

A Workshop

# *Developing Competitive Research and Evaluation Questions*

**Monday, February 24, 2020**

**1:30 to 3:45**

**University Commons 171 A/B**

**Presenters**

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**Pre-Registration Required by Wednesday February 19:**

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The consulting firm McAllister & Quinn is working with the WP community to create more competitive applications for external support, develop or increase funding streams, and pursue other activities that further their client's mission.

Funding agencies are increasingly requiring that effective evaluation and assessment goes beyond the variety of metrics that demonstrate engagement and progress toward a set of goals and objectives. They are looking for research that builds on peer-reviewed findings and that has the potential to publish and add new knowledge to the growing library of evidence-based practices. This is especially true for projects that provide support for the retention and improved educational outcomes of undergraduate students. Resources like the US Department of Education's *What Works Clearinghouse* is a growing repository that offers educators at all levels tested and effective practices and strategies they can build on for their unique needs. By including expectations that funded projects include social science and education research perspectives and investigators, Federal sponsors are embedding expectations that peer-reviewed findings generated by projects will be made available to the broader education community.

The **Developing Competitive Research and Evaluation Questions** workshop will enable WP faculty and staff to strengthen evaluation and research questions and methodologies. The workshop will also enable WP faculty who are or may be interested in developing and then implementing these social science and education research components of projects to be prepared to participate and then publish outcomes. The strategies that will be covered during the workshop are not limited to externally sponsored projects but may be of value as WP seeks to identify and reinforce effective practices that support the enrollment, retention and success of our students.

**For information regarding the workshop please contact the  
Office of Sponsored Programs at 973-720-2852 or Martin Williams at [williamsm@wpunj.edu](mailto:williamsm@wpunj.edu).**