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'Writing Winning Grant Proposals' Grant Writing Workshop

OVPR will host "Writing Winning Grant Proposals" from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, 2019, in the Bernhard Center Ballroom. This all-day grant writers workshop is facilitated by [Lauren Broyles, Ph.D.](#) from Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops.

Broyles earned her degree in nursing from the University of Pittsburg and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Addiction Health Services Research with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, at the VA's Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP). She works as a Research Health Scientist at CHERP. Dr. Broyles has been awarded competitive extramural funding from the NIH, the Veterans Health Administration and various non-federal foundation sources.

Selection of participants will be by nomination, in one of two ways: Researchers may self-nominate, using the button below to access the survey. The **deadline** to self-nominate has now closed.

SELF-NOMINATION

Deans may nominate faculty (up to 12) within their college, using the button below to access the survey. The **deadline** for deans to submit their nominations has now closed.

DEAN NOMINATION

Confirmation emails of selected participants will be sent out by Feb. 28, 2019.

NSF Major Research Instrumentation Grant

Contact: [Diana Berkshire-Hearit](#)

Nov. 12, 2018

Western Michigan University recently was awarded a National Science Foundation grant of \$621,618, from the Major Research Instrumentation Program. [Clement Burns](#), professor of physics, is the principal investigator and lead on this grant. Also included in the team led by Burns are four Co-PIs: [Lisa M. Paulius](#) and [Asghar Kayani](#), physics; [Pnina Ari-Gur](#), mechanical and aerospace engineering; and [Ekkehard Sinn](#), chemistry.

The award supports the acquisition of a Quantum Design Physical Properties Measurement System (PPMS) at WMU. According to the NSF description of this project, the instrument will provide a powerful new capability for measurements of electrical, magnetic, thermal and optical properties of a wide variety of materials under different conditions. Beyond the four departments at WMU that benefit from the PPMS, the instrument will serve as a local resource for a research hub, including five nearby colleges and universities. Students from all these institutions will gain valuable experience using the state-of-the-art instrument for their research and education. Community outreach to local high schools will offer opportunities to participate in long-term research.

NSF CAREER Workshop

NSF FACULTY EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CAREER) WORKSHOP

[Faculty Early Career Development \(CAREER\) Program](#) is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization. Activities pursued by early-career faculty should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research.

Workshop will take place on Friday, Feb. 15, 2019, 1 to 5 p.m. at the Fetzer Center, room 1040.

Contact [Sarah Pratt](#), Senior Research Program Officer, if interested and need additional information about qualifications.

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Workshop for Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award Available | Nov. 26

FRACAA workshop will be offered on Wed., Dec. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. in room 125 E. Walwood (Graduate Student Commons). More information about this [internal funding award](#) is available.





Make a Difference is a campuswide peer-to-peer program that recognizes Western Michigan University staff for their accomplishments and daily investment of energy and creativity. It features semiannual and annual awards available to Staff Compensation System, AFSCME, MSEA and POA employees who provide exceptional services to the University.

[Make a Difference poster](#)