The Little RD Office that Could

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Resilience in a Shifting Research Landscape

- Strategy
- Stepping outside of your comfort zone
- Persevere

Finding the Resolve to Tackle the Perils of Programming
Our Programming Inheritance

2015 - Present
Successes/improvements

Finding Funding Workshop → → → Funding Your Research and InfoEd SPIN Database Training
SPIN Training Success & Style

- Must come with funding need/idea for project that needs funding
- In a computer lab
- 90 percent of the workshop is spent with participants using the database
Grant Proposal Writing Overview

Existing components
- Overview of the grant process
- Overview of the timeline of writing a grant proposal
- Basic parts of a proposal
- The pitfalls
- 1.5 hours

Added components
- Writing exercises
- Quizzes

“I needed a starting point so all the information was helpful.”
## Fixer Upper - University Research Council Internal Grant Writing Circles

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<td>Fall 2015</td>
<td>Once a week for 3 weeks</td>
<td>10 participants</td>
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<td>Once a week for 6 weeks</td>
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"An excellent use of time & energy."

"Well worth the time investment."
Flop - APPLYosef
Appalachian Proposal Preparation Lab

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<td>Once-a-week for the whole semester, drop-in</td>
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<td>Fall 2017 - Spring 2018</td>
<td>8 months</td>
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Designed to assist grant-ready faculty develop their idea for funding and prepare a quality, review-ready proposal with valuable information and support from grant-experienced facilitators.
Metrics

- Participant Evaluations
- Touchpoints
  - URC
    - 36 out of 75 (48%)
- Program/Course Evaluation
Logistics

- Attendance
- Timing
- Faculty workload
- Presentation style
- Marketing
- Cross departmental collaborations
- Webinars
- Other?