Reach for the First R01 Workshop
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LOCATION & TIME
All classes held on Fridays afternoons from 3:30 – 5:00 pm in PH10-402C (Presbyterian Building, 10th floor).

COURSE DESCRIPTION
The main objective of the Reach for the First R01 workshop is to provide junior faculty at Columbia University a structured environment that will optimize chances of receiving a favorable score on the R01 submission. This award is aimed at those who are planning to submit an R01 for the June 5, 2016 deadline. The course will emphasize several methodological and practical issues related to the development and writing of a NIH R01 application. The course will offer support and incentives by facilitating timely use of CTSA resources, obtaining expert reviews on early draft of R applications, and providing statistical consultation.

ADVANCED PREPARATION
Faculty selected for this award are not required to have been awarded a NIH K, R21, R03 award or national equivalent of funding. Specific Aims of the proposed R application and a letter from the researcher’s primary mentor recommending enrollment will be required at the time of application.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Faculty who complete this program will be able to understand the issues related to the conceptualization and writing of a R01 application. At the end of the program, all applicants should be able to successfully submit a R01 to their funding agency.

STRUCTURE
The course is organized to provide instructor and peer-feedback each session on different elements of the application. Each R01 applicant will be asked to present their work to the class, formulate problems and discuss possible solutions. They will also be asked to provide critiques and support to their fellow classmates, as R01 applications are drafted and revised.

ASSIGNMENTS
For all assignments, please assemble the entire proposal (though each session will only focus on specific components) in a single document and upload it to the Courseworks site by midnight the Monday before our Friday meeting time. Please make sure your name is on the leading page and include your name in the filename. Part of your assignment for each session will be to read over and comment on the proposals of other participants.
COURSE DATES
2/12: Introduction
3/4: Aims
3/18: Significance/Innovation
4/8: Budget Justification and Biosketch
4/22: Approach
5/20: Mock Study Section