Financial Management Module

Evenings beginning May 23, 2016

Are you a scientist who has moved into a position at your company or agency that requires you to use management and leadership skills? Do you see your career headed toward leading scientists, technicians, and other professionals as part of a successful team? If you already possess the advanced scientific degrees required for your work, you may now find that you need to master managerial skills for which you have never been trained.

The Science Managers Certification Program offered by the University of Kansas has been created for people like you. The program offers a series of six focused courses in leadership, project and financial management, human resources, communications, ethics, and law. You don’t have to put your career on hold while you go back to school, either — you can acquire those managerial skills without disrupting your workplace responsibilities, with late afternoon and online courses at the KU Edwards campus in Overland Park.

You’ll gain the skills you need without investing the time required for another graduate degree, and gain the recognition and respect that a certificate from the University of Kansas provides.

Module Highlights
This course examines the use of accounting data by non-financial managers. Students will learn how to interpret and understand basic financial statements; how to make good decisions based on them; learn essential accounting concepts and characteristics of accounting systems; and budgeting/forecasting in a science-based organization.

This course is aimed at science professionals who have recently moved into, or anticipate moving into, a management role in a science-oriented entity. They will be taking the course to broaden their skillset as future managers, not accountants. Although highly skilled in the technical aspects of their chosen field of science, it is expected students will have little (if any) prior knowledge of accounting concepts.

Topics covered include:
- Making sense of the balance sheet and income statement
- Planning and managing cash flow
- Understanding and managing costs
- Evaluating capital project and investment proposals
- Monitoring and driving performance; key measures

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to effectively communicate on financial matters within their organizations.