Grant Writing Group
at the Center for 21st Century Studies

To assist faculty in their pursuit of externally funded research projects, the Center for 21st Century Studies coordinates an ongoing grant writing group for faculty in the humanities and social sciences.

Goal
The overarching goal of the grant writing group is to increase the number and quality of grant submissions by faculty in the humanities and social sciences, two broad areas that are generally underfunded by external sources. Toward this end, the group meetings are intended

- to provide information about external (and internal) grant opportunities and application processes
- to allow workshop participants to review each other’s proposals in a structured and timely manner, thereby improving the quality of proposals and chances for success in achieving funding

Structure
The grant writing group is modeled loosely on the Center’s successful research workshops, which are led by faculty but are coordinated and assisted by the Center. Ideally, the grant writing group is interdisciplinary in nature, and will comprise faculty in both the humanities and social sciences and at different stages of their academic careers. The group meets at least four times per academic year, with ad hoc sessions called to review proposals.

The Center provides the following:

- our conference room for periodic meetings
- photocopying of proposals for circulation
- a centralized online community (such as D2L), if desired
- information on the most common grants and fellowships in the humanities and social sciences
- targeted searches for research projects that don’t fit the more common grants and fellowships
- support for the submittal of any proposals, such as ensuring that proposals adhere to UWM and UW System standards (e.g., using approved budgetary numbers and boilerplate language)
- an interface with the Office of Sponsored Programs in the Graduate School, through which most grant proposals must flow

Please note that grant proposals do not have to be affiliated with any of the Center’s activities, though we certainly welcome discussions that will lead to collaborative projects in the future.

If you are interested in being part of an ongoing grant writing group for this academic year, please express your interest by September 30, since we would like the introductory and organizational meeting to take place in mid-October. Contact John Blum, the Center’s associate director for publications, at 414.229.3781, blumj@uwm.edu, or visit him at Curtin 916.