

9:30AM - 11:30 AM: NSF grant proposal presentation and panel discussion

During this time, Wayne Parrott will provide a presentation on the grant writing and review process specifically for proposals prepared for the NSF - Biological Sciences division. Throughout this presentation, we will stop and get input from a faculty panel. This workshop will provide tremendous insight into the grant writing and review process. This is a great opportunity to hear how faculty prepare a proposal, justify the intellectual merit and broader impacts of their proposals, and what reviewers look for when they support/reject proposals. We encourage attendance of undergraduates, graduate students, post-docs, and assistant professors as this discussion will be fruitful for many researchers at different stages of their careers.

11:30 - 12PM: Read proposal with a small group and discuss it in the context of the major ideas brought up during the panel/lecture

12PM - 12:30PM: Discuss the proposal as an entire group

After the presentation, we will have a brief activity where small groups review a NSF - Graduate Research Fellowship Proposal that was successfully funded last year. We will then open discussion regarding the aspects of the proposal that were key to it being successfully funded.

12:30PM - 1:30PM: Break for lunch

1:30PM - 3PM: Work/Life balance workshop

Kizmet Adams of the UGA office of Human Relations & Well-being will provide a 90 minute presentation on finding an acceptable balance between work and life. This presentation will focus on:

“Finding Your Center to Keep Your Balance”

- I. General history/statistics on “work/life balance”
- II. Defining what “work/life balance” is and is not.
- III. The four domains of a human life.
- IV. Participants exercise in identifying life values.
- V. How to establish priorities among values.

3PM - 4PM: Open discussion regarding work life balance

After the talk, we will discuss practical ways that folks have achieved a balance and the things that work (or NOT work). Overall, it will be a joyful experience.