

Grants Resource Center Funding Competitiveness Conference
UWL Webinar Schedule, February 21-24, 2017
*All sessions will be broadcast from **243 Graff Main Hall.***

Tuesday, February 21

<i>Time</i>	<i>Session Description</i>
1:00-2:15 pm	<p>Overview of the US Department of Homeland Security's Office of University Programs</p> <p>The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of University Programs links the expertise of America's higher education institutions to the nation's homeland security needs. This session will discuss the role that higher education plays in securing the homeland. Additionally, an overview of the office, its mandate, programs, and opportunities and avenues through which institutions can engage with the Department and its work will be provided.</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Matthew Clark, Director, Office of University Programs, US DHS</p>
2:30-3:45 pm	<p>National Science Foundation (NSF) Update</p> <p>This session will cover recent policy and program changes and new agency priorities based on the new administration.</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Jean Feldman, Head, Policy Office, NSF</p>

Wednesday, February 22

7:45-9:00 am	<p>Federal Update</p> <p>With a contentious presidential battle over, the new president is making changes to the federal funding landscape. This session will help us understand the outlook for funding in FY 17 and beyond.</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i> Michael Zola, Vice President, & Barmak Nassirian, Director, Government Relations & Policy Analysis, AASCU</p>
10:20-11:15 am	<p>NEH: Expanding the Reach & Impact of the Humanities</p> <p>Over the past few years, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has unveiled a variety of new programs designed to expand the reach of the humanities and to engage the public using humanities methods and research. At the same time, the agency has also been supporting efforts of colleges and universities, and other cultural institutions to adapt humanities programs to a changing environment. During this session, attendees will learn the exciting initiatives that colleges and universities can use to expand and support their efforts in the humanities.</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Wilsonia Cherry, Deputy Director, Division of Education Programs, NEH</p>
2:30-3:20 pm	<p>Overview of ED's New Teacher & School Leader (TSL) Incentive Program</p> <p>The U.S. Department of Education recently rolled out the Teacher and School Leader Program to promote effective teaching through the development of human capital management systems and the use of performance-based compensation. This session will provide highlights of the new competition and how potential applicants can be competitive.</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Orman Feres, Management & Program Analyst, ED Office of Innovation & Improvement</p>
3:30-4:20 pm	<p>National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Research Funding & Fellowship Opportunities</p> <p>NIJ is committed to being a transformative force in the criminal justice field by fostering science-based criminal justice practices that support rigorous scientific research to ensure the safety of families, neighborhoods and communities. This presentation will focus on ways to contribute to NIJ's mission.</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Howard Spivak, Acting Director, National Institute of Justice, US Department of Justice</p>

Thursday, February 23

7:30-8:30 am	The Future of ED Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) OPE houses some of the most important grant programs within the federal government. This session will alert attendees on what's next for OPE in FY 17 and beyond. <i>Presenter:</i> Linda Byrd-Johnson, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs
8:40-9:40 am	Finding Success with NSF's RUI and ROA Programs Tailor-made for primarily undergraduate institutions, the Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) and Research Opportunity Awards (ROA) funding opportunities from the National Science Foundation (NSF) support researchers, build institutional capacity, and integrate research into the educational mission of the university. This presentation will discuss how NSF supports robust research at undergraduate institutions, and how you can produce a competitive proposal. <i>Presenter:</i> Randy Phelps, Staff Associate, Office of Integrative Activities, NSF
9:50-10:50 am	Engaging Communities and Artists through Folk and Traditional Arts Colleges and universities are often surrounded by communities steeped in folk and traditional arts. The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) offers opportunities for colleges and universities to nurture these communities and help artists forge connections with their surrounding communities. This session will focus on NEA funding in the folk and traditional arts, and NEA's major grant-making programs such as Art Works and Our Town. <i>Presenter:</i> Clifford Murphy, Folk & Traditional Arts Director, NEA
1:30-2:20 pm	NASA Aeronautics Research & Space Technology Mission Directorates This presentation will provide an overview of funding opportunities available through the Aeronautics Research and Space Technology Mission Directorates at NASA. Within NASA Aeronautics, opportunities include the University Leadership Initiative, traditional NASA Research Announcements, and a student research challenge. In the Space Technology Mission Directorate, opportunities include fellowships, early career faculty, and early stage innovations. <i>Presenters:</i> Richard Barhydt, Deputy Director, Transformative Aeronautics Concepts Program, NASA; Claudia Meyer, Program Officer, Space Technology Mission Directorate, NASA
2:30-3:20 pm	Funding Innovations in Libraries & Museums The Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) offers a variety of programs that provide support for museums and libraries, with an emphasis on projects that lead to innovations in library and museum services, access, and community engagement. Attendees will receive the latest updates on IMLS museum and library funding opportunities and priorities. <i>Presenters:</i> Ashley Sands, Senior Library Program Officer, Office of Library Services, IMLS; Mark Isaksen, Senior Museum Program Officer, Office of Museum Services, IMLS

Friday, February 24

7:30-8:45 am	NIH Update This session will address emerging issues associated with extramural research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). <i>Presenter:</i> Michael Lauer, Deputy Director for Extramural Research, NIH
9:00-10:15 am	SBIR Panel Discussion across Federal Agencies This session features a panel discussion from Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) representatives across the government, describing how each agency manages and supports their own SBIR program. Representatives from the Small Business Administration (SBA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and others will describe how to use their program to foster innovative entrepreneurship and technology transfer on your campus. <i>Presenters:</i> Joseph Grant, SBIR/STTR Deputy Program Executive, NASA; J.P. Kim, SBIR/STTR Program Manager & Extramural Data Sharing Policy Officer, NIH; John Williams, Director of Innovation & Technology, Office of Investment & Innovation, SBA