Proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation are evaluated not only on intellectual merit, but also on their broader impacts—the proposed activity to benefit society and contribute to the achievement of specific, desired societal outcomes. Broader impacts activities are critical to show the relevance of the research, and are increasingly determining which of the many excellent proposals get funded. These sessions, conducted by Dr. Susan Renoe and Dr. Sara Vassmer of the NSF-funded National Alliance for Broader Impacts, describe the broader impacts criteria, how to address them successfully in proposals, and how to identify innovative ways to implement broader impacts activities.

For full details, registration, and information about all upcoming educational offerings, go to:

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ATTENTION: Grants Development Staff
Broader Impacts in Grant Proposal Development
Thursday, February 4, 2016 | 9-11, check-in and light breakfast starting at 8:30
Kellogg Center, Room 62

Do you provide grant proposal guidance and support to researchers? Are you interested in knowing more about National Science Foundation’s broader impacts requirements? If so, this workshop is designed just for you. Dr. Susan Renoe and Dr. Sara Vassmer of the National Alliance for Broader Impacts will review the broader impacts requirements, share examples of successful broader impact plans and activities, and highlight the importance of community partnerships. Participants will come away with a better understanding of successful broader impact plans and concrete ideas to support successfully funded NSF grants.

ATTENTION: Faculty and Academic Staff
Broader Impacts for Investigators
Thursday, February 4, 2016 | 1:30-4:30, check-in starting at 1:00
Kellogg Center, Room 62

This workshop focuses on the fundamentals of writing broader impact plans for National Science Foundation grants. Dr. Susan Renoe and Dr. Sara Vassmer of the National Alliance for Broader Impacts will provide an overview of the broader impacts criteria, describe how to incorporate them into NSF proposals, share examples of successful broader impacts plans and activities, and provide directions on writing effective broader impact plans. A panel of MSU experts will also describe their experiences applying for and reviewing NSF proposals related to the broader impact criteria. Participants will come away with an understanding of the broader impact criteria, innovative approaches, and practical examples to develop their own broader impact plans.

ATTENTION: Everyone—Faculty, Academic Staff, and Post-Doctoral and Graduate Students
Broader Impacts Reception and Resource Fair
Thursday, February 4, 2016 | 4:30-6
Kellogg Center, Riverside Room

Join us for a reception and resource fair with Dr. Susan Renoe and Dr. Sara Vassmer of the National Alliance for Broader Impacts and the Broader Impacts Network at the University of Missouri. Units and groups from across MSU will highlight grant proposal support and outreach and engagement resources for successful broader impact plans. Beverages and light appetizers will be served during this informal networking time.

ATTENTION: Graduate Students
Overview of Broader Impacts Criteria for Students
Friday, February 5, 2016 | 10-12, check-in and light breakfast starting at 9:30
Kellogg Center, Room 62

The National Science Foundation requires Broader Impact plans as part of grant proposals, and in some cases, fellowship applications. Dr. Susan Renoe and Dr. Sara Vassmer of the National Alliance for Broader Impacts will overview the broader impact criteria, share examples of innovative approaches, and highlight the key points graduate and professional students need to know as they start their research careers. Participants will come away with a deeper understanding of the requirements and practical examples to inform their grant and fellowship proposals, including the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.

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