



The RCMI and ASCEND Programs

Faculty Development Opportunities

Upcoming Events

1. Grant-Writing Workshop: NIH Pilot Grants Proposal Preparation September through December 2023

This semester-long workshop is the second part of the Grant Writing Workshop Series and provides support to individuals who intend to submit an NIH Pilot Proposal, either for internal (RCMI/ASCEND) funding or for external SuRE, K, or R21 mechanisms. This workshop (or equivalent training) is **required** for all ASCEND internal pilot submissions and **mandatory for all first-time grant applicants**. It is also **highly recommended** to all other investigators who have not previously sought, or successfully attained NIH funding.

Participants in this workshop will work closely with each other and the instructor team to generate their proposals over the course of the 3-month long workshop. The goal of the workshop is to generate a proposal that is ready to be submitted by January 2024. Limited funding is available to participants to compensate mentors external to Morgan as they prepare their proposals. Enrollment is limited to 10 participants.

Workshop participants will meet **on Zoom for a 2-day kick-off on September 9 and 10 (10 AM to 3 PM)**, and thereafter weekly for 2 hours **on Zoom** most weeks through the first week of December. Participants are expected to complete weekly assignments. The total anticipated weekly time commitment will be about 12-15 hours.

Read more about the format and learning objectives: <https://tinyurl.com/9cshkdzs>

Click here to apply: <https://forms.gle/To5STFj5ZtDGfDFF8>

A limited number of internal pilot proposals will be solicited for January 2024 and applicants are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop if they have not already done so in the past.

2. Grant-Writing Workshop: Getting Started on Your First Research Proposal Summer 2024

This summer workshop is the first part of the Grant Writing Workshop Series and provides individuals with no prior experience in grant writing and individuals who have not been funded previously with the opportunity to assemble a scientific research proposal over the course of a 6-week online summer workshop. Workshop participants will meet on Zoom for a 2-day kick-off in early June, and thereafter weekly for 2-3 hours on Zoom. Additional time is spent on asynchronous weekly assignments with an anticipated weekly time commitment of about 12-15 hours.

See the Summer 2023 flyer: <https://tinyurl.com/363peuay>

3. Scientific Writing Accountability Group (SWAG) Summer 2024

A Scientific Writing Accountability Group (SWAG) is designed as a peer accountability group to help participants (faculty and postdoctoral researcher) structure their writing time and support each other in the effort to write research manuscripts and/ or grants. The SWAG meet virtually via Zoom once a week for 90 minutes starting on a day of the week and time of day based on the majority of participants' availability indicated on the registration form. If you have writing projects that you are working on, no matter what stage you are at, or you are just starting and would like support, joining this group is for you! We are excited about the SWAG and look forward to seeing you there!

See the summer 2023 flyer: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfefj83>

Please check the ASCEND and RCMI websites for further announcements.

<https://www.morgan.edu/ascend>

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