8:30 a.m.  GENERAL GRANT PROPOSAL WRITING CONCEPTS
Introduction to the Seminar
The three requirements needed for success in any application
Your idea
Your commitment
Your grantsmanship skills
Grant Application Contents – similarities of all formats

9:15 a.m.  UNDERSTANDING NIH FUNDING PRIORITIES
Funding opportunity announcements
The importance of Program Officers
Subscribe to electronic news services
Different funding mechanisms

10:15 a.m.  MORNING BREAK

10:30 a.m.  PREPARATION OF THE APPLICATION – General Concepts
How to create a compelling Specific Aims section

12:00 p.m.  LUNCH BREAK

1:00 p.m.  Approach (Work plan)
Rigor and Reproducibility
Authentication Plan
Significance
Background and Preliminary Studies
Innovation
Biographical Sketches and Environment

2:30 p.m.  AFTERNOON BREAK

2:45 p.m.  Budget – general concepts
Titles
Project Summary/Narrative
Critical internal review of your proposal

3:15 p.m.  THE REVIEW PROCESS
The concept of peer review
Common assumptions about peer review
The importance of identifying your reviewers
Recommending or excluding reviewers
Implicit vs. explicit review criteria
Review and procedures
Resubmission of scored and triaged applications

4:30 p.m.  ADJOURNMENT