Engaging the Arts and Humanities in Extramural and Collaborative Research

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UA Institutional overview

- land grant
- 21 colleges
- 3,200 faculty & 43,000 students
- >$606M research expenditures in 2016
- $8.3B per year impact to state of AZ
UA investment in research development

- Associate VP for Research in Arts, Humanities, and Society
- Seed funding
- Research Development Services
  - Arts and Humanities Associate (serving 500 faculty in 3 colleges)
  - Honorifics Associate
- Colleges, institutes, and museums
What we’ve learned

- Arts and humanities are everywhere.
- Fun fact: 1st NEA grant RDS helped with was from College of Medicine
Early career researchers

- Frame research into fundable ideas
- New to grantsmanship
Packaging the humanities

- Faculty #1 priority: “I need time to write my book.”
- Sabbaticals and honorifics
- Real life applications
- Multidisciplinary collaborations
- External partners
Museums as places for “seeing”

- Family Day and Meet a Scientist
- Portal to the Public
Challenges

- Breaking with tradition
- Impact!
- Make it applicable
- Translate needs to fundable ideas
- I need light bulbs!
- Mail Order Brides!
DISCUSSION TOPIC 1: Challenges

- Independent brainstorm: Begin completing the challenges section
  - (2 min)
- Talk to one neighbor: unique, similar?
  - (1 minute each)
- Report out to group
  - (6 min)
Summary
Faculty engagement programs

- College-focused programs
- Institute-focused programs
- University initiatives

OUTCOMES: Engage faculty in funding; establish collaborative teams; grow research base and campus connectivity
Campus community interaction

- Strategic planning committees
- Hiring committees
- Internal funding review committees
- Becoming part of the community
Leverage campus resources

- International support office/Study Abroad office
- Teaching support center
- Scientists
- Limited submissions
- Foundation
- Sponsored projects
Ideas for any size institution

Your efforts will be appreciated!
DISCUSSION TOPIC 2: Solutions

- Independent Brainstorm: what are solutions that might work on your campus? (2 min)
- Talk to your other neighbor (2 min)
- Report out (6 min)
Summary and Q&A
QUESTIONS

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