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TRAINING TO RESEARCH:
PROPOSAL WRITING & RESEARCH DESIGN SEMINARS
FOR JUNIOR FACULTY
IN EGYPTIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

SEPTEMBER 20, 21, & 22, 2013
FLAMENCO HOTEL
CAIRO, EGYPT

ORGANIZED BY: THE ARAB FAMILIES WORKING GROUP

Lead Presenter: Dr. Suad Joseph
Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Women and Gender Studies
University of California, Davis

Training to Research is a year-long workshop that will train junior faculty from Egyptian public universities in proposal writing and research design. The workshop will consist of two intensive seminars, the first in September 2013 and a second either in December 2013 or Winter 2014 in Cairo. In addition, a year-long individual mentoring of each participant will take place. This workshop is organized by the Arab Families Working Group (http://arabfamilies.org) and funded by the Ford Foundation, Cairo office.

The seminars will cover all the components of a “maximal” research proposal (i.e. most of the questions that funders typically ask) and train participants to tailor a “targeted” proposal. The structure of the workshop will include a day of intensive lectures which present all the components of a research proposal in a condensed form. The remaining days will focus on the individual projects of each seminar participant in small group and individual formats. The participants will work on writing a complete proposal, including budgets, and submitting them to an AFWG review committee. At the end of the seminar, each participant will be assigned a mentor who will work with them throughout the year to develop their proposals and their research projects. Successful participants will be awarded modest seed funding to carry out their research. In the second seminar, participants will present their work and receive additional training on data analysis, writing, and publishing research results. Participants need to be comfortable speaking and writing in English.
Funding for travel and accommodations in Cairo will be provided.

In advance of the workshop, students will be asked to read key documents and submit a research abstract. Participants are to browse Dr. Joseph’s website (http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/Faculty_Workshop/index.htm) and read the following documents BEFORE the workshop. These documents can also be found at http://arabfamilies.org under the “Training” tab:

- Components of a Humanities & Social Science Research Proposal
- Ten Tips for Proposal Writing
- The Art of Proposal Writing

The key presenter is Dr. Suad Joseph, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Women and Gender Studies at the University of California, Davis, will be the key presenter for the seminar. Dr. Joseph has been teaching a required graduate course in proposal writing, which she designed, at UC Davis, for over 30 years. She has also been conducting proposal-writing workshops for faculty, graduate students, and NGO’s throughout the Middle East as well as in the U.S.A. for over a decade.

The deadline to apply is September 1, 2013.

To apply for the seminar, kindly fill out the attached form and send a one-page abstract answering the questions on the application form. The form and abstract should be sent to Suad Joseph (sjoseph@ucdavis.edu) and Dina El Sherbeny (dinasherbeny@aucegypt.edu) by September 1, 2013.
TRAINING TO ENGAGED RESEARCH:
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APPLICATION FORM

ORGANIZED BY: THE ARAB FAMILIES WORKING GROUP
Presenter: Suad Joseph, University of California, Davis
September 20, 21, 22, Flamenco Hotel, Cairo, Egypt

NAME: __________________________________________________________________
Discipline/Department: ______________________________________________________
University Affiliation: _______________________________________________________
Title of Project: ____________________________________________________________
Degree seeking (NR)_____________________ How many years in the program _______
Email address: _______________________________ Mobile ___________________________
Snail mail address: __________________________________________________________
Skype name: _______________________________ DATE: __________________________

Answer the following questions in a 1-3 page narrative essay. Put ALL the above information at the top of page 1. Compose the essay in WORD, 12 pt font, single spaced, Times New Roman. Paginate. Use the following as subheadings in the narrative.

1. What is the question you wish to answer? (Question)
2. What is your tentative answer to the question? (Hypothesis)
3. How have others answered this question? (Literature review)
4. Why are those answers inadequate? (Need)
5. Why is your answer to this question better than of others? (Theory)
6. What is the value added by answering this question? (Significance)
OVERVIEW OF WORKSHOP

I. Introduction to Workshop: Suad Joseph, University of California, Davis

II. Funders: Their Objectives & Their Resources
   Where is the money? What is available? Probability of getting funded?
   Creating relationships with funders
   Types of Grants
   Individual, collaborative, institutional
   Government and international agencies
   Research agencies, institutes and centers
   Action agencies
   Private Foundations, donors, gifts – academic and programmatic
   Information sources
   Funders’ target Audiences – academic, institutional, public officials, students, general public

III: The Effective Research Proposal
   A. What is the question? What are the goals?
      (Statement of the problem, objectives, the abstract, project target audience)
   B. What is the answer? (Hypothesis)
   C. How have others addressed the question? (Literature Review)
   D. Why is your answer a better answer (Theory)
   E. Why should we answer this question (Need)
   F. What will we be able to do as a result of answering this question (Significance)
   G. What have you already done & can you do this project? (Feasibility, preparation, preliminary results, vitae, formal approvals, research permits, access, contacts, skill)
   H. Is the project feasible? How will you answer the question? (Methods & design).
      How much will it cost? How long will it take? (Budget & timetable)
   I. Other Components (facilities, infrastructural support, human subjects review, institutional commitment, statistics, intellectual property)

V. Why proposals fail (How to increase your chances on first submission. How to do second submission. Review Process, Getting feedback)