

GRADUATE GRANT WRITING

BI 599

Mondays 7-9:00 pm. Winter 2005

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Course Objectives: In this course you will continue to learn how to improve your writing skills, how to write an effective grant proposal, where to seek funding for graduate school research, how to review and critique manuscripts and grant proposals, and you will practice the typical review process. By the end of the term you should have completed a grant proposal that is ready for submission to a funding agency. Submission of a grant is required for completion of this course.

WebCT will be used during this class to post grant proposals and some of the reading, therefore make sure you have an active Odin account.

Grading: Grades for the course will be based on class participation (30%), written and class presentation assignments (30%), and the draft and final version of your grant proposal (40%).

Course Syllabus:

3 January - Overview of class and last term's prospectus efforts. Discussion: How to write a successful grant. Assignments: 1) write a 2-page grant proposal (developed from your prospectus), due electronically to Dr. Masta by Friday, 14 January, and 2) for next week, research 3 funding agencies and create a PowerPoint presentation to inform other students about these agencies and their instructions for grant submission.

10 January - Presentations of funding opportunities for graduate students.

17 January - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday. No Class, but see Assignment to review/critique 4 of the student grant proposals posted on WebCT. Assignment of which grants to critique will be made 10 January.

24 January - Written critiques of assigned grant proposals due. These will also be discussed in class. Next Assignment: Read and critique 4 anonymous student grant proposals.

31 January - Class discussion in panel review format of the 4 anonymous grant proposals.

7 February - Drafts of grants due. In class discussion of problems and solutions commonly encountered during the writing of grant proposals.

14 February - Grant proposal presentations and critiques.

21 February - Grant proposal presentations and critiques.

28 February - Grant proposal presentations and critiques.

7 March - Grant proposal presentations and critiques.

14 March - Final grants are due. No class.

Please Note: Biology Department Seminars are on Thursdays 12-1 in rm 223, Sc 2. Be sure to watch for these notices and attend! This quarter there will be a series of job seminars for four Biology faculty positions. These will be clustered in January. We urge you to attend as many as possible and to talk with the speakers at their scheduled grad. student meetings (see additional announcements). We would like your input!