The Division of Innovation and Applied Research is comprised of eight centers, offices, and institutes that are supported by 70 highly skilled researchers and technical staff members. Those centers include:

- Center for GIS
- Center for Professional Studies
- Office of Administration and Finance
- Office of External Affairs
- Office of IT Services
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- Regional Economic Studies Institute
- TowsonGlobal Business Incubator

The Division is a resource for TU faculty and staff. We provide assistance with technology transfer, identifying community partners, survey and evaluation research, technology integration, and that's just the beginning. Additionally, in collaboration with faculty, we provide rich and relevant research opportunities for students.

For more information, contact Daraius Irani at dirani@towson.edu or 410-704-6363.

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Funding Opportunities:

- Federal Business Opportunities
- Grants.gov
- Institute of Museum and Library Services
- Maryland Governor’s Grant Office
- National Academy of Sciences/National Academy of Engineering/Institute of medicine/National Research Council
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- National Institutes of Health
- National Science Foundation
- The Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.
- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Energy
If you are submitting a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) for a National Science Foundation grant in January, you will need to notify the OSPR in regards to your submission.

To do so, please send an email to: chelms@towson.edu & wjacks5@students.towson.edu

Attention Faculty Members: Please be aware that significant changes have been made to the following Program Solicitations:

- **NSF 13-600** Division of Integrative Organismal Systems Core Programs
- **NSF 14-503** Division of Environmental Biology (Core Programs) (DEB)

**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.

**Kudos Corner**

Congratulations to Dr. Kathleen Ogle, who was awarded $80,000 for her project with BlueCross / BlueShield that created a scholarship fund for nursing graduate students. The fund helps covers tuition and living expenses for the students over a two-year period.

Congratulations to Dr. Laila Richman, who was awarded over $155,000 for her project entitled “Transitioning to the Next Generation Science Standards.” The project’s goal is to provide professional development for middle school teachers in Baltimore County with a focus on increasing knowledge of Next Generation Science Standards, including Science and Engineering Principles and Cross-cutting Practices.
Sponsor: National Arts and Humanities — Youth Program Awards  
Deadline(s): 02/10/2014

Description: The National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award is the Nation's highest honor for out-of-school arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of America’s young people, particularly those from underserved communities. This award recognizes and supports excellence in programs that open new pathways to learning, self-discovery, and achievement. Each year, the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards recognize 12 outstanding programs in the United States, from a wide range of urban and rural settings. Recipients receive a $10,000 grant and the opportunity to visit the White House and accept the award from First Lady Michelle Obama.

Click here to view the RFP!

Sponsor: Towson University School of Emerging Technologies  
Deadline(s): 03/14/2014

Description: The School of Emerging Technologies has a seed funding program designed to help faculty with interdisciplinary projects in emerging technologies at the very earliest stages of their project up to the point when they are able to successfully compete for external support.

Click here to view the RFP!

Sponsor: National Science Foundation  
Deadline(s): 03/26/14

Description: The NSF, partnering with the Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering and the Directorate for Engineering, is seeking proposals to support research on new strategies for architecture, specification, and verification with the aim of decreasing the likelihood of unintended behavior or access, increasing resistance and resilience to tampering, and improving the ability to provide authentication throughout the supply chain and in the Trustworthy Cyberspace field.

Click here to view the RFP!
Specific OSPR Services Include:

- Assist with the proposal budget preparation and development
- Research and disseminate funding opportunities
- Facilitate institutional routing/approvals of proposals
- Submit proposals and other required documents to sponsors
- Assist with electronic proposal development and submission
- Provide institutional certification and/or assurances when required
- Serve as liaison between the University and sponsor to resolve sponsored award related concerns/issues
- Initiate sponsored award account set-up
- Facilitate sponsored award close-out functions
- Host regular events to educate faculty/staff with the administration of sponsored awards
- Ensure compliance with applicable federal, state, local and University policies and regulations

The OSPR is moving!

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research is moving its offices the week of January 6th, 2014, during which time our resources will be limited. The Office will be closed on January 8th.

We will now be located on the 2nd floor of the Towson University Administration Building.

Come by and visit us!

Post Award Update

The OSPR Post Award team is growing.
Ryan Parker will be joining the OSPR in the Post Award Administrator position.
Please welcome him aboard!

Campus Assignments

One of our major goals here in OSPR is to communicate effectively with our faculty members. In order for us to accomplish that goal, we have assigned a staff member to support each college. 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