

Summary of GRANT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP at UNBC (August 20 and 21, 2025)

This workshop will address the 'start-to-finish' of developing a competitive funding proposal. It is designed to be useful for researchers at any career stage, from any discipline, and to be relevant to any funding agency.

This year, the workshop will be delivered in-person, and will be delivered over two days, as follows:

Wednesday, August 20

Morning (9:00 am-Noon)	Proposal Development (Find, Frame, Finesse)	Strategies for competitive grants
Afternoon (1:00-4:00 pm)	Focus Session #1 - Planning & Mapping	Focus on making a feasible plan

Thursday, August 21

Morning (9:00 am-Noon)	Focus Session #2 - Refining & Finalizing	Focus on crafting a persuasive proposal
Afternoon (1:00-4:00 pm)	Focus Session #3 – Resubmitting	Focus on resubmitting an application

SESSIONS

Proposal Development (Find, Frame, Finesse)

This 3h session will cover the complete cycle of proposal development (making the plan + crafting the proposal).

Focus Session #1 - Planning & Mapping

This 3h session will address strategies for making a feasible plan (aligning with funder; research project, team, budget).

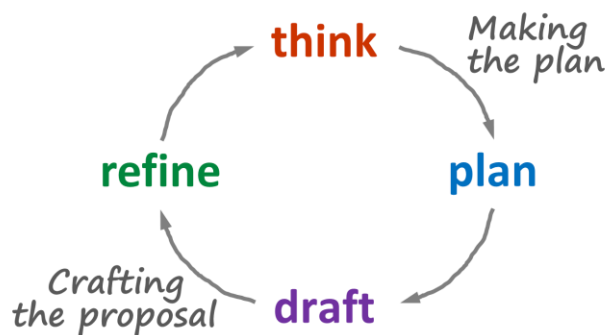
Feasibility is a key review factor for most funding.

Focus Session #2 – Refining & Finalizing

This 3h session will address strategies for crafting an excellent proposal that is clear and readable, and addresses the funder's instructions and review criteria.

Focus Session #3 – Resubmitting

This 3h session will address strategies for revising and resubmitting an unsuccessful application.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Dawn McArthur is a scientist who has held senior research development positions since 1999, first at SFU and since 2003 at the Children's & Women's Health Centre of BC, where there are two UBC research institutes [BC Children's Hospital Research Institute (BCCHR) and Women's Health Research Institute (WHRI)]. Dr. McArthur was recruited to the Children's & Women's campus to establish and lead the Research & Technology Development Office (RTDO), where she has a system-wide mandate to enhance research excellence, capacity, and competitiveness of the campus's multi-disciplinary research community. The RTDO is a small unit of highly trained specialists and has an exceptional record for success, helping to bring in nearly \$500 million in external funding. Dr McArthur works with researchers from all fields, from arts/design to zoology. She gives workshops and webinars in Canada and abroad on various topics related to grants and research development.
