The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research administers internal grant funding programs, including the programs of the Faculty Development and Research Committee (FDRC). The FDRC provides grant opportunities for faculty members to further their scholarship, to advance their research, to develop material for publication and/or to support the development of projects which may garner external funding support.

Faculty Research Grant Awards are available to any full-time, tenured, or tenure-track faculty of Towson University. Faculty Research Grants are offered semi-annually with each grant period spanning 12 months. Current program guidelines, instructions, and application forms are provided in PDF format on the OSPR website. OSPR is now accepting applications for the Fall deadline of October 15th for projects beginning on January 1, 2014.

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NCURA's YouTube Tuesdays - Free access to a variety of short videos addressing research administration topics.

NIH Grants YouTube Channel- Free access to informational videos that provide NIH Updates

Grants.gov Releases a New Applicant Training Video- Just in time for the roll out of the new look and feel to the Grants.gov website, the Program Management Office has developed a new "Find and Apply" training video. In the video, potential applicants will receive a walk-thru of what to expect once the new site is released.

NSF Information on Government Shut Down- Due to the lapse in government funding, National Science Foundation websites and business applications, including NSF.gov, FastLane, and Research.gov will be unavailable until further notice. We sincerely regret this inconvenience.

Congratulations to Carissa A. Tomlinson who received $1500 from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Cook Library will be hosting the National Library of Medicine’s Traveling exhibit titled “The Literature of Prescription: Charlotte Perkins Gilman and the Yellow Wallpaper” starting on March 8, 2014- April 19, 2014.

Congratulations to Dr. Debbie Gartland who received $80,000 from the Maryland State Department of Education. Gartland’s proposal is entitled; SpED Teacher Candidate Tools; Providing Special Education Teacher Candidates Tools to Narrow the Achievement Gap.

Congratulations to Dr. Darush Davani who received $15,000 from the Army Research Laboratory for his proposal entitled “Building Concepts from GIST Representations.”
Sponsor: William T. Grant Foundation  
**Deadline(s):** 1/8/2014  
**Description:** The William T. Grant Foundation’s Distinguished Fellows Program is designed to increase the supply of, demand for, and use of high-quality research in the service of improved youth outcomes. To accomplish this goal, the program gives influential mid-career researchers the opportunity to immerse themselves in practice or policy settings, and gives influential practitioners and policy makers the opportunity to work in research settings.  
Click [here](#) to view the RFP!

Sponsor: The Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.  
**Deadline(s):** 2/10/2014  
**Description:** The Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards Program supports the research and teaching careers of talented young faculty in the chemical sciences. Based on institutional nominations, the program provides discretionary funding to faculty at an early stage in their careers. Criteria for selection include an independent body of scholarship attained within the first five years of their appointment as independent researchers, and a demonstrated commitment to education, signaling the promise of continuing outstanding contributions to both research and teaching. The Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards Program provides an unrestricted research grant of $75,000.  
Click [here](#) to view the RFP!

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency  
**Deadline(s):** 11/25/2013  
**Description:** The goal of the Urban Waters Small Grants program is to fund research, investigations, experiments, training, surveys, studies, and demonstrations that will advance the restoration of urban waters by improving water quality in urban areas through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities. This program recognizes that healthy and accessible urban waters can help grow local businesses and enhance educational, recreational, social, and employment opportunities in nearby communities.  
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On behalf of the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of you who came out to the Annual Faculty Orientation Breakfast. We hope that everyone walked away with new insight into the world of sponsored projects. We look forward to working with each of you as you pursue sponsored funding.

-OSPR Staff

**Congratulations** to the winners of the OSPR Annual Faculty Orientation Breakfast gift card raffle!

- **Grace Yong** – Faculty Research Associate, Department of Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences
- **John MacKeron** – Chair, Department of Electronic Media and Film
- **Andrea Brace** – Assistant Professor, Department of Health Science
- **Cyndee Kalodner** – Professor, Department of Psychology
- **Jessica Vargas** – Project Manager, DIAR

**Post Award Update**

Faculty members no longer have to submit the Sponsored Project Employment Contract to receive additional compensation on a grant. Don’t forget to turn in your Time & Effort Report in December. Please visit our Post-Award Office webpage.

**IRB Questions?**

The Office of Sponsored Programs & Research is the first point of contact regarding human subjects research at or involving Towson University faculty, staff, or students.

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**Campus Assignments**

One of our major goals here in OSPR is to communicate effectively with our faculty members. We have assigned a staff member to each college, which will provide support to all of your researching needs. Please see the campus assignment list [here](#).

Questions, or comments regarding **Access Granted** should be directed to the editor Jai-Lyn Grant, Grants & Contracts Specialist, jailyngrant@towson.edu
The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research is responsible for review and approval of all sponsored programs proposals. OSPR signs off on grant applications, and negotiates contracts and grants with a wide variety of sponsors. The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research processes, monitors, and facilitates the evaluation of all sponsored research projects to ensure that all grants and contracts are consistent with institutional goals, policies and procedures. In addition, OSPR provides financial management.

**Specific OSPR Services Include:**

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- Research and disseminate funding opportunities
- Facilitate institutional routing/approvals of proposals
- Submit proposals and other required documents to sponsors
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- Serve as liaison between the University and sponsor to resolve sponsored award related concerns/issues
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