



RUTGERS INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Research Council Grants

The University Research Council, a committee of faculty and administrators, advises the Vice President for Research on faculty awards which are made as the result of peer review of requests submitted by the faculty for funding of research and other scholarly and creative activities. The Council also provides monetary assistance for scholarly publications. All awards are made on a basis of merit, although priority is given to new faculty members.

Please be aware that proposals are due by 5 P.M. on Friday, April 9, 2010. All proposals must be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Research through the electronic submission website (http://vpr.rutgers.edu/downloads/documents/rc/RC10_Electronic_Submission_Instructions.pdf). Hard copies will not be accepted. Instructions for completing the application are available at <http://vpr.rutgers.edu/internal-funding-programs/research-council-grants.php>.

The Vice President for Research, along with the Chair of the University Research Council, makes final decisions of awards based on the recommendations of the University Research Council by June. Applicants will receive notification shortly thereafter and awards will be effective July 1, 2010.

Busch Biomedical Grant Program

The Busch Biomedical Grant program is designed to enhance health-related research at the University and to strengthen the competitive position of faculty members on all Rutgers campuses who seek external research funds. Proposals for funding are solicited annually by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate and Professional Education in New Brunswick. Applicants will complete the application form and upload it to the submission website. Proposals are due by 5 p.m. on March 26, 2010. All proposals should be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Research to Dr. Patrick Sinko, Associate Vice President for Research through the electronic submission website (<http://vpr.rutgers.edu/internal-funding-programs/busch-biomedical-grant-program.php>).



WORKSHOPS/TRAINING

National Science Foundation's Faculty Early Career Development (Career) Program

The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) will present a workshop for early stage faculty considering developing and submitting a proposal to the National Science Foundation's prestigious Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program. These workshops, led by Michael Mueller, Senior Grant Facilitator for OVPR, will provide a useful overview of the CAREER Award Program, elements of successful CAREER proposals, and how to integrate research with education. In the past two years, proposers who have attended this workshop have experienced significantly greater success rates than applicants who have not.

Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2010 (via teleconference)
Time: 2:30 to 4 p.m.
Location: Armitage Hall, Third Floor, Dean's Small Conference Room

Please contact Caryn Terry at cdterry@camden.rutgers.edu or 856-225-6249 in Sponsored Research to reserve a spot for the workshop.

Institutional Review Board (IRB) Human Subjects Certification Session

The Office of Sponsored Research will be hosting two IRB/ Human Subjects Certification sessions. The Certification Film is an alternative means for individuals to complete the Human Subjects Certification Program (HSCP). Certification is required for all individuals involved in the design or conduct of human subjects research. Sessions are open to faculty, staff, students and individuals conducting research. These sessions are approximately 4 hours long. The sessions will be held in Armitage Hall in the Faculty Lounge located on the third floor:

- April 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- April 30th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Faculty please announce to students in need of Human Subjects Certification. Please contact Caryn Terry at cdterry@camden.rutgers.edu or 856-225-6249 in Sponsored Research to reserve a spot for the training.



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF): RETURN WITHOUT REVIEW

The National Science Foundation (NSF) reserves the right to return proposals without review. Proposals may not be considered by NSF for the following reasons.

The proposal:

1. is inappropriate for funding by the National Science Foundation;
2. is submitted with insufficient lead-time before the activity is scheduled to begin;
3. is a full proposal that was submitted by a proposer that has received a "not invited" response to the submission of a preliminary proposal;
4. is a duplicate of, or substantially similar to, a proposal already under consideration by NSF from the same submitter;
5. does not meet NSF proposal preparation requirements, such as page limitations, formatting instructions, and electronic submission, as specified in the Grant Proposal Guide (GPG) or program solicitation;
6. is not responsive to the GPG or program announcement/solicitation;
7. does not meet an announced proposal deadline date;
8. was previously reviewed and declined and has not been substantially revised; and
9. duplicates another proposal that was already awarded.

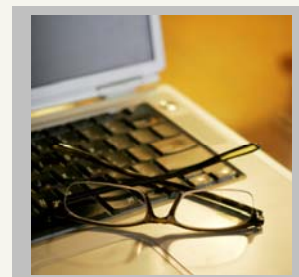
RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has implemented Section 7009 of the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science (COMPETES) Act. As a result all institutions that apply for funding from NSF are required to describe in the proposal the plan to provide the appropriate training and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of research to undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers participating in the proposed research project. For more information and resources regarding RCR visit the NSF website at <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rcr.jsp>.

Rutgers has contracted with the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) to provide online educational modules. CITI's online course in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) fulfills part of the training requirement for undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral researchers funded by NSF proposals. Completion of four modules is required to complete the program (Research Misconduct, Data Acquisition and Management, Responsible Authorship, and Conflict of Interest). Course curriculum selection will be relevant to one's field of study. The course selections include: Biomedical Responsible Conduct of Research Course, Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Course, Physical Science Responsible Conduct of Research Course and Humanities Responsible Conduct of Research Course. To enroll in a course go to <https://www.citiprogram.org>.

A Username is required for CITI registration. A RUTGERS NET-ID or the full Rutgers email addresses should be used to assure that the completion is recorded.

It is anticipated that workshops will be offered on the Rutgers-Camden campus in the future. Details regarding these workshops are still pending.





CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH (NIH)

Please be aware of the following changes:

- NIH has an updated proposal guide. Please go to http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/SF424_RR_Guide_General_Adobe_VerA.pdf to access a copy.
- There are updated forms available on the NIH website. These forms can be located at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm>.
- Applications submitted to NIH require a personal statement in the biographical sketch. The personal statement should describe how and why your experience makes you qualified to fulfill your role in the project for the subject of the application. Be aware that the biographical sketch may not exceed four pages.

COMMUNITY OF SCIENCE (COS)

Community of Science is a website (<http://www.cos.com>) that enables you to search for funding opportunities and other information. COS Funding Opportunities and Funding Alert provides information from many funding sources that include private foundations, public agencies, national and local governments, corporations and more. This tool replaces InfoEd/Spin, which has been discontinued. This new tool allows faculty and staff to quickly and easily search for funding opportunities from more than 25,000 records, and then quickly filter the search results into a manageable amount of results.

Faculty, staff and students can access COS Funding Opportunities one of two ways:

1. From any on-campus computer, a user can go right to <http://fundingopps.cos.com/>. Because all Rutgers' IP address will be recognized by RefWorks-COS, you can start searching the database right away.
2. Username and Password
Faculty can log into <http://www.cos.com/> with a COS username and password anytime, anywhere. Logging in this way will take the user to his or her COS Workbench. From COS Workbench, the user can search Funding Opportunities. Username and password access is necessary when a) a user is off-campus, or b) when a user needs to save a Funding record or search.

Getting a COS username and password is easy: you can go to <http://www.cos.com/> and click the "New User? Register Free" icon near the top left of the screen. You will gain access to Funding Opportunities and Alert by indicating that you are a member of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Training on how to utilize the COS site is available at <http://www.cos.com/usertraining>. If you need further support, you may contact the Office of Sponsored Research.

GRANT SUBMISSION REMINDERS

When preparing to submit a proposal please remember the following:

- Please inform Camie Morrison, Director for the Office of Sponsored Research, that you are interested in submitting a proposal to an agency one month prior to the due date.
- All proposals or applications must be submitted to the Office of Sponsored Research no later than five days before the due date.
- An endorsement package must be completed for all applications submitted to an external sponsor. The endorsement package should include the endorsement form and project abstract, a copy of the proposal and the project budget. The cost share budget template must be included for applications which require matching funds.
- Endorsement forms are available online at <http://orsp.rutgers.edu/formsAndInstructions.php>.

OFFICE OF SPONSORED RESEARCH WELCOMES A NEW STAFF MEMBER

The Office of Sponsored Research welcomes Caryn Terry as their new Program Coordinator. Caryn brings prior grants experience as she was a Program Assistant for the Office of Sponsored Programs at William Paterson University. She holds a Master of Arts in Communication. Caryn can be reached at 856-225-6249 or cdterry@camden.rutgers.edu.