



Bootcamp for New IUCRC Directors: Update and Agenda Brainstorming

Background

- Faculty who proposed or were awarded planning grant awards were invited to January IUCRC Meeting beginning two years ago
- Response has generally been very positive
 - Population is at the beginning of the learning curve
- NSF is planning on formalizing this training mechanism
- Would like to get evaluator feedback on how to make this support mechanism a success.

Agenda Description

Bootcamp for Center Start-Ups (Part 1): From Successful Planning Grant to Center Launch

This session is designed for (potential) planning grantees, but all Annual Meeting attendees are welcome. Pre-registration is requested.

- Rathindra (Babu) DasGupta, I/UCRC Program Director, NSF ENG/IIP
- Denis Gray, NSF I/UCRC Evaluator, North Carolina State University
- Alex Schwarzkopf, Consultant, NSF ENG/OAD
- Eric Sundstrom, NSF I/UCRC Evaluator, University of Tennessee Knoxville

The planning grant meeting is integral to a Center's successful launch, and what needs to happen before and after the meeting is no less important than the meeting itself. Seasoned NSF I/UCRC staff and Evaluators will explain the purpose of the meeting and its key elements, and, using two case studies, will provide detailed information and advice on how to prepare for a successful outcome.

Case Study I: Suresh Babu, Director, Ohio State University

Case Study II: Michael Kaufman (CSM), and Pete Collins (PI) from UNT

Bootcamp Feedback

Poor (1); Fair (2); Good (3); Very good (4); Excellent (5); *Mean* (n=11)

- Format: 0.0% (0) 0.0% (0) 36.4% (4) **54.5% (6)** 9.1% (1) 3.73
- Speakers: 0.0% (0) 0.0% (0) 18.2% (2) **54.5% (6)** 27.3% (3) 4.09
- Content: 0.0% (0) 0.0% (0) 36.4% (4) **45.5% (5)** 18.2% (2) 3.82

Comments:

- More interaction/small group discussion between grantees and presenters/mentor centers
- It would be helpful to have specific bootcamps for each of the stages: Planning Grant process New Center Grant awarded now start planning logistics: single site and multi site specific courses. Pre planning necessary for first Meeting, and future.
- I enjoyed this session most of all. It was helpful and worth my time. One or two of the speakers were less prepared than others. I would encourage preparedness and make sure to have the technical (projector) issues ironed out in advance. Too much time was wasted on this.



Update on Bootcamp Plans

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Discussion