

# MENTORED PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP *with Dr. Stephen Russell*

## Write & Submit a Competitive Grant Application

The Office of Research is again offering the opportunity for continued growth and professional development for faculty who are seriously interested in, and strongly committed to, developing a competitive grant application.

WSU has contracted with Grantwriters' Seminars and Workshops, LLC, to provide their workshop program, "Write & Submit a Competitive Grant Application," for a select number of WSU tenured or tenure-track faculty members. <http://www.grantcentral.com/workshops.html>. The mentors/presenters of the Workshop will be Stephen Russell, DVM, PhD and M.S. (Peg) AtKisson, PhD.

Participants in this program will be guided, step-by-step, through development of a competitive grant application—either one that is new or one that is being revised. Their guide will be *The Grant Application Writer's Workbook*, which is authored by Dr. Russell and his colleague/partner, David Morrison PhD. The program is designed to help faculty members apply the principles and fundamentals of good proposal writing that they learned in the prerequisite *Write Winning Grants* seminar. Mentoring extends from the development of the idea, through ensuring that the targeted agency is appropriate for the idea, to step-by-step development of each section of the proposal. Assistance responding to prior review will be provided to those who are preparing revised applications. Guidance will be provided on how each participant can write the best proposal that s/he is capable of while, at the same time, competing priorities are accommodated.

Ample one-on-one time is included to ensure that mentoring is individualized to the greatest extent possible. Each participant can expect that s/he will:

- 1) write and submit the best application of which s/he is capable;
- 2) better understand the dynamics and psychology of the submission and review processes; and
- 3) develop an appreciation for the positive role that constructive criticism has in the proposal-development process.

The workshop extends over five months, with two on-site meetings. Off-site communication with Drs. Russell and AtKisson will be conducted by e-mail, telephone and fax.

Enrollment will be by competitive application. Call either Esther Pratt or Dan Nordquist in the Office of Grants & Research Development (509-335-9661) for details. The Office of Research will cover half of the tuition cost, which will not exceed \$3,051. The participant's college and/or department must commit to pay the other half of the cost.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

- Tenure or Tenure Track Faculty
- Attended Write Winning Grants Seminar
- Financial Support of Department/College
- Participation in Competitive Selection Process