Free Online Grant Training

The Illinois Department of Human Services, Office of Grants Administration is currently offering "Online Training in Grant Writing" to assist individuals with their grant writing efforts.

This three-part online training—which is provided at no cost—teaches the essentials of writing and acquiring grants. The training is comprised of three 30-minute segments, each held on a different day. If you are not available on the scheduled date, there are options open to attend on another date.

The first cycle for 2014 begins January 14, 2014. Registration is limited to 100 people for this cycle.

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New Login Page for Turnitin.com

In early January, Turnitin will be making a change to its website, replacing the “Sign In” fields at the top of each webpage with a “Log In” button. Clicking the “Log In” button will take users to a new login page where they can log in with their email address and password. This change will not impact users accessing Turnitin via an LMS integration.

Users can bookmark this new login page which will load faster and provide quick links to helpful resources.

To stay current on the latest updates from Turnitin, follow @TurnitinProduct on Twitter and visit the What’s New page on the Turnitin website. To learn more upcoming features and improvements, to suggest new features, or view full release notes, log in to Turnitin and click on the Feedback link.

APPEALING APPS & SITES

App: MagicalPad
Price: FREE!
(limited time)
Organize your ideas and improve productivity—for taking notes, creating outlines, mind mapping, brainstorming, doodling, and more. Learn more at www.magicalpad.com.

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Looking Forward

CTRE Writing Workshops

The CTRE is excited to help you explore writing in new ways and with fresh perspectives with its 2013-2014 faculty development theme, “Writing for Success.”

“Publish and Flourish: Become a Prolific Scholar”
with Dr. Tara Gray
February 7, 2014
Time TBA / LIB 301

“Microblogging: A New Opportunity to Encourage Writing”
with Dr. Cheryl Boncuore and Aurora Reinke
Week of March 17, 2014
Time TBA / LIB 301

Lunch will be included for both workshops.

To register, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498. Visit bit.ly/csuwrite to learn more about these and other workshops in the Writing for Success series.

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To register online, click the following link: http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=64518.

Upon completion of the entire three-part series, you will:
- have tools that will help with the planning and organizing required prior to the actual writing of a grant application
- understand the fundamental elements of a grant proposal
- learn how to prepare the narrative portion of the grant application including:
  1) problem statement
  2) goals and objectives
  3) program design and methodology
  4) logic model
  5) staffing and management plan
  6) organizational capacity
  7) evaluation plan
  8) budget
  9) sustainability plan
  10) abstract and
  11) supplemental documents

If you would like to know more about this program, contact Denise Eligan, Bureau Chief, IDHS Office of Grants Administration at (312) 793-3599 or Denise.Eligan@illinois.gov. You can also visit: http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=64517.

Note that this program has no affiliation to the CTRE grants program.