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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**  
Grant Writing Workshop  
Ece Yaprak, Ph.D., Program Director  
Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM

The goal of this session is to discuss various funding opportunities offered through the Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE) at the National Science Foundation (NSF). The intended audience for the session includes those eligible to submit and other project stakeholders such as:

- 2-year and 4-year college and university faculty members in STEM and STEM education
- 2-year and 4-year college and university administrators
- STEM industry representatives
- Institutional, educational, discipline-based educational, and social/behavioral science researchers

This workshop will be presented by NSF Program Directors from the Education & Human Resources (EHR) Directorate at NSF. The workshop will be interactive as attendees will be open to ask questions freely during the presentation.

### AGENDA

- NSF History and Organization
- NSF Funding Opportunities
  - ATE - Advanced Technological Education
  - IUUSE: EHR - Improving Undergraduate STEM Education
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## Improve Your Online Courses!

### Keynote Presentation

"Virtual Engagement: How Gamification Can Improve the Distance Learning Experience"

Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:00 AM

Dr. Hap Aziz



For the past three decades, Dr. Hap Aziz has been transforming learning through play as an educator, interactive experience designer, and learning technology visionary. Hap has worked extensively to invent new ways of providing compelling experiences in both physical and virtual learning spaces. Hap has partnered with dozens of colleges and universities to launch complete learning ecosystems, online academic programs, and professional development training that considers pedagogy through the lens of narrative, interactivity, and engagement. In previous lives, Hap has developed commercial software, and his children's storybook "Tonio Tee" is on exhibit in The Strong Museum of Play as an example of an innovative education experience. His current game project, the "Historical Williamsburg Living Narrative," was cited by the NMC Horizon Report as an effective use of gamification in support of learning.

Hap has served on the Board of the International Game Developers Association and was responsible for the merger between the Computer Game Developers Association and the International Game Developers Network. Hap launched the first game design degree program at Full Sail University, and he has designed, advised, and managed digital design, game, and technology programs at several higher education institutions. Hap currently serves as an advisor to MyColLife and MindEdge, two innovative education technology software companies, and he is one of the design advisors to the Revolutionary Learning 2016 conference on the use of games in education. An accomplished speaker on technology, education, and play, Hap both presents at conferences and appears on television to discuss learning and technology topics of the day. Hap holds a BA degree in Computer Science from Rollins College, an M.Ed. from Nova Southeastern University, and he obtained his Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Florida.

## Scholarly Publishing Workshop

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM

*The Journal of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (JTMAE)* will be offering a Scholarly Publishing workshop at the 2016 Annual Conference. This workshop will look at the "ins and outs" of writing for *JTMAE* and similar journals -i.e., Epsilon Pi Tau's *Journal of Technology Studies*.

In addition, it will briefly address themes such as:

- Development of a research or publication agenda
- Topic identification
- The writing process
- Manuscript organization
- Formatting and writing concerns

This workshop will address some of the frequently cited reasons that when improved can increase the likelihood of acceptance:

- Characteristics of a successful submission
- Types of research that are published
- Production of a camera-ready copy

The workshop will also visit recent matters of significance, such as the ethical and legal standards in publishing, as well as predatory publishers and journals. These issues continue to receive more attention in all disciplines. A Q&A session will close out the workshop.

**ATMAE Mentoring Program:  
Building an Exchange of Ideas  
Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:00 PM**

Join ATMAE Leadership in the development of a new program designed specifically for those who are interested in collaborating with faculty interested in similar issues across ATMAE's wide national spectrum.

The Exchange is being developed to become an online community within the ATMAE family. Its primary use is to connect senior faculty, tenure track faculty and research students with like minded individuals, within ATMAE, who share similar research interests. Through these exchanges, collaborative research projects and possible grant teams can be created, which will be of benefit to all those involved.

In addition to this, the Exchange can be used to answer questions related to either research, teaching methods, or even to just ask advice. It is hoped that in the future the Exchange will become a portal for career mentoring of junior faculty and graduate students who wish to enter the higher education profession.

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