Professional Development for Postdoctoral Scholars

Fall 2009 Workshops

Teaching and Mentoring Workshop

Multi-Day Intensive Teaching and Mentoring Workshop

During three half days of activities, we will focus on key instructional strategies for teaching, small group interaction and research supervision. The workshop will include short lectures and practical exercises to develop instructional and mentoring strategies. Participants will write a draft Philosophy of Teaching Statement, which will be critically reviewed by peers and professionals. We will also introduce current science education and outreach programs at UCSB that offer practical experience in teaching and mentoring.

When: Thursday November 12, Friday November 13, and Monday November 16
Where: 1605 Elings Hall
Time: Noon - 5pm (lunch will be provided)
Other: RSVP to murr@cnsi.ucsb.edu by November 9th - limited to 24 participants

Proposal Writing Workshops

Writing Successful Funding Proposals: An Overview

In this interactive workshop, we will discuss the different sections of a proposal, plus strategies for making the project description both concise and coherent. Together, we will analyze examples of successful proposals written by UCSB faculty.

When: Tuesday October 13
Where: 1601 Elings Hall
Time: 10am - noon
Other: RSVP to khooge@education.ucsb.edu by October 9th - limited to 50 participants

Writing Successful Funding Proposals: Articulating a Fundable Research Problem

In this hands-on session, we will analyze a common rhetorical pattern found in abstracts and in the introductions of proposals and academic articles. Using this pattern will help you identify your research focus and persuade others of its significance (e.g., its broader impacts, intellectual merit, etc.).

When: Tuesday October 20
Where: 1601 Elings Hall
Time: 10am - noon
Other: RSVP to khooge@education.ucsb.edu by October 16th - limited to 50 participants

Writing Successful Funding Proposals: Budgets and Budget Narratives

Together, we will analyze successful proposal budgets and budget narratives. We will discuss strategies for avoiding common errors and for justifying your project.

When: Tuesday November 3
Where: 1601 Elings Hall
Time: 10am - noon
Other: RSVP to khooge@education.ucsb.edu by October 30th - limited to 50 participants

In addition to the workshops, Dr. Karen Lunsford (Associate Professor of Writing) and Kevin Hooge (Postdoctoral Writing Coordinator) will offer one-on-one or group appointments for talking about your own writing. Space is limited and available on a first come first served basis. To arrange appointments, email khooge@education.ucsb.edu.
Writing Workshops
CV and Cover Letters for Academic Positions
At this workshop, a faculty panel will share their favorite tips about writing cover letters and CVs. In addition, they will be available to provide feedback on your documents. Please bring at least 2 copies of each document. Panel - Ram Seshadri (Materials Faculty), Susannah Scott (Chemical Engineering Faculty), and Doug Bradley (Writing Program Lecturer)
When: Tuesday, January 19
Where: 1601 Elings Hall
Time: 9am - 11am
Other: RSVP to khooge@education.ucsb.edu by January 15 - limited to 50 participants

Revision and Editing Techniques for Articles
You are invited to bring your laptop and a draft of an article(s) to this hands-on session. Working on your own draft, you will be guided through a series of revision techniques that address overall organization issues as well as sentence-level edits. Bring your own laptop and a document you are working on to edit
When: Tuesday, February 9
Where: 1601 Elings Hall
Time: Two sessions: Session 1: 9 - 10:15 am, Session 2: 10:30 - 11:45 am
Other: RSVP to khooge@education.ucsb.edu by February 5 and indicate which session you will attend (each session limited to 24 participants)

Poster Presentations
In this workshop, we will discuss strategies for composing effective poster presentations, such as integrating the text with the graphics, developing a mission statement, and organizing your oral presentation. You are invited to bring your own laptop and posters (in either digital or printed formats).
When: Tuesday, February 23
Where: 1601 Elings Hall
Time: Two sessions: Session 1: 9 - 10:15 am, Session 2: 10:30 - 11:45 am
Other: RSVP to khooge@education.ucsb.edu by February 19 and indicate which session you will attend (each session limited to 24 participants)

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Interviewing for Academic Positions - Tips and Tricks
This workshop, led by chemistry professor Quyen Nguyen, will cover important tips and tricks to help you prepare for a successful academic interview. A panel composed faculty from both science and engineering departments will answer audience questions, including: what to expect during an interview, how to prepare, questions that are important to ask, things you should avoid doing, and how university organization impacts the interview process
When: Monday, January 4
Where: 1601 Elings Hall
Time: 1 - 3 pm
Other: RSVP to ibsen@cnsi.ucsb.edu

Technical Communication and Presentation Design
Jean-Luc Duomont, Making the most of your presentation
When: Monday, April 5
Where: ESB 1001
Time: 10:30am-12:30pm
Other: RSVP to ibsen@cnsi.ucsb.edu
Writing Workshops

Writing Successful Funding Proposals: Promoting a Coherent Project
In this interactive workshop, we will discuss rhetorical strategies for making your project description both concise and persuasive. Together, we will analyze examples of successful proposals written by UCSB faculty.

When: Tuesday, April 20
Where: 1601 Elings Hall
Time: 10am - 12pm
Other: RSVP at http://edu-admin.cnsi.ucsb.edu/lubi/PDPDS/Registration.php

Giving and Receiving Feedback on Writing
Would you like to save time commenting on writing? Do you have questions about how to interpret feedback you have received? In this hands-on session, we will discuss how to be an effective writing mentor, as well as how to respond efficiently to commentary on your own work.

When: Tuesday, May 4
Where: 1601 Elings Hall
Time: 10am - 12pm
Other: RSVP at http://edu-admin.cnsi.ucsb.edu/lubi/PDPDS/Registration.php

Developing and Maintaining a Web Presence
In this workshop, we will talk about how to represent your work in online venues that address experts in your field as well as the general public.

When: Tuesday, June 15
Where: 1601 Elings Hall
Time: 10am - 12pm
Other: RSVP at http://edu-admin.cnsi.ucsb.edu/lubi/PDPDS/Registration.php

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Writing your Philosophy of Teaching Statement
In this workshop, Lecturer John Latto, EEMB, will discuss the teaching statement portion of an academic application. Specifically he will address what a good statement can do for you, guiding questions, possible frameworks and useful resources.

When: Wednesday, April 28
Where: 1601 Elings Hall
Time: 10 - 11:30 am
Other: RSVP at http://edu-admin.cnsi.ucsb.edu/lubi/PDPDS/Registration.php

Scientific Collaboration
A faculty panel composed of PIRE faculty, will discuss with postdoctoral participants the process of scientific collaboration and what are the key components to a successful partnership. They will examine the benefits and risks associated with undertaking projects with different types of collaborators: dissertation and postdoc advisors, faculty from their home department, from a discipline outside their own, and international collaboration.

When: Wednesday, May 19
Where: 1601 Elings Hall
Time: 10am - 12pm
Other: RSVP at http://edu-admin.cnsi.ucsb.edu/lubi/PDPDS/Registration.php