

## 2008 NIAAA-SUPPORTED RESEARCH:

### A GRANTSMANSHIP WORKSHOP

Organized by the RSA Education Committee

CHAIRS: Brian McCool, Robert Swift and Allen Zweben

RSA is sponsoring the 11th annual NIAAA-Supported Research: Grantsmanship Workshop. The long-term success of research on alcoholism depends on continued growth of the knowledge base, an influx of new ideas and approaches, and a strong commitment of researchers to the alcohol field. NIAAA grant-supported research is instrumental to this process. Two important aspects of successful grantsmanship are identifying available resources and having a clear understanding of the process, two areas where young investigators and researchers new to the alcohol field often need assistance. Moreover, experienced investigators often feel the need for updates on the continuously changing scientific and financial environment that directs the granting process. To address these issues, the RSA Education Committee will present a workshop devoted to dissemination of information and guidance concerning NIAAA sponsored research grants, to be staffed by senior researchers and NIAAA program staff. The intended target group for this workshop includes junior investigators, postdoctoral and predoctoral fellows and other trainees, as well as experienced investigators. The specific objectives are: (a) to assist participants in their efforts to secure grant funding by providing relevant information about planning and writing a grant application; (b) to provide a broad perspective of NIAAA-sponsored grant mechanisms and to direct participants to additional information on these mechanisms; and (c) to encourage the commitment of young and experienced scientists to alcohol and health related research.

The workshop will be divided into two parts. The first part begins with welcome and introductory comments by Dr. T.K. Li, the Director of NIAAA. This will be followed by a didactic session on grantsmanship and grants writing, presented by a senior RSA investigator and grants expert. The second part of the workshop will consist of small group discussions. The discussion groups will be opportunities for problem-solving and will address questions and concerns put forth by the attendees concerning grant mechanisms and the review process. The goal is to be informative and highly interactive. A senior research investigator will lead each discussion group. NIAAA senior staff members will contribute to the discussion and will be available to answer specific questions. Supplemental information will be provided as handouts.

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\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I will attend the Grantsmanship Workshop on Monday, June 30 at 11:45am

Anyone can attend, but Box Lunches will be provided only to those who RSVP.

Please R.S.V.P. as soon as possible, or by June 5 at the latest

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