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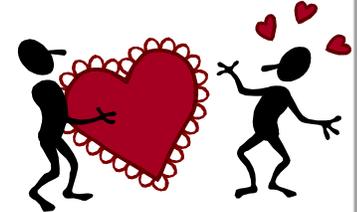
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Post Award Support Services

Has your grant proposal been awarded and accepted? Feeling over the moon, but not sure where or how to start spending your grant monies down?

Contact the OSPR's Post Award staff, experts in grant financial management! We offer a variety of resources to the faculty and staff at Towson University, under two main service branches. We'd love to hear from you!



Fiscal Services and Approvals

- Purchasing approvals
- Hiring of project staff
- Travel requests
- Supplemental pay requests
- Budget allocations and changes

Fiscal Management Services

- Invoicing and billing to the sponsor
- Deposits and drawdowns
- Budget monitoring & PI/PD reports
- Sub-contract monitoring
- Accounting closeout processes & final reports
- Audit processes & reports
- Records archives

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Funding Opportunities

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Updates & Information

As a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), the OSPR has recently gained access to a form that allows us to perform an in-depth search of literally thousands of grant funding opportunities.

The form is only two pages long and doesn't take a long time to fill out—if you're curious about locating more funding, give it a shot!

To get an electronic copy of the form (or for general questions about the process, please email Will Jackson at: wjacks5@students.towson.edu



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.

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!](#)

Kudos Corner



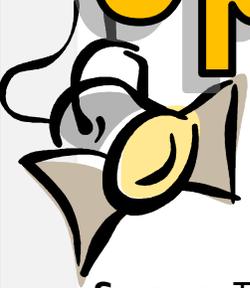
Congratulations to Dr. John Morgan, who was awarded over \$14,000 for his project using balloon-mounted digital cameras to map local areas for

earth science education projects used in secondary schools.

Congratulations to Dr. Wei Yu and Dr. Chao Lu, who were awarded over \$200,000 for their project entitled “*Sensor-Based Defense Framework for Active Network Security Situation Awareness and Impact Mitigation.*” The project's goal is to develop advanced anomaly detection approaches to tackling network defense issues and to improve system resilience by analyzing moving-target defense techniques.



Spotlight Funding



Select one of the links below to view the full announcement!

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: The McKnight Foundation—Fund for Neuroscience

Deadline(s): 03/24/14

Description: We are interested in proposals that address memory or cognition under normal and pathological conditions. This includes proposals that address mechanisms of memory or cognition at the synaptic, cellular, or behavioral level in animals, including humans. We are particularly interested in proposals that incorporate fundamentally new approaches, as well as those that involve human experimentation. Collaborative and cross-disciplinary applications are encouraged.

Click [here](#) to view the RFP!

Sponsor: U.S. AID—Development Innovation Ventures

Deadline(s): 04/15/2014

Description: DIV holds a quarterly grant competition for innovative ideas, pilots and tests them using cutting-edge analytical methods, and scales solutions that demonstrate widespread impact and cost-effectiveness. DIV's tiered-funding model, inspired by the venture capital experience, invests comparatively small amounts in relatively unproven concepts, and continues to support only those that prove they work. The DIV portfolio includes evidence-gathering and scale-up activities in 17 countries and 9 sectors around the world. Some of the focused funding opportunities include the humanitarian, water, sanitation, and hygiene sectors, as well as work in Haiti and the Latin America / Caribbean region. Deadline is for a Letter of Inquiry.

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



Grant writing workshops



Budding grant proposal writers hard at work during the second day of the workshop—1/17/14.

We hope you enjoyed the grant writing workshops as presented by Dr. Judith Killen during the month of January! Dr. Killen did an excellent job of compressing her normally 5-day workshop into two 1-day information sessions. We certainly learned a lot, and we hope you did too!

An interesting aspect of the workshops was the cross-discipline faculty collaboration that sprang up during grants exercises. This collaboration is great for strengthening projects and proposals, so the OSPR would like to provide more time and space for it to occur—let us know what you think!

We had a great time, and hope to see even more faculty members at the next workshop!

Questions, or comments regarding *Access Granted* should be directed to the editor Jai-Lyn Grant, Grants & Contracts Specialist, jailyngrant@towson.edu

