

Getting the Administration to Support Your GAANN Proposal

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Who do you need?

- Need one committed faculty member
- Need part time of one bookkeeper/staff for administration
- Need support from Chair/Dean/Graduate Division for financial cost sharing

Why Support of GAANN is Logical

- Your campus already supports GAANN priorities
 - Recruitment of **U.S. citizens** and **diverse** students
 - **Financial support** of needy graduate students
 - **Teaching training**
 - **Mentoring**
 - **Tracking** of students
 - Bringing in **grant dollars**
- Find out which administrative programs support these priorities – work with them
 - Graduate Division
 - Research/Grant/Sponsored Projects Division
 - Financial Aid
 - Teaching Centers
 - Departments

Once you begin...

- Disciplines compete in different GAANN areas of national need (except Engineering) → cooperation model
- Offer to debrief colleagues in other units upon return
- See if someone familiar with the GAANN program can review draft proposals for program responsiveness – other faculty can do this
- Letters of financial commitment for cost sharing – once made, have a template
- Department administrators can share accounting approaches

GAANN Oversight/Coordinating Committee

- Composition of GAANN Oversight Committee
 - GAANN principal investigators (PIs)
 - Graduate Dean
 - Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center Director
 - Director, Graduate Preparation and Student Programs
- Goal to share ideas and challenges
 - recruitment success
 - status of students in their academic and teaching training progress
 - difficulties in management or fiscal compliance
 - tracking of grad students post degree
- Committee feedback to the PIs and staff is intended to strengthen all the GAANN programs on campus, and provides an opportunity to share successful strategies observed in other programs