Welcome to a special St. Patrick’s Day-themed newsletter! We hope you’re ready to enjoy Spring Break!

The National Institutes of Health have invited Towson University to participate as an Ambassador Institution during their 2014 NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore from June 25th-27th, 2014.

Part of our responsibilities as an Ambassador Institution is to provide volunteers for the seminar. We are looking for approximately 25 volunteers overall from Towson’s faculty, staff, graduate and post-doctoral students to participate over the course of the seminar.

Volunteers will be on site from 7:30am to 5:00pm and their responsibilities will include working at the front registration desk, floating / general duties, and monitoring session rooms. There is no registration fee for volunteers and the NIH will make an attempt to assign volunteers to sessions that are of interest to them.

If a faculty member volunteers for one full day at the seminar, the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR) will pay the attendance fee for their second day of the seminar.

Although this year’s agenda for the seminar is not yet published, you can view last year’s agenda as an example of what to expect from the presentations and sessions here.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP here.

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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 try! You might have the luck of the Irish and find exactly what you’re looking for!

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.

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Dr. Ryan Casey, who was awarded $80,000 for his project measuring the potential impacts of copper roof runoff into Maryland’s water systems.

Congratulations to Dr. Gail Gasparich, who was awarded $60,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for her project entitled, “Molecular tools for specific detection and identification of species and strains of wall-less bacteria threatening the success of crop plants.” Keep our food supply safe!
Spotlight Funding

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

**Sponsor:** Baltimore County government—Arts and Sciences Project Grants  
**Deadline(s):** 03/27/2014

**Description:** Arts and Sciences Project Grants funded by Baltimore County government will help community-based organizations produce and present arts, science, history and humanities programs and activities in local communities in Baltimore County. A grant pool of over $100,000 is available to support concerts, theatre, exhibits, public art and murals, science education activities, literary arts events, and other cultural programs that take place in Baltimore County. The maximum project grant award is $5,000.

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

**Sponsor:** 2015-2016 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Core Competition  
**Deadline(s):** 08/01/2014

**Description:** The Fulbright Scholar Program offers teaching, research or combination teaching/research awards in over 125 countries for the 2015-2016 academic year. Opportunities are available for college and university faculty and administrators as well as for professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others. Interested faculty and professionals are encouraged to learn more about these opportunities, and hundreds of others, by visiting the Catalog of Awards. U.S Citizenship is required.

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

OSPR Open House

Ready to find that pot o’ gold at the end of the rainbow and get your project funded?

Come visit the OSPR during our open house! You’ll have a chance to view our new space, and learn more about the services OSPR can provide.

We will have two days, April 3rd and 4th, from 2pm to 4pm each day.

OSPR personnel

Congratulations to the new post-award Assistant Director, Leena Dave!

Leena has been with the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research for over a decade, and we are honored and thankful for her many years of loyal service.

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