# NIH AND YOU:
# AN OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM FUNDING AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION
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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008 – Life Sciences Research Building, D’Ambra Auditorium**

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| 8:30a.m.-9:15a.m. | INSIDE THE NIH 2009  
*Dr. Sally Rockey, Deputy Director, Office of Extramural Research (OER), Office of the Director, NIH*  
NIH welcome! An overview of what’s in store for FY’09, including a change in leadership, the budget, new investigator programs, public access, and peer review. |
| 9:15a.m.-9:45a.m. | FUNDAMENTALS OF THE NIH GRANTS PROCESS  
*George, Gardner, Assistant Grants Policy Officer, Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA), NIH*  
Trying to grasp the NIH Grants Process? Where does it start…What happens during Peer Review…How long until I get my award…Who do I call at NIH? This overview of the NIH Grants Process provides the basics: NIH structure, NIH staff roles and responsibilities, mechanisms of support, as well as general contact information, and more. |
| 9:45a.m.-10:30a.m. | NIH CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES & LRP OVERVIEW  
*Dr. Milton Hernandez, Director, Office of Special Populations and Research Training, National Institute on Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), NIH*  
What does NIH offer in terms of NIH Training Grants, Fellowships, and Career Development Awards? This session will provide highlights of these career development opportunities. A brief overview of the NIH Loan Repayment Program (LRP) will follow. |
| 10:30a.m.-10:45a.m. | BREAK                                                               |
| 10:45a.m.-12:00p.m. | A PEER INTO THE NIH REVIEW PROCESS & GRANT WRITING FOR SUCCESS  
*Dr. Michael Sesma, Health Scientist Administrator, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), NIH*  
*Dr. Roger Sorensen, Program Officer, Division of Basic Neuroscience and Behavioral Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), NIH*  
*Dr. Cheryl Frye, Professor, Department of Psychology, The University at Albany-SUNY*  
Are you a new or junior investigator? Do you need assistance in preparing the scientific portions of an application? How about a better understanding of how the NIH peer review process works and how to improve your chance of getting funded? NIH experts will provide information on the peer review process, correcting typical misconceptions, providing insights and helpful hints on preparing an application, and offering tips on avoiding common mistakes in writing a grant application. |
| 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. | LUNCH (Brown Bag or lunch on your own at the Campus Center)          |
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. | BUDGET BASICS FOR INVESTIGATORS  
George, Gardner, Assistant Grants Policy Officer, Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA), NIH  
Dr. Michael Sesma, Health Scientist Administrator, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), NIH  
Dr. Roger Sorensen, Program Officer, Division of Basic Neuroscience and Behavioral Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), NIH  
Guidance is often requested from NIH staff on how to calculate, develop, and defend a budget request. This session will provide you with the basics you need and the people who can help.

2:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m. | BREAK

2:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. | INTERACTING ELECTRONICALLY WITH NIH  
Sheri Cummins, eRA Customer Relationship Manager, NIH  
Scarlett Gibb, Lead eRA Customer Relationship Manager, NIH  
Learn how to utilize the NIH resources available for finding grant opportunities, applying for opportunities, tracking applications and awards, and meeting reporting requirements electronically. This session provides a high level overview geared towards less experienced users.

3:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m. | FACE TO FACE WITH THE NIH: Q&A  
NIH Panel  
What questions do you have for our entire panel? Here's your chance to get a final answer in a fun, interactive finale with the panel today!

4:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m. | BREAK

4:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. | CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE NIH KIND: Breakout sessions with NIH Officials (Note: Remote viewing not available)  
Bring your Institute-specific and advanced questions to the NIH Faculty in a smaller environment for a more intimate conversation.

THANK YOU!