Campus Champions – Important Events of Interest

Upcoming XSEDE Research Allocation Deadlines

The XSEDE Research Allocations Committee (XRAC) reviews and makes resource allocation awards on a quarterly basis. As a rule of thumb, research allocation proposals are due by the 15th day of each calendar quarter for allocations that would, if awarded, start at the beginning of the next calendar quarter. Research allocations are one year in duration. The proposal deadlines for the next five review and award cycles are as follows:

Proposal Deadline	For Allocations to Start	For Allocations to End
October 15, 2012	January 1, 2013	December 31, 2013
January 15, 2013	April 1, 2013	March 31, 2014
April 15, 2013	July 1, 2013	June 30, 2014
July 15, 2013	October 1, 2013	September 30, 2014
October 15, 2013	January 1, 2014	December 31, 2014

Note: Startup, Education and Campus Champion allocation requests are accepted, reviewed and approved on a continuing basis (no deadlines). However, please allow at least two weeks for such requests to be reviewed and allocated.

Campus Champion Monthly Conference Calls

The XSEDE Campus Champions community meets once per month (in most months) via conference call. The monthly call usually includes a web-based presentation of agenda topics, issues for discussion and presentation slides. The call is a valuable opportunity for Campus Champions to meet, hear updates regarding the Campus Champions program and XSEDE, and discuss issues of mutual interest in the Campus Champions community.

The dial-in coordinates and website address for the monthly calls will be distributed just prior to each call.

Note: All calls are at 3 PM (ET) on the third Tuesday of the month, unless you hear otherwise. Specific dates are provided on the following page.

July 2012 (No Call Meeting @ XSEDE 12)	November 2012 (No Call Meeting @ SC12)	March 19, 2013
August 21, 2012	December 18, 2012	April 16, 2013
September 18, 2012	January 15, 2013	May 21, 2013
October 16, 2012	February 19, 2013	June 18, 2013

User Engagement Monthly Conference Calls

The XSEDE User Engagement team has a monthly call to create a link between user support staff at the Service Providers (SPs), Campus Champions, and XSEDE Staff in order to gather internal and external feedback for transmission to the proper entities within XSEDE. This is effectively a monthly Birds-of-a-Feather meeting with the expected outcome being smoother communication and resolution of issues. The call coordinates will be distributed prior to the call.

Note: All calls are every four weeks at 1 PM (ET). The specific dates are:

July 24, 2012	November 13, 2012	March 5, 2013	June 25, 2013
August 21, 2012	December 11, 2012	April 2, 2013	
September 18, 2012	January 8, 2013	April 30, 2013	
October 16, 2012	February 5, 2013	May 28, 2013	

Conferences and Meetings of Interest

Across the country and around the world there are many meetings and conferences on high performance and scientific computing. Many of these could be helpful to you as a Campus Champion. Some that you should be particularly interested in include:

SC12 – November 10-16, 2012, Salt Lake City, Utah (sc12.supercomputing.org)
XSEDE13 – July 21-25, 2013, San Diego, California. Visit www.xsede.org for more information as it becomes available.

Training Opportunities

There are many training opportunities and resources in the areas of high performance and scientific computing. Some are intended to help new HPC users get started, some to help existing computational researchers tweak their skills to advance their research, and some to help established scientists venture into new methods, algorithms and technology in support of the computational research. These take many forms, including on-line tutorials, webinars, on-site workshops and even YouTube videos (see: www.youtube.com/user/HPCUniversity). To learn more about these training opportunities and events, check the course and training calendars at:

> Training at XSEDE.ORG - www.xsede.org/training
> HPC University - http://hpcuniversity.org/

And don't forget to use your favorite search engine to scan the Internet. There are countless workshops, tutorials and other training programs on High Performance Computing at supercomputing centers, universities and laboratories. Some are limited to restricted audiences but many are open to everyone.