PDC30: Developing a Competitive Educational Research Proposal for the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) Division of Research on Learning

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Date: Monday, April 11, 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Fee: No fee. This course is by application only. The application deadline is February 8, 2016.

This half-day course aids researchers in submitting proposals to the NSF Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Environments (DRL). The course focuses on: 1) funding programs and opportunities in DRL; 2) characteristics and significant changes in DRL’s major programs; 3) NSF’s proposal review process and merit review criteria; 4) characteristics of competitive proposals; and 5) common weaknesses of proposals.

Application Procedures
Individuals interested in participating in the NSF-DRL course should submit the following application materials:

- 1-page Letter of Interest summarizing
  - Prior proposal-writing experience, and
  - Expectations for the workshop.
- 1-page Research Summary describing a research idea for discussion during small-group breakout sessions with NSF Program Officers and other workshop participants.

These application materials must be submitted as PDF e-mail attachments to profdevel@aera.net by February 8, 2016. Include “NSF-DRL Workshop” in the e-mail subject line. The applications will enable the DRL Program Officers to identify the appropriate balance for the course—according to DRL program, content area, proposal-writing experience, etc.—and to plan for discussion groups during the session that will support an interactive and informative workshop experience.