expertise

For applications of significant scale and impact, consider reaching out to Research Advancement to discuss a customized services plan that could include grant-writing, evaluation, graphic design, or other specific needs that will enhance proposal competitiveness.

7) NSF CAREER Workshop

A summer adjuvant to the GREW Fellowship, this 4-week program helps PIs hone their grant-getting skills specific to the unique requirements of the prestigious NSF CAREER program.

8) Non-Technical Grant Writing

A non-technical grant writer is available to develop, write and manage supplementary documents – budget justification, data management plans, facilities, equipment & resources, etc. – which allows the PI to focus on the innovation and significance of the proposed research.

9) Research Advancement Office Hours

Members of the Research Advancement team are available during open-door-style office hours every Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. on Zoom. Zoom meeting room: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/j/81798083670>

10) Successful Proposal Repository

The repository is comprised of funded proposals from various agencies that can be used as a reference for developing new responses. It is accessible through the library, requiring an SDSUID: <https://digitallibrary.sdsu.edu/islandora/object/sdsu%3AResearchFoundationGrants>

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11) Proposal Graphic Design

Professional developed graphics and figures can increase proposal competitiveness. Research Advancement has developed a relationship with a graphic designer who excels at design work meant for scientific publications, proposals, conference exhibits and posters.

12) The Implementation Group

TIG is a proven research development firm specializing in strategic positioning, proposal development, and team science to increase client competitiveness for external funding. TIG services focus on strategic consulting, opportunity assessment, proposal development, technical assistance, proposal evaluation, and resubmission analysis.

13) Teaming Opportunities & Development

This effort supports the development of interdisciplinary proposal teams. The goal is to support development of proposals that provide a problem-focused, solution driven perspective, allowing new ideas to form at the edges of interdisciplinary fields while advancing our knowledge of the world through high impact discoveries.

14) Rising Stars Program

The Rising Stars Program recognizes national renown early-career faculty by inviting them to campus to share their cutting-edge research and career development strategies with the SDSU community over the course of a 2-day visit. This program provides a speaker honorarium and covers all travel expenses. **On hold until spring 2022 due to COVID**

15) NIH K Award Workshop

The NIH K awards provide a mentored research training experience for senior postdoctoral fellows or junior faculty-level candidates. These awards are designed to promote career development and move recipients toward independent research efforts, enabling them to compete for major grant support. SDSU faculty members who have been recipients of this prestigious award will be discussing their K award experiences and offering tips at this workshop.

16) Specific Aims Review & Feedback

RA offers feedback on draft Specific Aims section, perhaps the most important page of the proposal. If you would like feedback, submit your draft aims including the agency name (e.g., NIH, NSF), application due date, and your contact information via InfoReady.

To connect with research advancement or to apply to receive support through any of these programs, please contact:

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