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PRESENT:

GRANT PROPOSAL WRITING:

Do You Really Understand What Peer-Review Means?

12 pm Tuesday, October 2, 2007
Robert M. Bird Library Auditorium

*Lunch will be served to the first 50 attendees
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Objective:

To provide a realistic and practical perspective of the grant writing and review process and the writer's obligations in this process to increase their chance of success.

Introduction: We all know what peer-review means, right? It means that people with similar interests, expertise, and qualifications are assembled on a committee for the purpose of providing objective scientific evaluation of research proposals for funding. They have agreed to do this because they are interested in contributing to the advancement of science by providing this service. Or does it? Exactly how these issues relate to the grant writing and review process will be explored as it impacts each section of the typical **NIH Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Application**. However, many of these points apply equally well to other research grant applications.

Some Points to Be Considered:

- Do the reviewers really want to read my proposal?
- Are the reviewers interested in my research?
- Are the reviewers experts in the area of research that is the focus of my proposal?
- Will the reviewers make the effort to understand my proposal and its significance/importance?
- What do I really know about the reviewers of my proposal?
- What do I want the reviewers to know by the time they finish reading my proposal?