

Wednesday 22nd November, 2017

**Summary: CICASP Seminar 69
Grant Writing Workshop**

This was the second and final in a block of two seminars on writing grant proposals. Last week, four pairs of students were assigned an article written by Prof. Chapman. Each pair first gave a brief synopsis of the planned research. They stated their two chosen target grant agencies/funders and the two different strategies they would use to make the proposal attractive to the different funding sources. They then gave a total budget, with a breakdown of costs per expense (travel, accommodation, park permit fees, etc.). The research ranged from eco-toxicology to computer-based modelling. Suggested strategies included going for a pure science angle to conservation more broadly and endangered species more specifically. Prof. Chapman, having written all these papers, gave feedback on the actual sources of funding used and how realistic each budget estimate was. Be creative in your search for funding sources and take care to pitch your project proposal in a manner that will appeal to your selected target agency.

Wednesday 29th November, 2017

**Outline: CICASP Seminar 70
Practice Presentations**

This will be an opportunity for students to practice their presentations for the PRI Interdisciplinary Seminar, on 14th December. The CICASP Team offers students the opportunity to practise their talk/poster and get valuable feedback. You do not have to have your talk/poster finalised. Students have been able to improve their presentation by applying the feedback gained from sessions such as this. We want to give students the chance to present to a small, friendly, helpful audience to leave them well-prepared for more formal presentations.