PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Proposal Development Center (PDC) serves as a University-wide resource designed to identify strategic funding opportunities, expand research collaborations across colleges, and cultivate faculty grantsmanship skills.

PDC staff have expertise in the design, development, writing, editing, analysis, implementation, and evaluation of complex, high-impact grant proposals.

The PDC aims to increase the quality of proposals submitted by Clemson University by offering individual attention to researchers during the proposal development and grant writing process.

By doing so, the PDC increases institutional visibility, advances Clemson University’s strategic, long-range goals, and helps to secure resources to support innovative research, training, and educational programs across the campus.

SPONSORED PROGRAMS

The Office of Sponsored Programs is here to help you identify, obtain, and manage research and other sponsored project funding. To learn more about Sponsored Programs, the sponsored project lifecycle, or how to secure grant funding, please visit our website at Clemson.edu/research/sponsored.

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SERVICES

The PDC offers a range of services, including:

- Assisting faculty in finding funding opportunities
- Monitoring newsletters/listserv announcements of funding opportunities
- Maintaining a file of successful/unsuccessful proposals as examples for PIs
- Providing proposal development support for large, center-like awards as well as for individual investigator awards
- Writing non-technical portions of proposals as needed
- Suggesting collaborators for a proposal
- Reviewing and editing proposal drafts
- Coordinating peer reviews of proposal drafts
- Analyzing funding agency panel reviews and providing feedback to PI
- Maintaining faculty grantsmanship profiles
- Providing training sessions on proposal-related topics (see course listings).

Please contact the PDC early so that full services may be provided.

COURSE LISTINGS

- Interpreting Program Announcements
- Writing Your NIH Biosketch
- Writing Your NSF Biosketch
- Writing Effective Assessment Sections
- Communicating with Program Officers
- Responding to Limited Submission Announcements
- Developing a Grantsmanship Strategy
- Revising and Resubmitting Unfunded Proposals
- Conducting Funding Searches
- Successfully Approaching Foundations
- Setting Up a SMARTS/SPIN Profile
- Writing White Papers
- Graduate Fellowships
- Developing the "Elevator Talk"
- Transforming Journal Articles into Proposals
- Collaborative Proposal Writing Strategies
- Facilitating Team Science
- Writing Broader Impacts Statements
- Writing Data Management Plans
- Writing Management Sections
- Constructing and Describing Timelines and Milestones
- Using Rhetorical Strategies for Proposals

If you have suggestions for other courses, please email the PDC. We are happy to accommodate your group's needs.

DELIVERY METHODS

We offer our courses to faculty, staff, and graduate students through a variety of delivery modes:

- One-on-one consultations
- Workshops
- Brown-bags
- Adobe Connect presentations

In most cases, we can customize our delivery method to your needs.

CONTACTING THE PDC

The Proposal Development Center is housed in Brackett Hall, Suite 300. To request any of these services, contact pdc@clemson.edu.

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