Geography 509 (section 001):
GRANT PROPOSAL WRITING IN GEOGRAPHY
Wednesdays from 6:45 to 9:15 in 406 BGB

This 2-unit seminar/workshop is open to graduate students in all areas of geography who want to learn about and practice writing grant proposals. A goal for the seminar is for each participant to prepare and submit an actual grant proposal to a UT program or (preferably) to an outside program or agency. These can be proposals for small grants or big grants with "grant" in this sense also covering such things as contracts or even corporate donations. The point is to learn how to write proposals that will help you get resources for your work in geography. Faculty and advanced graduate students with grant-writing experience will be invited to attend and share their strategies for winning external funding. Some of our faculty have served on review panels for different grant programs and may be willing to share special “insider tips” with us. We will read and discuss articles and book chapters on grant proposal writing, as well as actual proposals (successful and not!) submitted by UT students. We will hold mock “panel reviews” and compare the ratings we give to proposals with actual ratings from review panels. We will also share with each other the proposals we are writing, to get input on our work and to sharpen our skills in helping others with their writing. In doing so we will, of course, learn more about each others' work and about geography and what it holds for each of us.