Enhancing Research Capacity: Faculty Grant Writing Boot Camp

Why Boot Camp?
The Enhancing Research Capacity and Opportunity goals of the ADVANCE Project TRACS is to institutionalize systematic support for women faculty in STEM/SBS fields through
• grant pre-proposal assistance,
• nurture a mentoring network of successful grantees, and
• support needed infrastructures to facilitate women engaging in interdisciplinary research.

What is Boot Camp?
The Grant Writing Boot Camp is designed to train faculty to successfully seek research grant funding in their field.
• Six-week workshop to produce a solid, review-ready proposal
• Interact with grant-successful senior faculty
• Work with peer support in writing groups
• Introduction to a team of proposal support personnel on campus
• Weekly two-hour sessions, the first hour of the session is devoted to lecture or discussion, and the remaining hour consists of hands-on writing and workshop activities.

Boot Camp Impact
• There is an overall 60% grant award success rate of Boot Camp, with 91 proposals still pending. A total of 44 people (18 women in STEM, 17 non-STEM women, 9 men) have now attended one of our 3 boot camps, and of those attendees, 33 have submitted 125 proposals (94 by women in STEM) with 22 having been funded (10 to women in STEM), 12 having been reviewed favorably but not funded (9 women in STEM).
• After attending Boot Camp, 17 of the 18 women in STEM have submitted grant proposals. 12 faculty (9 STEM women; 3 men) have submitted a proposal for the first time.
• Looking at the PI and Co-PI combinations on proposals shows that attendees are collaborating on grants with people that they hadn’t collaborated with in the year prior to their Boot Camp experience.

Upcoming Events:
ADVANCE(D) Boot Camp – May 18-19, 2015 – Learn about re-writing and re-submitting grants
Grant Writing Boot Camp – Starting September 18, 2015 – Join us for the next Boot Camp experience!

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