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Course Syllabus
for
Introduction to Grantwriting
EVST 396
2 Credits
Fall, 2005
Instructor: Ari LeVaux

Course Description

This course will provide an introduction to the process of grantwriting, with a focus on grantwriting to fund non-profits. Because of this focus, the course will also address related topics of non-profit structure and function, and other means of non-profit fundraising beyond grantwriting. Instruction and guidance will also be provided for individuals seeking academic or research grants.

The instructor will provide a foundation in the aforementioned areas. Meanwhile, a line-up of guest speakers will address these topics from the vantage point of their specific experiences in the non-profit and fundraising worlds. The guest speakers include expert grant writers, non-profit consultants, a fund administer, and an expert on government grants.

Course Objectives

Students should leave this class with an understanding of how money flows from donors to recipients in the world of non-profit finance. They will gain real-world exposure through firsthand encounters with operators from all aspects of the field, as well as make contacts that could prove useful beyond class. Opportunities will be available for students to intern with certain local organizations affiliated with some of the speakers.

Evaluation

For credit, each student must write a real grant to fund a real project. Thus, those students who are not already affiliated with an organization must link up with one, with the understanding that the student will write a grant proposal on behalf of that organization. Alternatively, the student can write a grant proposal for research or some other academic endeavor. This project will be the primary basis for evaluation.

Meeting times

Wednesdays, 6-8:30, from September 7 through November 9.

Materials

The class textbook, Grantwriter's Handbook, will be sold by the instructor.

Speaker list

Introduction to Grantwriting, 2005

Josh Slotnick, PEAS/Garden City Harvest.

Tracy Stone-Manning, Clark Fork Coalition.

Jean Wolverton, Steele-Reese Foundation.

Tommy Peterson, Wildland CPR.

Beth Berlin, Missoula Office of Planning and Grants.

Susan Cramer, non-profit consultant.

Melissa Bangs, non-profit consultant.

Mini presentations by Missoula Free Cycles, Community Action for Justice in the Americas, the Missoula Food Coop, Missoula Medical Aid, Great Bear Foundation.

Other speakers TBA