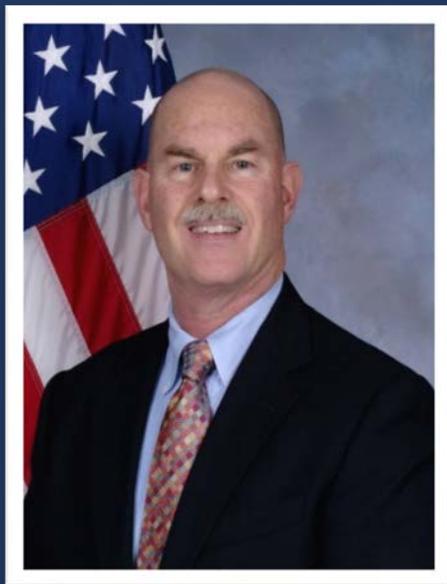


## Grant Training Services



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design, survey methodology, and interactive multimedia technology and HTML web protocols. Dr. Scheier has a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and Technology. He is Editor of four books including two APA Handbooks examining the causes and consequence of adolescent drug use and prevention of youth drug use.

## Grant Training Workshop

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This full day **Grant Training Workshop** focuses on four aspects of grant writing and collaboration:

Developing scientifically meritorious grant applications

The nature of fruitful scholarly collaboration

Creative grant writing skills, blending science + innovation

Source of funding for early career researchers

The **Grant Training Workshop** is recommended for individuals in the early stages of their careers and new to the grant writing process. Mid-career investigators may find useful the perspectives we apply from a “critical evaluation” standpoint, identifying how to improve grants, polish the writing style, and learn ways to forthrightly state the scientific premise backed by a firm knowledge of theory and research design. We use NIH grants as a framework but also direct our attention to international grants focused on collaboration, public health epidemiology, clinical trials, behavioral interventions, new technology grants (SBIR and STTR), and Foundation grants. The workshop includes hands-on group activities teaching “collaboration” skills and also drawing on the required creative insight that fuels scientific endeavor.

### **Key *strategies* and points of discussion include:**

- Building a credible abstract that “hooks” the reviewer
- Formulating clear and objective specific aims
- Stating explicit testable research hypotheses
- Elaborating study protocols (subject recruitment and retention strategies)
- Tying together statistical analyses with a logic plan
- Career development and academic success

**A workbook handout will be provided with access to web-based materials supporting the workshop.**