OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND GRADUATE EDUCATION

RECORDINGS OF PAST EVENTS

[Crafting Your Story as a Graduate Student: Writing a Compelling Personal Statement for Grants and Awards](#)

This session helped graduate students craft compelling personal statements for grants and awards by teaching them to distinguish between autobiography and personal statements, highlight their strengths, articulate their values, and create a narrative that balances vulnerability with professionalism.

Presenter: Anna Beskin, PhD, Director of Faculty and Graduate Research, Office of Research and Graduate Education; Adjunct Professor, English Dept, NYC

Date: December 2, 2024

[Building Collaborative Research Partnerships: Strategies for Grant Success and Enhanced Productivity](#)

The programmatic research workshop provided faculty with essential tools and strategies for starting and sustaining successful collaborative partnerships, offering practical insights on strengthening grant proposals and achieving innovative research outcomes.

Presenter: Beau Anderson, PhD, Professor and Associate Dean, Allied Health, College of Health Professions, New York City

Date: November 21, 2024

[Maximize Research Funding Opportunities with Pivot: A Guide for Graduate Students](#)

This presentation aimed to help graduate students navigate Pivot, a customizable database designed to streamline the search for research funding and collaboration opportunities, locate grants, refine searches, and utilize advanced tools to enhance their research journey.

Presenter: Nick Epiphaniou, Customer Success Manager, Pivot

Date: November 21, 2024

[Integrating Professional Endeavors into a Research Narratives](#)

In a session, Joseph Franco guided faculty, especially junior faculty, on how to integrate research with teaching, service, and other professional activities, offering strategies to create a cohesive professional narrative and enhance their academic impact.

Presenter: Joseph Franco, PhD, LMHC, NCC, ACS, Senior Advisor to the Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs; Professor, Psychology & Mental Health Counseling, PLV

Date: November 19, 2024

Faculty Lab Presentations: Professor Anthony Mancini

Professor Mancini's talk explored how individuals can experience improved functioning after various acute stressors, such as bereavement, natural disasters, and military deployment, offering an explanatory framework for understanding when and why such improvements occur.

Presenter: Anthony Mancini, PhD, Professor, Psychology, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, PLV

Date: November 18, 2024

A Panel Discussion: Insights and Strategies from Faculty Grant Winners Across Disciplines

This insightful panel brought together accomplished faculty grant winners from diverse disciplines to share their experiences, offering practical advice and strategies for navigating the grant application process and strengthening proposals.

Presenters: Michelle Chase, PhD (History, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, PLV), Julie Lawrence-Edsell, MFA (Performing Arts, Sands College of Performing Arts, NYC), Pauline Helen Mosley, PhD (Information Technology, Seidenberg School of CSIS, PLV), Tanya Wiggins, PhD (School of Education, NYC), and Zhan Zhang, PhD (Information Technology, Seidenberg School of CSIS, NYC)

Date: November 6, 2024

PIVOT Workshop

Pivot is a great resource for faculty, staff and students interested in identifying relevant funding opportunities for their research, scholarship, teaching, and creative activities. It is a comprehensive global source of funding opportunities that helps research organizations inform their funding strategies and win a larger share of available funding. It also uses scholarly profiles to match researchers to relevant financial support and provides trusted funding and policy intelligence for strategic planning.

This workshop addressed how to:

- Access your institutional Pivot-RP system
- Create and complete your researcher profile, and fine-tune your automated funding recommendations
- Seek and network with other experts/PIs in your area of research
- Search for funding opportunities using both basic and advanced search options

- Set up email alerts to for funding in your field of interest

Date: October 10, 2025

[Faculty Lab Presentations: Showcasing the Seidenberg AI Lab Initiative](#)

Christelle Scharff, PhD, presented a fascinating overview of the Seidenberg AI Lab's current research, initiatives, and its vision as a central hub for AI innovation at the Faculty Research Series.

Presenter: Christelle Scharff, PhD, Professor and Associate Dean, Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems, NYC

Date: October 9, 2024