

Hanover Grant Academy Announcement

Texas Woman's University's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) announces the Fall 2018-2019 Hanover Grant Academy. The Academy seeks to discover and encourage individuals of outstanding talent with a keen interest in research. For each cohort, eight emerging research professionals will be selected to receive individualized mentoring on the grant writing process. Grant funding is an ever-increasingly competitive process in which guided expertise is critical to crafting the most fundable research proposals. The ability to describe one's research in a way that can be understood and valued is critical in the competitive selection process.

The Academy

Hanover Research and TWU's **Center for Research, Design, and Analysis (CRDA)** will partner together to bring the grant academy cohort a comprehensive and detailed 26-week mentorship program. This program is intended to strengthen emerging researchers' ability to produce highly credible and fundable research proposals that will not only expand and contribute to knowledge and literature in their respective fields, but all also bring the research prestige and funding to Texas Woman's University.

Important Dates	Cohort I	Cohort II
Nomination deadline	September 10, 2018	March 1, 2019
Academy selection announced	September 14, 2018	March 6, 2019
Academy starts	September 24, 2018	March 25, 2019
Academy ends	March 22, 2019	September 20, 2019

Objectives

Through cohort meetings, workshops, and individual attention, researchers will:

- Identify appropriate literature-based research trajectory
- Craft a Concept Paper and Letter of Intent
- Learn how to effectively pitch research ideas to Program Officers
- Develop clear aims and objectives
- Design a concise and comprehensive logic model and/or research design
- Build a solid methodology, budget, and/or evaluation plan
- Craft a stream-lined narrative
- Learn post submission expectations

In addition to receiving mentored guidance through the development of a full research proposal, Academy researchers who complete the activities and proposal development will be given top priority for the following internal funding competitions: Proposal Development Grant Program, Program Officer Visit Travel Grant, Small Grant Program, and Travel Assistance Fund.

Agenda

The 26-week program is anticipated to follow the following timeline:

Weeks	Content
Weeks 1-4	Academy Goals, Understanding Research Trajectories, and Identification of RFAs
Weeks 5-8	Development of Concept Papers, Pitches, and Letters of Intent
Weeks 9-11	Contacting Program Officers, Confirming Proposals, and Project Planning
Weeks 12-16	Development of First Draft Narratives
Weeks 17-23	Development of Auxiliary Documents and Second Draft Narratives
Weeks 24-26	Routing and Polishing Final Draft of Proposals

Nomination Requirements

Nominations may come from fellow faculty members, deans, or self-nominations. Nominees must:

- Be junior faculty members and be within their first 6 years of post-doctoral teaching
- Submit updated CV
- Submit 1 - 2 letters of reference speaking to demonstrated academic high-potential, including how the nominee has made significant intellectual contributions to published work and have a clear goal for their proposed research (proposing a new approach to a research problem which may make a major contribution to the research field is highly valued). If already identified, please also submit potential funding notice(s) and/or potential federal agencies for which to write grant proposal.

Nominations must be emailed to research@twu.edu and include the requirements noted. Special consideration will be given to nominees who seek to collaborate with others in research and writing. All eligible applications will be evaluated and selected by ORSP's council of directors.

About Hanover Research. Hanover provides grant development and strategic advising support to higher education clients. Our grants professionals deliver customized proposal review, revision, and production support, while also helping to align their needs and strategic priorities to funding trends and federal, state, and foundation grant opportunities. Hanover has helped higher education clients achieve over \$400 million in grant funding for research and programmatic needs.

About the Center for Research, Design, and Analysis. The CRDA is an academically-based, multidisciplinary research support and service center under the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs. The CRDA houses its own statistical and qualitative research consulting lab and survey lab, with approximately ten qualitative and quantitative research analysts, and statisticians. The Center's experienced staff provide consulting expertise in survey design, needs assessment, program evaluation, sampling, research design, statistical analysis, qualitative research and coding, mixed methods, and report writing. The CRDA not only provides qualitative, statistical and research design consulting to faculty and students working on grant proposals, research projects, or dissertations and theses, but also offers many research resources and training to expand the knowledge and confidence in research skills.

About the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. ORSP's experienced staff provide assistance in proposal development including budget preparation, completion of forms, routing of proposals for institutional signatures, and submission. ORSP not only provides pre-award services to faculty and students working on grant proposals, but also provides post-award services, including financial grant management, compliance monitoring, and reporting. ORSP also assists with coordinating multidisciplinary, inter-campus, and inter-institutional research collaborations, manages TWU internal funding programs, and provides administrative support of TWU's Compliance Committees including the Institutional Review Board, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), etc.

These three partners have experience and success in submissions to agencies such as National Institutes of Health, Department of Education, National Science Foundation, PCORI, as well as to foundations.