**Radiology Grant Writing Workshop**

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**Overview:** The grant writing workshop is designed to help Radiology faculty at all levels in developing a strong NIH grant proposal. For those new to the NIH funding system it will provide an introduction to how it works. For those more experienced with writing grants it will provide an opportunity for detailed critical feedback as you develop a proposal. A central goal is to develop clear Specific Aims as the heart of the grant. Participants will submit a Specific Aims page (possibly with some background sections) for discussion, critique and suggestions by the group. This typically will go through several cycles before moving on to writing the rest of the proposal. The workshop will be offered in the Fall and Spring of each year, in the lead up to NIH submission dates for new proposals. A participant may aim to fully develop a proposal and submit it at the end of the workshop, or may choose to develop a proposal over several workshops. Participants are encouraged to use the workshop to prepare revisions of previously reviewed grants and competitive renewals of previously funded grants as well as new proposals.

**Time frame**: Eight 1-hr weekly meetings

**Weekly meeting:** Each meeting will include discussion of particular aspects of the NIH process and a discussion of one or two Specific Aims from the group. We encourage everyone to attend all of the meetings and participate in the critiques. However, we recognize that this will not always be possible. The Aims to be discussed at each meeting will be scheduled in advance to allow participants to free their time as needed.

**Ongoing review:** In addition to the weekly meeting, the participants will interact through a common website. Each participant will upload their Specific Aims as they are ready for review. The other participants will download the document, add comments and suggestions, and then upload a commented file. In this way each participant can work at their own pace in developing their proposal, without having to wait for their proposal to be discussed at a weekly meeting.

**Five-Year Clinician Scientist Radiology Residency Program (CSRRP)**

**Overview:** The Grant Writing Workshop is now an integrated component of the CSRRP. The goal is that by the end of their R1 year all CSRRP residents will have submitted a society grant application, and by graduation all CSRRP trainees will have produced a complete, submission-ready NIH application.  The key idea is that wherever your career takes you next, you will have concrete experience of the challenging process of developing a competitive NIH proposal, plus a head start to begin seeking NIH funding for your own research program.

**Year 1 residents**. Participation in the Fall workshop with a goal of submitting an RSNA grant (or equivalent) in January.

**Year 4 and 5 residents**. Participation in two workshops of your choice with the goal of completing a full draft of an NIH grant by graduation.