Dissertation Proposal Workshops
Presented by the UCLA Graduate Writing Center

Writing Dissertation Proposals in the Natural Sciences
Elizabeth O’Hare, Neuroscience IDP Program, NIH NRSA recipient
This workshop will provide a content-specific overview of science dissertation proposals using the NIH NRSA grant format as a template. All of its major components will be reviewed and discussed: the background and significance section, the methodology section, and expected results and caveats section. We will cover specific writing strategies that you can use in your proposals and grant applications.
Tuesday, April 8th, 4:00-6:00pm
Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

Strategies for Writing the Social Sciences Dissertation Proposal
Netta Avineri, Applied Linguistics & TESL; Mac Marston, Archaeology; Jessica Preece, Political Science
This workshop will give an overview of the main components of a dissertation proposal in the social sciences and cover strategies for writing the introduction, literature review, methods, and significance sections. These strategies should be adapted to your department’s and advisor’s expectations about the structure and content of your proposal.
Wednesday, April 9th, 4:00-6:00pm
Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

Strategies for Writing the Humanities Dissertation Prospectus
Jeannine Murray-Román, Comparative Literature
This workshop is geared towards giving incipient prospectus writers the tools to write their prospectus over the course of two months. We will discuss literature review and argument development as well as how to turn the many different pieces of a prospectus into a coherent document. Nota bene: this is meant to be an addition to—not a substitution for—serious discussions with your advisor about what is expected of you in your home department.
Thursday, April 10th, 4:00-6:00pm
Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

Getting Started on the Dissertation: How to Get Going and Keep Going
Marilyn Gray, Graduate Writing Center Coordinator
This workshop gives an overview of organization, time management, writing process issues and writing strategies. Recommended for people working on their first chapter, but useful for all stages.
Tuesday, May 13th, 4:00-6:00pm
Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

Nuts and Bolts of NIH NRSA Applications
Elizabeth O’Hare, Neuroscience IDP Program, NIH NRSA recipient
This workshop will cover the NIH NRSA application process. We will discuss ways of making this process easier and more manageable, including preparation, organization and writing strategies.
Tuesday, May 20th, 4:00-5:30pm
Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

The Graduate Writing Center is located in B11, Student Activities Center
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