

Pre-Award PRO TIPS



from the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects

October 24, 2017

Vol. 2, No. 6

Collaborating Across Disciplines

Many grant opportunities encourage, if not require, collaboration across disciplines. Beyond that, interdisciplinary education is considered a **High-Impact Educational Practice**.

In other words, in both research and pedagogy, thinking outside of your particular discipline has benefits.

But how do you find collaborative partnerships that work for you?

Below are a few ideas to jumpstart interdisciplinary collaborations:

- **Join a writing group.** A common misconception is that serious writing is a solitary endeavor. Research does not support that myth. Many people become more productive when in writing groups. Additionally, some people enjoy writing more when it becomes a social activity. **To learn more about UWG's faculty writing group, Wolf Writers, email Katy Green: kbgreen@westga.edu**





- **Connect with faculty with similar interests on Grantforward.** Under the Researchers Tab on Grantforward, you can either browse researcher profiles or search by research interest both within your institution and across all institutions. Don't necessarily limit your thinking about collaboration to within the community of UWG; excellent research emerges from cross-institutional collaboration.

- **Take advantage of existing opportunities to meet faculty and researchers across campus.**

Every semester there are many opportunities to meet people from other departments and colleges. For example, find an ORSP workshop that you would like to attend, and make sure to talk to the other attendees. For a greater depth of engagement, sign up for one of the Center for Teaching and Learning's multi-week faculty book groups. Meeting faculty in collaborative learning environments can spur ideas for shared projects.



- **Join the UWG Research Listserv.** If you have not already signed up for the Research Listserv, do so now! The Listserv includes RFP announcements and event announcements. Additionally, the more people participate in responding to the Listserv, the more we can grow a culture of research from which collaboration can emerge at UWG. Subscribe to UWGResearch-list by emailing akelley@westga.edu.



Questions?

Contact **Dr. Julie Hawk**

Office of Research and Sponsored
Projects:

jhawk@westga.edu