

## Grant Academy Announcement

Healthy Communities Research Institute announces the Academic Year 2023-2024 Grant Academy. The Academy seeks to discover and encourage individuals of outstanding talent keen on research. For this academic year cohort, six promising research professionals will be selected to receive individualized mentoring on the grant writing process. Grant funding is an increasingly competitive process in which guided expertise is critical to crafting the most fundable research proposals. Describing one's research in a way that can be understood and valued is critical in the competitive selection process. ***To be eligible for participation, you must be a member of HCRI.*** To join HCRI, please use this link: <https://www.kent.edu/hcri/join-hcri>

### The Grant Academy

**Hanover Research** and **HCRI** will facilitate a comprehensive and detailed mentorship program for the cohort members. This program is intended to strengthen emerging researchers' ability to produce highly credible and fundable research proposals that will expand and contribute to knowledge and literature in their respective fields and bring research prestige and funding to Kent State University. The Grant Academy supports faculty by putting them on a path toward submitting competitive proposals while equipping them with deeper grantsmanship skills and knowledge of the funding landscape.

Important Dates	
<b>Application deadline</b>	<b>September 8, 2023</b>
<b>Academy selection announced</b>	<b>September 15, 2023</b>
<b>Academy ends</b>	<b>September 14, 2024</b>

### Objectives of Participating in the Grant Academy

Through cohort meetings, workshops, and individual consultations, academy members will:

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

### Individual Development Plan (IDP)

For this HCRI Academy cohort, we will include an IDP. The participating faculty member will work with Hanover Research to create goals and specific action steps to address and gain the skills necessary for the anticipated receipt of external resources to support faculty interests and research. According to every individual's specific timeline, IDP will

- Conduct 1:1 consultation to develop and refine the IDP for each participant collaboratively.
- Create a unique plan covering each participant's various grantsmanship skill development and training areas.
- Focus on initial grant-funded research and advancing a strategy for sustaining a comprehensive research program.
- Serve as a roadmap to reach long-term grantsmanship goals.

### Application Requirements

Questions? Please contact Jeff Hallam @ [jhallam1@kent.edu](mailto:jhallam1@kent.edu) or 330-672-0679

Applicants must submit:

- Signed cover page
- One letter of reference speaking to demonstrated academic high potential, including how the nominee has made significant intellectual contributions to published work and has a clear goal for their proposed research (proposing a new approach to a research problem that may make a significant contribution to the research field is highly valued). If already identified, please also submit potential funding notice(s) and potential federal agencies for which to write a grant proposal.
- Updated CV

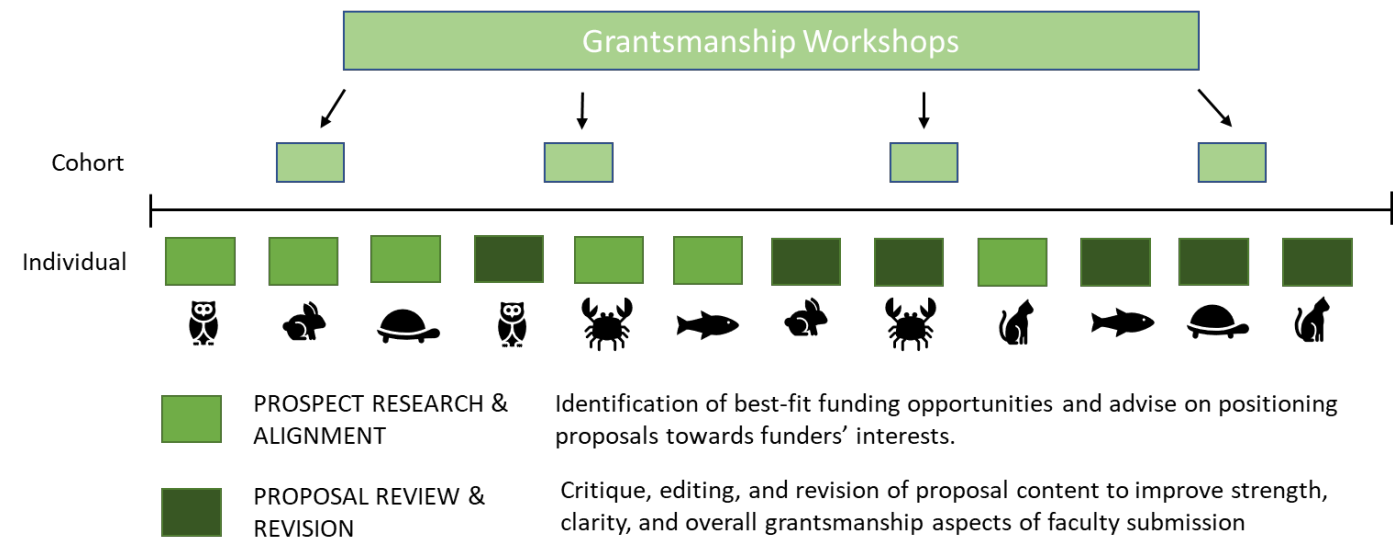
Applications must be emailed to [hcric@kent.edu](mailto:hcric@kent.edu) and include the requirements noted. The HCRI Steering Committee, the HCRI Director, and the Associate Director will evaluate and select all eligible applications.

Criteria for selection:

1. Must be an HCRI Member
2. Must be a Tenure-Track/Tenured Kent State University faculty member
3. Must agree to submit an external grant proposal no later than September 30, 2024.
4. Must agree to participate in the Grant Academy workshops.
5. Faculty planning to submit a federal grant will be prioritized.

Specific meeting times for the workshops and individual consultations have not been set. Grant Academy members will work with Hanover Grant experts to set individual meetings and timelines for other services.

Four grantsmanship workshops (delivered online) will be scheduled, and faculty selected for the Academy must participate in the workshops. The sessions will be delivered across the academic year and selected according to the cohort's needs and interests. There will also be individual consultations with Hanover grant expert to develop the individual plan across the academic year. Each Academy member will receive two Hanover projects, selecting from Prospect Research and Alignment and Proposal Review and Revision.



Hanover Grant Experts will work with individual faculty on their timeline for completing these services

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AND RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**About Hanover Research.** Hanover Research is a grants consulting firm in Arlington, Virginia that provides grant development and strategic advising support to higher education clients. Hanover's grants professionals deliver customized proposal review, revision, and production support while also helping to align its client's needs and strategic priorities to funding trends and federal, state, and foundation grant opportunities. Hanover has helped its higher education clients achieve over \$800 million in grant funding for research and programmatic needs. For more information on Hanover Research, please use this link: [www.hanoverresearch.com/about-us/](http://www.hanoverresearch.com/about-us/)

**About the Healthy Communities Research Institute.** Kent State University has long been the home of innovative and impactful research in health and wellness. The HCRI builds on this strength and brings together faculty, students, staff, and institutional partners committed to tackling some of our day's most pressing health issues. Launched as part of KSU's strategic roadmap, HCRI is a collective enterprise that promotes transdisciplinary research and endeavors to build connections between researchers at Kent State. HCRI is a collaborative endeavor that thrives on our members' diversity of scholarship and research foci. Our diversity is further enhanced by including health practitioners, advocates, and educators in HCRI; without them, it is impossible to translate research into meaningful action. [www.kent.edu/hcri](http://www.kent.edu/hcri)

**About the Division of Research and Economic Development (RAED).** RAED's experienced staff help in proposal development, including budget preparation, completion of forms, routing of proposals for institutional signatures, and submission. D-RED provides pre-award services to faculty working on grant proposals and post-award services, including financial grant management, compliance monitoring, and reporting. RAED also assists with coordinating multidisciplinary, inter-campus, and inter-institutional research collaborations, manages KSU's internal funding programs, and provides administrative support to KSU's Compliance Committees, including the Institutional Review Board and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). <https://www.kent.edu/research>



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