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Date: December 5, 2025; 8:30am – 5:00pm

Location: Pima Community College, Downtown Campus; Advanced Manufacturing Building, Azurite Room (3rd floor)

Address: 1255 N. 10th Avenue.

Parking: (free) Park in the west lot, enter breezeway, find elevator on the left in the "Welding" lobby, and take to 3rd floor.

8:30am

Check-in & Breakfast

Continental breakfast provided

9:00am

Welcome

Irene Robles-Lopez, Vice Chancellor, Student Experience, Pima Community College (PCC)

9:10am

Welcome & Institute Overview

Marla Franco, Special Advisor, HSI Initiatives (HSII), The University of Arizona (UA)

9:20am

Tabletop Introductions

Prompts: Why are you here today? What do you hope to learn? Who do you hope to meet?

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HSIs & Servingness 101

Karla Silva, Director, HSII, UA

9:40am

Reimagine, Reframe and Pivot: Responding to a Changing Grant Seeking Landscape

Riley McIsaac, Director, Grants Development, HSII, UA

10:00am

BREAK

10:15am

Rural Roots, Shared Futures: Reimagining Pathways for Partnership and Student Success

Jarett Lujan, Assistant Director, Research Development and Communications, Texas Tech

Ashlee Linares-Gaffer, Associate Professor of Practice, Nutritional Sciences (UA)

11:00am

PANEL #1: Engaging with Foundations 101

Lumina Foundation

Arizona Community Foundation

Moderator: Marla Franco, Special Advisor, HSII, UA

12:00pm

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12:45pm

PANEL #2

Seed & Internal Grant Awards: Lessons Learned

Moderator: Danielle Barefoot, Associate, International Research, UA

1:45pm

Strategic Networking to Sustain Our Mission

Courtney Coffey, Senior Research Development Associate, UA
Jen Fields, Director, Office of Societal Impacts, UA
Mara Lopez, Research Director, HSII, UA

2:35pm

Break & transition to breakout sessions

Break-out room is M-110

-----Breakout Sessions-----

2:50pm

Introduction to the GATE Grant Funding Opportunity

Location: Main room

Mara Lopez, Research Director, HSII, UA
Charmaine Chidester, Director, Grants, Eastern Arizona College

Connecting the Dots: Leveraging Institutional Data for Your Future Grant Proposal

Location: Room M-110

Kendra Thompson-Dyck, Director, Assessment and Research, UA
Megan Forecki, Institutional Assessment Lead, UA
David Arellano, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Services and Onboarding, PCC

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3:35pm

Transition back to main conference room

3:45pm

The Art of Intentional GrantsPERSONship

·Riley McIsaac, Director, Grants Development, HSII, UA

4:05pm

HSI Models & Frameworks

Judy Marquez Kiyama, Professor, Educational Policy Studies & Practice, UA

4:50pm

Closing

Marla Franco, Special Advisor, HSII, UA

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