Faculty Development Seminars
Fall 2013

NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION
Friday, August 16, 8:00am – 3:00pm; 201 Alumni Hall
New Faculty in University Central

This orientation is designed to welcome new faculty members to Vanderbilt and to provide an overview of offices and procedures on campus. There will also be time to meet new colleagues and university administrators.

APPLYING FOR FUNDING
Presenters: Clint Brown, Director, Office of Sponsored Programs; Susan Kuyper, Grants Resource Officer, College of Arts & Science; Elizabeth Rapisarda, Assistant Provost for Research & Graduate Education
Friday, September 20, 11:30am – 1:00pm; Sarratt 220
Faculty in University Central

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) assists all members of the University community with the submission of grant proposals for external support, and works closely with investigators who have or plan to apply for external funding. It also provides guidance on internal policies and procedures for submissions and on external agencies’ requirements. Separately, the Provost’s Office annually provides internal funds to support tenured and tenure-track faculty in University Central. These are highly competitive, peer-reviewed programs, for tenured and tenure-track faculty in the humanities and social sciences (Research Scholar Grants – RSG) and externally-funded disciplines (Discovery Grants – DG).

This session will provide information on the services available through OSP and on Vanderbilt’s institutional requirements for submission. It will also provide information on the internal grant programs’ expectations, success rates, and key deadlines, and offer tips for developing a competitive proposal. Presenters will also dispel common urban legends about OSP and the RSG and DG programs.
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NSF AND BROADER IMPACTS
Panelists: Camilla Benbow, Patricia and Rodes Hart Dean of Education & Human Development; Richard Haglund, Professor of Physics; Clare McCabe, Professor of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering; Virginia Shepherd, Director, Center for Science Outreach; Professor of Pathology, Microbiology & Immunology; Ioana Suvaina, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Moderator: Elizabeth Rapisarda, Assistant Provost for Research & Graduate Education
Friday, November 1, 11:30am – 1:00pm; Sarratt 220
Faculty and Postdocs in University Central

Effective January 14, 2013, the National Science Foundation implemented revised merit review criteria based on the National Science Board (NSB) report, National Science Foundation’s Merit Review Criteria: Review and Revisions. The two merit review criteria – Intellectual Merit (IM) and Broader Impact (BI) – remain unchanged, but the NSB emphasized that PIs should be prepared to propose, document, and evaluate both equally. In its implementation, NSF has indicated it expects reviewers to give equal weight to both when evaluating proposals. This panel will discuss NSF’s revised approach to the BI criterion, with unique perspectives from a former NSB member; two VU faculty who have served recently on NSF review panels; and the director of Vanderbilt’s Center for Science Outreach, which works with faculty on BI efforts. (A staff member from NSF has been invited to attend but is unable to confirm participation at this time.) Attendees will hear from the panelists about their perspectives on the revised approach, how it’s being implemented in panel reviews, and how it’s being reflected in proposals being submitted.

(Related Blog Post from Professor Doug Fisher, former NSF program director)
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WEBINAR: – RETAINING WOMEN IN STEM FIELDS
Presenter: Joan Williams, University of California
Monday, November 4th, 12:00pm – 1:00pm
Deans, Chairs, and Programs Directors in the STEM Disciplines (By Invitation)

Women are now well represented in science Ph.D. programs and (in some fields) in junior faculty ranks. But many departments lose women and end up without much diversity on their faculties. This webinar will explore why this is the case and what departments, colleges and universities can do about it.

Joan Williams of the University of California will present on:
• All the ways departments can save money by eliminating a chilly climate for women.
• The importance of family friendly policies.
• The way the right policies can avoid legal problems – and the wrong policies can leave departments and institutions vulnerable.

The webinar draws on work prepared for the Tools for Change Project, funded by a National Science Foundation grant. Williams is Co-PI on the grant together with Mary Ann Mason, Professor of the Graduate School and Faculty Codirector of the Berkeley Law Center on Law and Social Policy at the University of California at Berkeley, and the Association for Women in Science.

UNDERSTANDING THE PROMOTION & TENURE PROCESS
Presenter: Timothy McNamara, Vice Provost for Faculty & International Affairs
Friday, November 8, 1:00pm – 2:30pm
New Tenure-Track Faculty in University Central (By Invitation)

This session will provide an overview of the promotion and tenure process at Vanderbilt. The seminar will be scheduled based on the availability of newly-hired tenure-track faculty members. The Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty & International Affairs offers development seminars for Vanderbilt faculty members on a variety of topics.
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INSIGHTS INTO THE TENURE PROCESS
Presenters: Associate Professors William Doyle (Higher Education); Paul Lim (History of Christianity); Bunmi Olatunji (Psychology); Antonis Rokas (Biological Sciences); Rachel Teukolsky (English); Tiffiny Tung (Anthropology); and Sharon Weiss (Electrical Engineering)
Thursday, February 28, 11:00am – 12:30pm; Sarratt 220
All Tenure-Track Faculty in University Central

This seminar will feature a panel of faculty who were recently awarded tenure at Vanderbilt. The panel will share their experiences and provide insights and advice on how to navigate the tenure process. This panel will be moderated by Timothy P. McNamara, Vice Provost for Faculty and International Affairs.

THE FEDERAL OUTLOOK FOR RESEARCH FUNDING
Presenters: Christina West, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Federal Relations, Vanderbilt University and M. Matthew Owens, Vice President for Federal Relations, the Association of American Universities
Friday, March 25, 11:30am – 1:00pm; Sarratt 220
All Faculty in University Central

Pressure to reduce federal spending, including on agencies that fund university-based research, continues. This seminar will provide an overview of the outlook for federal funding. It will also highlight agency priorities within an overall constrained budget environment.

THE FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAM – Presented by VIO
Presenters: Jennifer Fox, Senior Program Officer, Western Hemisphere, Fulbright Scholar Program; Kathryn Anderson (Economics); Gregory Barz (Musicology); Edward Friedman (Spanish and Portuguese); Stephen Heyneman (International Education Policy); Robert Jimenez (Teaching & Learning); and Hortense Spillers (English); & Tony K. Stewart (Religious Studies)
Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm; Sarratt 220
All Faculty in University Central

This seminar will provide information on the teaching and research opportunities offered by Fulbright in more than 125 countries, including new, more flexible options available for 2014-15.
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NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION
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All New Faculty in University Central

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APPLYING FOR INTERNAL FUNDING
Presenters: Elizabeth Rapisarda, Assistant Provost for Research; Susan Kuyper, Grants Resource Officer, College of Arts & Science
Friday, September 14, 11:30am – 1:00pm; Sarratt 220
All Faculty in University Central

This seminar will provide information on the Research Scholar Grant and Discovery Grant Programs. Faculty will learn about expectations, success rates, and key deadlines as well as tips for developing a competitive proposal. PIs on these grants must be tenured or tenure-track faculty but non-tenure track faculty can participate on a proposal. In addition, Vanderbilt’s limited submission opportunities process will be discussed.

DEVELOPING FOUNDATION & CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS
Presenters: Alan Bentley, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Center for Technology Transfer & Commercialization; Barbara Blackford, Executive Director of Corporate Relations; Vivian Carmichael, Executive Director of Foundation Relations
Friday, October 19, 11:30am – 1:00pm; Sarratt 220
All Faculty in University Central

Two primary sources of alternative research funding are foundation grants and corporate collaborations. This seminar will shed some light on identifying these external funding opportunities, developing new relationships with private partners, and how you can capitalize on Vanderbilt’s existing partnerships.
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CONSTRUCTING YOUR OPTIMAL ACADEMIC CAREER PATH
Presenter: Robbin Chapman, Associate Provost and Academic Director for Diversity and Inclusion, Wellesley College
Friday, November 2, 11:30am – 1:00pm; Sarratt 220
All Faculty in University Central

Understanding how to most effectively use mentors, advocates, coaches, and networks to direct your academic career is critical to achieving your desired career goals. This seminar will provide information, frameworks, and hands-on practice to help you strategically move towards your desired academic career path.

UNDERSTANDING THE PROMOTION & TENURE PROCESS
Presenter: Timothy McNamara, Vice Provost for Faculty & International Affairs
Friday, November 9, 1:30pm – 3:00; Calhoun Hall 219
New Tenure-Track Faculty in University Central

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