

Best Practices for Pivot and GrantForward at CUNY

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Welcome to Award Pre-Proposal Support (APPS)

- ▶ Office opened in December 2015
- ▶ Mandated to further a “culture of research” at CUNY and expand capacity of grant-seekers
- ▶ Only cross-CUNY division dedicated exclusively to faculty research and proposal development
- ▶ Shares strategic grant opportunities – cultivates faculty collaborations – convenes CUNY staff and faculty around funding best practices and multidisciplinary initiatives

Initiatives include

- ▶ Individual consultations with faculty, researchers, and grad students of all disciplines and seniority – discovering funding prospects, and workshopping specific proposals
- ▶ General seminars on grant design and tactics
- ▶ Targeted forums on specific themes or trends in funding
- ▶ Peer review of grant proposals – first implemented for NSF/NIH grants, now expanded to all grants/funders
- ▶ Funding opportunity databases providing CUNY-wide access, paid for by RFCUNY
- ▶ “Faculty Travel for Grant Development” Internal Funding

Examples of APPS' Targeted Workshops on Strategic Themes

- ▶ NSF CAREER Award Program – April 8, 2016; March 17, 2017; January 26, 2018
- ▶ NSF Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) – June 10, 2016
- ▶ Arts and Humanities Philanthropy Forum – December 8, 2016
- ▶ “Broader Impacts” in Grantwriting – April, 27, 2017
- ▶ NSF Education and Human Resources Grants Forum – May 17, 2017
- ▶ International Research and Education Forum – November 8, 2017
- ▶ Defense and Intelligence Grants Forum – May 17, 2017
- ▶ Convergence Research – September 15, 2018
- ▶ Research Fellowships in Japan – October 12, 2018
- ▶ Strategies for Arts and Humanities Grantseeking – November 15, 2018
- ▶ SCORE Grant Program Strategies and Insights Workshop – January 25, 2019

Examples of Recent Proposal Successes with APPS Assistance

- ▶ **Yoel Rodriguez, Hostos, NSF**
 - ▶ “The Hostos Engineering Academic Talent (HEAT) Scholarship Program”, \$1,000,000
- ▶ **Olorunseun Ogunwobi, Hunter, NIH**
 - ▶ “TUFCCC/HC Regional Comprehensive Cancer Health Disparity Partnership”, \$1,050,067
- ▶ **Claire Wladis, BMCC, NSF**
 - ▶ “Develop a test that measures how well college students understand fundamental algebra concepts”, \$1,500,000
- ▶ **Karen Florez, CUNY SPH, NIH**
 - ▶ “Social networks, acculturation, and food behaviors and values among Mexican-American families”, \$500,000
- ▶ **Vicki Flaris & Pam Mills, BCC/Lehman, NSF**
 - ▶ “Growth Mindset: Improving Minority Students' Outcomes in STEM”, \$5,000,000
- ▶ **José Luis Cruz, Lehman/CUNY Alliance, NSF**
 - ▶ “New York City Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (NYC-LSAMP)”, \$4,500,000
- ▶ **Masahiro Kawaji, CCNY, NSF**
 - ▶ “Multi-scale, Multi-phase Phenomena in Complex Fluids for the Energy Industries”, \$5,200,000