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SESSION TOPICS:

- Welcome & Introductions, Overview of Agenda, Q&A
 - Assignments/expectations
 - Mentor, self-assessment, biosketch, research agenda
 - Why should I participate in grantsmanship?
 - How do we “research” in PASSHE? How do we define research?
- How do we find funding opportunities? What search tools exist?
- IUP’s Applied Research Lab
- Grantwriting/proposal development tips and tricks including reading and interpreting grant guidelines
- Grant budgets – how do we develop a budget that mitigates challenges and prevents delays at award time? What types of expenses can/should I include in my grant budget?
- Compliance (IRB, IACUC, Financial Conflict of Interest), Intellectual Property, Technology Transfer
- Review of sample proposals, peer review processes (modeled after the NSF)
- Peer review of YOUR (or your colleagues) proposal drafts
- Share and discussions of your research passions (find collaborators!!)
- Celebrations of research and recognition of your accomplishments

IUP’s PI Academy provides the resources to improve & strengthen participants’ expertise & success potential for sponsored projects. The Academy experience provides a platform for participants to gain a stronger understanding of grant opportunities, proposal writing, budget development, and resources available within their institution to increase a researcher’s readiness for successfully obtaining AND managing external funding for their work. There are no pre-requisites, and the Academy is open to faculty and staff (at the discretion/approval of dean or supervisor). Seats are limited so get your application in now!

- All sessions are fully remote.
- You will be given the opportunity to identify and secure a mentor to partner with you on your “research” path.

PI Mentorship Academy Fall 2025/Spring 2026

Tuesday or Wednesday, 2:00pm – 4:00pm (dates TBD)

- Our definition of research is BROAD and includes all scholarly work. The Academy is open and serves ALL DISCIPLINES.
- You'll need to be available during the session times (emergencies happen and I'm flexible but you'll need to participate to grow your knowledge/expertise).
- You'll need to access InfoReady to submit your application – CV and some specific information on you, your position, and your research expertise/passion.
- Be ready to ask questions and share your experiences, questions, and research passion(s) with your colleagues – this is how we build communities of practice AND collaborations!!
- There is NO expectation that you will identify and submit a grant proposal during the academic year BUT you'll be ready to succeed when the opportunity presents itself. Note: We'll celebrate if you do submit a proposal during our time together. 😊
- There is MINIMAL effort/time commitment outside of the scheduled sessions.
 - You are encouraged to select a mentor – can be within your institution or external colleague, retiree, or successful grant recipient but should hold expertise in a related discipline and have the ability, expertise, and commitment to mentor successfully in scholarship and sponsored projects.
- Activities/Deliverables:
 - a. Active participation in the sessions is expected.
 - b. Completion of a biosketch or other commonly needed documents.
 - c. Participation in a peer review of grant proposals (proposals will be provided)
 - d. Completion of a research agenda to include long term goals, commitments, & professional development.
 - e. A draft proposal narrative or white paper of topic for use with future opportunities.

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