Pilot Tri-Agency Cohort Program

Description
The Tri-Agency Cohort Program will support the development of competitive Tri-Agency funding applications through a program of instructional workshops and mentoring. Funding is provided upfront for student research assistance in the development of an application by individuals or teams.

Applications will be broken up into components, each element of which will be the subject of a workshop hosted by University of Regina scholars who have been successful Tri-Agency grant recipients and have acted as either reviewers and/or have been members of Tri-Agency Adjudication Committees. Weekly sessions will be provided for peer discussion and feedback as needed.

Applications will be developed in concert with mentors. Participants are also encouraged to find reviewers, either internally or externally, from within their own disciplines and with expertise in their specialized field able to provide advice on content and methods. The mentors will provide advice and commentary on all components of the application.

A maximum of 30 applicants will participate in the program for Tri-Agency competitions in fall 2017. Initial funding of $1,000 will be provided to support the development of the application e.g. for student assistance. Upon submission of an external application, a $4,000 research grant will be provided to advance the research described in the external application. Participants will be grouped by Tri-Council Agency and fit with the University of Regina research clusters in order to determine the most appropriate mentors.

If more applications are received for the Tri-agency Cohort Program than there are spots available, the 1 page summary and fit with mentors will be used to prioritize candidates.

Cohort Program participants are expected to provide a completed Tri-Agency application to the Research Office in fall 2017.

Eligibility

Subject Matter
Most Tri-agency funding is awarded through open competitions. All disciplines, thematic areas, and approaches are eligible for consideration, and proposals are welcome from all subject areas eligible for funding at SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR.

The Cohort Program is intended to support the preparation of applications for SSHRC’s Insight Grants; NSERC's Discovery Grants and CIHR's Project Grants.
Applicants
All University of Regina, including federated colleges, academic faculty members in permanent, term and probationary appointments are eligible to apply to the program. Note: Academic faculty in term and probationary appointments must be able to demonstrate that their affiliation with the University of Regina will be maintained throughout the duration of the program and upon submission of an application to an eligible Tri-Agency funding program in order to qualify for the Cohort Program.

Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements of the Agency to which they are applying.

Applications to the program may be submitted by an individual researcher or by a team of researchers (consisting of one applicant, plus one or more co-applicants and/or research collaborators). Any co-applicants and/or collaborators are welcome to attend the workshops, but only the Principal Investigator will be considered to be enrolled in the program in the case of a team of researchers.

Schedule
Applicants are expected to attend bi-weekly workshops over a 12 week period and meet regularly with their mentors. Workshops will be informational sessions hosted by Cohort Program Mentors/Research Facilitators and are designed to provide insight into the elements of a successful application.

Workshop sessions will cover the following topics: CCV/Contributions, Research Plan, Summary, Outcome/Output, Budget, and Team/Students/HQP.

Additional sessions for writing and participant group discussions will be scheduled as needed.

Application Process
Interested researchers must provide a completed application package to the Research Office by Thursday, June 8, 2017. The application form is available at https://www.uregina.ca/research/research-office.html

Applications may be submitted either in paper or electronically but applicants must provide signatures from their Dean/Director and, where applicable, Department Head. Applications are to be submitted to the Research Office (research.office@uregina.ca).

Conditions:
The term for the 2017 Pilot Tri-Agency Cohort Program is July 1, 2017 – November 1, 2017.

Cohort Program participants are required to submit an application for submission to a fall 2017 Tri-Agency competition.

Active participation in the workshops and interaction with cohort mentors is required for the release of the $4,000 research grant.

Contact Information
For more information about the Tri-Agency Cohort Program, please contact the applicable Research Facilitator in the Research Office:
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