



Center for Faculty Excellence

April is Research Month!

In addition to our regular offerings, we are presenting two workshops in April to help you with your research. There will be one session on **NSF Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (TUES) Grants** and one for **NIH Grants**. Please join us!

The research sessions are co-sponsored by the Center for Faculty Excellence, the Office of Sponsored Programs, and ADVANCE Project TRACS. There will also be a session on **CATS** and one on **Breathing Easy**. See below for details.

Questions about the following workshops should be addressed to Anne Angermeyr at annea@montana.edu.

- **Peer Review of Grant Applications at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Various Mechanisms for Funding**

Co-sponsored by the Office of Sponsored Programs

Thursday, Apr. 4, group presentation 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., SUB 235; individual sessions by appointment 1:30-5:00 pm.; Friday, Apr. 5, individual sessions by appointment 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Dr. Dharam Dhindsa will speak on peer review of grant applications at NIH and various funding mechanisms on Thursday at 11:45 a.m. He will also be available to meet one-on-one with faculty on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning.

An MSU alumnus, Dr. Dhindsa served at NIH for more than 36 years as deputy chief of the surgical sciences, biomedical imaging and bioengineering integrated review group in the Center for Scientific Review.

Lunch will be served. This session will be recorded and posted at the [Faculty Excellence Events webpage](#).

Registration for Thursday's group presentation is required by 12:00 noon, Tuesday, Apr. 2.

[Click here to register](#). Individual 30-minute appointments should be scheduled in advance by contacting Anne Angermeyr at annea@montana.edu.

- **Classroom Assessment Techniques (CATS)**

Wednesday, Apr. 10, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., SUB 235

Classroom Assessment Techniques (CATS) are evaluations used primarily to inform teaching and improve learning rather than to assign grades, and are used throughout the semester rather than at the end. The purpose is to improve the quality of student learning. Join us for this lively and very participatory session to learn more about CATS, to hear specific examples and share your own of how they can be successfully used, and to make a plan for using CATS in your own classes.

Facilitators: Marilyn Lockhart, Center for Faculty Excellence; Vaughan Judge, Director of the School of Art; Heidi Lindsey, Instructor of Statistics, Mathematical Sciences; and experienced others.

Lunch will be served. This session will be recorded and posted at the [Faculty Excellence Events webpage](#).

Registration is required by 12:00 noon, Monday, Apr. 8. [Click here to register](#).

- **Breathing Easy: A Mini-Course in Brief Relaxation Techniques for Busy People**

Tuesday, Apr. 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m., SUB 230

Participants will learn short, practical, self-soothing techniques to manage stress, headaches, and insomnia that can be practiced anytime, anywhere.

Presenter: Arnie Shapiro, former physician at the MSU Student Health Service

Refreshments will be served. This session will not be recorded due to its unique format.

Registration is required by 12:00 noon, Friday, Apr. 12. [Click here to register.](#)

- **NSF Web-Based Workshop: Proposal Strategies for Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (TUES) Grants**

Tuesday, Apr. 23, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., EPS 127

The purpose of this session is to enhance your ability to write goals and outcomes for an NSF educational project so that you can more effectively address them in preparing proposals or in implementing funded efforts. The session will include advance materials and on-site interaction exercises. Session will be brown-bag; drinks and light snacks will be served.

Facilitator: Marilyn Lockhart, Center for Faculty Excellence, will lead conversations with individuals from MSU who have received one of these grants, and with staff from the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Registration is required by 12:00 noon, Friday, Apr. 19. [Click here to register.](#)

The [NSF Interactive Web-Based Workshops](#) are presented by former program directors in the NSF Division of Undergraduate Education.

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