

## **Grant Writing Seminar 2020**

BOT 6935 course# 21704;

ZOO 6927 course# 21719

Wednesday, 4th and 5th periods

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### Objectives

To introduce graduate students to the process of grant writing for various different types of grants (short grants such as a Sigma Xi, moderate-sized grants, and longer NSF-style grants). Students are encouraged to write grants related to their research interests (e.g. likely dissertation topics). Class also covers issues such finding grants, reviewing grants, understanding how to build budget, broader impacts, and related topics. An emphasis is also put on peer review, allowing students to read different grants (to get exposure to different ways to write a grant), and to provide feedback to the grant writers. The course is geared at early career graduate students, either MS or PhD. The class is open to students of any department, though the focus will be on grants in the biological sciences. The class schedule and assignment details will be posted in on the class e-learning site.

### Grading:

Students are expected to attend the course each week, come prepared, and participate in discussions. Grades will be based on completion of a short (500 word) Sigma Xi-style grant (15%), reviews of Sigma Xi grants (10%), completion of a mid-sized grant (15%), reviews of mid-sized grants (10%), completion of a longer (e.g. 8 page) NSF-formatted grant, including many of the NSF additional documents (25%), reviews of the longer grants (10%). The remaining 15% is based on participation in course activities, including being prepared for class discussions, particularly discussing small grants, sharing ideas, and the mock grant panel.

Students will be allowed to miss one class, but must make arrangements with the instructor if more than one class will be missed. Information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points can be found at:

<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>

**Accommodation for Disabilities:** Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

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No textbooks are required for this course. Information on readings (when required) will be posted on the class e-learning site.