**EPA Workshop – March 2, 2023**

**Getting the Grant: Understanding Private Funder Requirements and Grant Writing Strategies**

**Description:**

Seeking research funding is an increasingly competitive process and preparing a successful grant application can be a challenging and time-consuming exercise. The goal of this session is to provide a brief overview of philanthropic funding for research projects. This workshop includes a panel of program staff from a prominent private funder supporting social science research and two grantee recipients who have also served as reviewers. With extensive experience evaluating proposals as part of the grant-making process, funder panelists will discuss how to develop and write a sound grant application. The panelists will present (1) funding priorities, (2) the grant writing and review process, (3) the basics of what makes a good grant proposal, and (4) the roles of the proposal applicant and reviewers. Grants recipients will discuss and provide insights about the application and review process from the grant-seeking side, as well as share their experience as external peer reviewers for both RSF and other funders.

Attendees of the course will then have an opportunity to join the foundation representatives and grantees in small groups to get advice, solicit feedback on potential research projects that may align with the funder, and ask questions about the processes. The small group format will also allow them to network and make some connections.

**About the Russell Sage Foundation:**

One of the oldest American foundations, the Russell Sage Foundation was established in 1907 for “the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States.” RSF is a research center, a funding source for studies by scholars at other academic and research institutions, and an active member of the nation’s social science community.

RSF funds innovative social science research in four main program areas and several special initiatives; supports visiting scholars, researchers, and journalists in residence at RSF; and publishes books based on the work of its grantees and visiting scholars and a peer-reviewed, open access journal that brings together original empirical research articles by both established and emerging scholars.

**Panelists:**

Jazmin Brown-Iannuzzi, Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Virginia

Leana Chatrath, Senior Program Officer,Russell Sage Foundation

Stephen Glauser, Program Officer,Russell Sage Foundation

[GRANTEE #2 – to be invited]

**Preliminary Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions – 15 minutes  
2. Russell Sage Foundation presentation – 15 minutes

3. Moderated discussion with Grantees/Reviewers – 1 hour

* Ask grantees/reviewers to share their experiences applying for funding and as external reviewers.

4. Break – 10 minutes

5. Small Group Q&A Session – 1 hour

* Break into 2 small groups, each led by a Foundation representative with a Grantee/Reviewer. The small groups will allow participants to get more tailored advice, quick feedback from a funder/reviewer/peers, and to network and make some connections.