

EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

Wednesday, March 10, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2120

Evaluation and assessment are critical parts of a research proposal, particularly if you are designing innovations and improvements to the curriculum. This session will provide an overview of evaluation and assessment methods and applications. It is especially appropriate for anyone considering the NSF CCLI program.

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RESEARCH COMPUTING RESOURCES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2120

Research Computing at RIT endeavors to provide a total environment dedicated to making computing based research activities more productive, efficient, and large-scale by integrating the many complexities into a single interface.

This overview will cover high performance computing resources and their typical use, the mass data storage and backup systems, high speed networks, free and commercial software, the campus grid system, external computing grids, external supercomputing resources, local support staff and responsibilities, research collaboration tools, online information resources, local user groups, and global research communities.

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MANAGING MULTIPLE PROJECTS

Tuesday, March 23, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2120

This discussion group will focus on PIs and their administrators that manage multiple externally sponsored projects at RIT. Established PIs often have several grants or contracts at one time and often find themselves without a solid understanding of the documentation, policies, and procedures required by the sponsor.

The moderator will lead the discussion and provide some insights and suggestions regarding the management of multiple

sponsored projects. Attendees are encouraged to discuss their own approaches. By the end of the session, attendees should have an improved understanding of what is involved with multiple sponsored projects, as well as new insights for better management techniques.

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COMPLIANCE AND RESEARCH

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2120

What do I need to know about compliance and research? The federal government has numerous laws and regulations governing the conduct of sponsored research. This session is a primer designed to introduce researchers to the essentials of compliance including effort reporting, allowable direct and indirect costs, human subjects, conflict of interest, export control, radiation safety, hazardous materials, and other topics. Participants will leave with a better understanding of the regulatory environment and RIT resources for assisting researchers with compliance.

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND LICENSES AT RIT

Wednesday, March 31, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2120

This seminar will help PIs, researchers, and managers understand intellectual property (IP) policy and procedures at RIT, as well as how IP is handled in RIT research proposals, grants, contracts and licenses. Topics to be covered will include: 1) basics of intellectual property protection, 2) the role of the PI and researcher in identifying and protecting intellectual property, 3) proposal and agreement clauses and how they impact both the identification, reporting, and licensing of intellectual property 4) intellectual property as contract deliverables, 5) how to manage IP for multiple contracts that overlap or build one upon the other, and 6) support service available at RIT relative to intellectual property matters.

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The Principal Investigator Institute is a series of information sessions on topics of concern to researchers and principal investigators, including proposal development, project management, and compliance with regulations. The series is designed to give new and experienced investigators a better understanding of the multiple issues involved in sponsored research. To register for any of these sessions, please visit the Center for Professional Development at <http://finweb.rit.edu/cpd/scheduleofcourses.html>.

RESEARCH at RIT

RIT RESOURCES FOR RESEARCHERS

Wednesday, September 16, 2009
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2150

I've got a great idea, now how do I find the right sponsor? This session will help you discover resources available to RIT faculty and staff interested in pursuing funding for ideas, prototypes, outreach, workshops, and other sponsored research activities. This session will help you understand and use database and web tools for finding sponsors and researching their funding priorities. Through presentation and discussion, you will learn about the departments, databases, web resources, and infrastructure at RIT that can help you find funding sources for your research ideas and manage your projects.

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BUDGETING FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

Wednesday, September 23, 2009
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2120

How do I plan a proposal budget? What happens if I get funded? Participants will develop an understanding of what goes in to a proposal budget, the rules governing spending on sponsored research projects, and common problems with project budgets. This session will cover the pre-award planning of a proposal budget and the post-award management of a project budget, and will include recent changes in the regulatory environment.

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PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL

Wednesday, September 30, 2009
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2120

This seminar will be useful to new faculty, as well as to faculty members who have limited experience in grant writing, including PIs who wish to enhance a prior proposal for resubmission. You will learn about the elements of a strong proposal, creating and taking advantage of resources to help in the grant writing process, developing a proposal process that works for you, crafting proposals that target specific areas of interest to sponsors, the grant review process, and how to interpret reviewers' comments.

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HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH

Wednesday, October 7, 2009
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2130

The session on Human Subjects Research is appropriate for all faculty, staff, and students who conduct research with human subjects. Topics will include a review of the history behind the development of protections for research participants, the Human Subjects Research Office (HSRO) review process at RIT, determining when an activity needs to be reviewed, how to have a successful and low stress review experience, and in depth discussion of the Informed Consent Process.

Participants will develop an understanding of why human research subjects' protections exist, the federal guidelines that shape them, and how the HSRO can help them accomplish their research objectives while protecting the rights and welfare of their research subjects.

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AWARD MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, October 14, 2009
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2130

This workshop will provide PIs with an understanding of RIT and sponsor policies and procedures for managing externally funded projects. We will cover basics such as the difference between a Grant and a Contract, the difference between Fixed-Price and Cost Reimbursement, travel policies, and personnel issues, as well as the more complex requirements and guidelines issued by some of RIT's sponsors (e.g. NSF, NASA, USDE, DOD, NIH, NYSTAR, NYSED etc.)

By the end of this workshop, attendees will have a good understanding of RIT's resources and expectations as well as some of the more common sponsor rules. The moderators from Sponsored Research Services and the Technology Licensing Office will provide you with the knowledge to begin managing your externally funded programs and tell you where to turn when problems or questions arise.

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TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION- CHOOSING A PATH FOR IDEAS TO PRODUCTS VIA LICENSING AND START-UPS

Wednesday, December 2, 2009
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2120

There are many options for moving technologies, inventions, services, and copyrighted works from the university to the marketplace. This session will discuss those options. It will also explore how to determine whether the marketplace is likely to be interested in your creation and if so, how to extract value. Procedures and support services will be discussed as well as the role of the inventor/author/PI. If you are either 1) an inventor or author and want to understand how you can best help move your creation out to the marketplace or 2) an entrepreneur interested in starting a company around your RIT creation this seminar will provide you with the necessary information to know how to proceed within RIT.

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RESEARCH WITH COMPANIES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2120

What are the advantages and disadvantages of working with companies? How do I connect with companies in my areas of interest? How do I work through the proposal process when the dates, formats and budgets are not clearly defined? How do I get the most from a company research project and expand that relationship for more projects? These are all interesting and challenging questions from faculty interested in connecting to companies to fund their research and engage their students. The goal of this PI institute is to answer these questions and provide insight from successful RIT faculty on these subjects.

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SPONSORED RESEARCH AGREEMENTS

Wednesday, December 16, 2009
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2120

Working with sponsors and partners involves agreements. This session is designed to provide an overview of the various types of agreements that are commonly used – including non-disclosure agreements, sponsored research agreements and others – and their purposes. We will also discuss best practices in negotiating complex terms.

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WORKING WITH PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS

Wednesday, January 6, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2120

Private foundations represent a diverse and growing source of research funding. How do they work? How do I identify a private foundation that might be interested in my work? What is the best way to approach a private foundation? This session will help you understand how best to navigate the world of private foundations and how they can help support your research program.

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WINNING AT PEER REVIEW

Wednesday, January 13, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 PM • CIMS 2120

What happens to your proposal once it gets to the sponsor? This seminar will be relevant for applicants to agencies such as NSF and NIH, and will provide attendees with the opportunity to participate in a mock review session. It will include discussion with a faculty member who frequently serves as a peer reviewer, giving you insight into the process of peer review as well as some first hand experience. Please register with the session coordinator at least 24 hours in advance of the session so that you receive the mock review materials. Please allow about 30 minutes to prepare for the session.

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