Grant-Seeker Academy Overview
Cohort 2

Apply by February 15, 2022 for Priority Consideration

Creating Competitive Proposals for the NSF

In applying for this opportunity, colleges commit to:

- **Develop and explain an initial grant proposal concept** that is innovative and in-demand by employers in the college's region. The concept must align with the NSF ATE Program Synopsis and Guidelines.
- **Complete the college proposal and submit to NSF on or before the NSF due date in October 2022.**
- **Document lessons learned** during participation in the Pathways to Innovation (PTI) Grant-Seeker Academy
- **Provide a copy of the submitted proposal to the PTI Leadership Team**.

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- **Identify a college faculty member or administrator** as the primary point of contact and team lead. This person commits to actively participate in all portions of the PTI Grant-Seeker Academy.
- **Identify a second team member** who is also invested in the proposal concept and who commits to actively participate as part of the Academy team. (At least one of the team members must be faculty in the discipline(s) related to the proposal concept.)
- **Identify a grants office team member** to support the Academy team throughout the development process if at all possible.
- **A College Dean or Vice President** will need to sign off on the application stating that they understand the requirements and will assist the team in getting whatever college approvals are needed to submit the grant proposal.

Team members will participate in:

- **Synchronous workshop meetings June 1-3, 2022**.
- **Three 1 to 2-hour professional development/check-in webinars** after the June workshop focused on topics such as budget, forms, and the evaluation section for the proposal.
- **Regular coaching calls with a dedicated, experienced PTI mentor beginning with preliminary coaching in Spring 2022**. Meetings will likely be about an hour and will initially be twice monthly; they will accelerate to weekly during the summer and perhaps even occur more frequently as the due date nears. Additionally, expect to share draft materials throughout the process via email or another collaboration software like Google Docs or Microsoft Teams.
- **Team members, including the Grants Office representative, will need to spend many more hours writing and editing the grant to create a competitive submission.**

PTI Grant-Seeker Academy teams will benefit from the following:

- **Participating in the virtual workshop June 1-3, 2022,** and the three follow-up webinars. The workshop will likely be held in a Dallas/Fort-Worth hotel close to the airport, and the PTI grant will pay travel expenses for two persons from a team to attend. Virtual participation will also be supported.
- **Working with their assigned mentor** before, during, and after the Academy workshop.
- **Addressing review comments** on the team's final draft proposal from PTI leadership team members, all of whom are experienced in developing competitive ATE proposals.

Submissions:

Cohort applications are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. PTI leadership will contact applicants if more information is needed. Colleges selected for participation will be notified on or before April 1, 2022. Twelve applications will be accepted for Cohort 2. The application is available for download here.

To ask questions about the application or Academy services, contact: Liz Myrick, PTI Grant-Seeker Academy Coordinator, Center for Occupational Research and Development (CORD), or Ann Beheler, PI.

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