GRANTSUCCESS:

Q & A:

Q. "I have a novel idea. How might I determine its potential for extramural funding?"

A. Contact the coordinator Greg Macleod (link: macleodg@fau.edu) and tell him about the idea. He’ll suggest possible forums for brainstorming around the idea and testing its fundability. He will also ask you who you would like to involve in the process and invite them to participate at an agreed upon time and date.

Q. "I’ve written a proposal that I’d like to submit to NIH/NSF, but I’m just not sure if it is ready. How do I make sure I’ve given it my best shot?"

A. Contact the coordinator Greg Macleod (link: macleodg@fau.edu) and tell him about the proposal. Depending on your intended submission date, he might suggest that you send your proposal to several PIs on campus - with expertise in your field. This would be followed several weeks later by a forum where you present the proposal to the same PIs who have looked at your proposal.

Q. "I’ve submitted the same proposal to AHA and NIH and both have knocked it back. Where to from here?"

A. Contact the coordinator Greg Macleod (link: macleodg@fau.edu) and tell him about the proposal. He will probably suggest that you send your proposal to several PIs on campus - with expertise in your field. He would probably suggest that you also send along the AHA/NIH reviewer’s comments. This would be followed several weeks later by a forum where you present the proposal. While the situation for every primary participant is different, an indirect benefit of participating in this process is that senior PIs who critique your unfunded proposals could be strong advocates for you in any applications for BRIDGE FUNDING.

Q. "Who will be in the room when I present my proposal?"

A. No more than 4-7 people. The coordinator will be present, along with those PIs who were asked to look over your proposal. Several other individuals with expertise in techniques related to your proposal, but whom were not requested to review your proposal before the forum, may also be in attendance.

Q. "What exactly is the role of the coordinator?"

A. The coordinator provides a first contact point for ideas and proposals. The coordinator takes responsibility for organizing and populating brainstorming and critique venues, and for matching critics to proposals - all with input from the primary participant. The coordinator also takes responsibility for initiating discussions at proposal forums, and ensuring that primary participants leave forums with a clear course of action ahead of them.