TAMU-CC Division of Research and Innovation
Virtual Proposal Writing Challenge

Have you ever wanted to be in a writing accountability group? Are you developing a research project and proposal for external funding? If so, the Virtual Proposal Writing Challenge is for you!

The Division of Research and Innovation is seeing a heightened interest by our campus researchers in finding ways to mobilize their scientific expertise in response to COVID-19 relevant proposals and proposals for research more generally. We are offering personalized attention and support through daily writing workshops to help you finish that proposal. Writing accountability groups have proven successful for many researchers. These groups promote the development and learning of writing skills, increase publication and proposal output, increase motivation, develop consistent writing practices, and create space for scholars to share writing issues.

This call is for PI-eligible researchers who are willing and able to commit one hour at least three weekdays per week during the writing process to develop a proposal for external funding. Participants must submit a proposal by September 30. In return, R&I will provide $500 stipend for professional development. All eligible PIs will be considered, with the exception that applications submitted by PIs with outstanding final reports for prior R&I funding will not be reviewed.

Funding: $500 in professional development funds will be awarded to participants who meet the requirements of the program (minimum Webex participation/week, not funded on a different program through R&I, and SRS submission of a complete and compliant grant).

Application: (Note: everything that this application is requesting has been or will be covered in one of the R&I webinars, full list at http://research.tamucc.edu/webinar-schedule-and-instructions-04092020.pdf)

- Academic CV (which must identify field of study and postdoctoral appointments for all degrees earned)
- Schedule/availability information during the week
- A draft of a one-page summary (researchdevelopment@tamucc.edu for assistance) outlining your concept that must include:
  - one full paragraph on proposed activities
  - a paragraph on how those activities will advance knowledge (intellectual merit) in the relevant discipline(s)
  - a paragraph on how those activities or their by-products will benefit society (broader impacts criterion)
  - if applicable, the closing sentence(s) state how this research has generalizable potential, that is, it has implications beyond today/the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deadline: Applications accepted immediately until May 15, 5:00 p.m. central or program spots are filled. Email your application materials to researchdevelopment@tamucc.edu.