CICASP Seminar in Science Communication: Outline

Wednesday 17th April, 2019
Outline: CICASP Seminar #101

Grant Writing Masterclass

It's that time of year again where hopeful graduate students will be writing their grants for the DC1 or DC2 fellowships from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), which are do in early April. Each year, we take this opportunity to introduce students to the art of grant writing. While the focus might be on the JSPS format, the concepts are broadly applicable to any grant students may wish to apply for. Therefore, we highly recommend all of you to attend.

This is a block of two workshops, in which we will first introduce you to to the grant writing process (on Wednesday April 17th) and provide a number of tips to consider when preparing your application. Along the way, we look also at key grant statistics regarding the JSPS-DC1/2 system, go over the JSPS application form and what is expected in each section, and then work toward transforming research ideas into concrete, understandable and fundable research proposal. The second workshop (Wednesday April 24th) will more specifically go over current applications to be submitted to JSPS by students, providing advice toward building competitive applications based on the concepts discussed in the previous week.

So, come out and learn more about the wonderful world of grant writing - something all of us spend a lot of time on as researchers, and can always improve through practice and critical thinking. For any veterans of the process, we also look forward to your experience and wisdom in helping those just starting out make the best step forward.

*Any students interested in having their proposal discussed in the workshop should submit their JSPS application to us by Wednesday April 24th @ 12pm.

**This workshop is planned to be a joint PRI-WRC workshop using the video conferencing system.

Schedule of Upcoming CICASP workshops

April Block (17, 24) - *Grant Writing Masterclass*
- JSPS fellowship applications, general grant writing concepts and tips, communication skills

May Block (15, 22, 29) - *Publish or Perish: a walk through the publication process*
- submitting a paper, creating a cover letter, dealing with editors, reviewers and online submission systems

June Block (5, 12(?), 19; July 3) - *Presenting Effectively for dummies*
- basic concepts in presenting effectively, contrasting good and 'bad' talks, practice for upcoming conferences

July Block (7, 17, 31) - *Visual Storytelling: a picture is worth (at least) a 250 word abstract*
- practice developing (multimedia) visual aids for science communication to variable audiences, develop resources for upcoming events (e.g. CICASP 10th Anniversary, 12th International PWS Symposium (September 2019), etc.