

# Access Granted

Office of Sponsored Programs & Research

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## Undergraduate Research

The Office of Undergraduate Research supports undergraduate research through the three competitive programs described below. These programs are in addition to the resources offered by university colleges and the departments to undergraduate students. All original scholarly and creative activity appropriate to any discipline at our university is eligible for funding. This includes, for example, research in natural and social sciences, artistic performances, and works of art.



- [Small Project Awards](#)
- [Research Grants](#)
- [Travel Grants](#)

The 2014 Undergraduate and Graduate Research and Performance Expo will be held on Wednesday, April 23. The annual Expo, open to all students in all disciplines, offers students the opportunity to showcase the results and progress of their academic, research and scholarly work. Projects can cover a wide variety of topics and presentation styles. Past Expos have included oral presentations, poster presentations, performances, art exhibitions, technology demonstrations and film screenings.

## Funding Opportunities

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## Updates & Information



As part of our continuing efforts to bring as many funding opportunities as possible to our faculty members, the OSPR has produced an online Prezi presentation detailing various online resources that Towson University's new and experienced PIs can use to search for funding.

In the presentation, we define some helpful grants / contracts terms, highlight some federal sites that show available grants, and explain how to use Towson University's subscribed services.

Please follow this link to the presentation: [Locating Funding Sources](#)



[NCURA's YouTube Tuesdays](#) - Access to videos addressing research administration topics.

[NIH Grants YouTube Channel](#) - Access to informational videos that provide NIH updates.

### Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Dr. Richard Seigel, who was awarded over \$18,000 for his project researching the impact rising sea levels will have on threatened and endangered species at the Florida Kennedy Space Center.



Congratulations to Dr. Wei Yu, who was awarded \$30,000 for his project entitled "Modeling and Defense of Malware Attacks on Tactical Mobile Ad Hoc Networks."



# Spotlight Funding

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

**Sponsor:** NSF—Antarctic Artists and Writers Program

**Deadline(s):** 05/01/2014

**Description:** The Antarctic Artists and Writers Program furnishes U.S. Antarctic Program operational support, and round-trip economy air tickets between the United States and the Southern Hemisphere, to artists and writers whose work requires them to be in the Antarctic to complete their proposed project. U.S. Antarctic Program infrastructure consists of 3 year-round stations and numerous austral-summer research camps in Antarctica, research ships in the Southern Ocean, and surface and air transportation. The main purpose of the U.S. Antarctic Program is scientific research and education. Travel & field support only.

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

**Sponsor:** American Honda Foundation—Inst. Grants for Youth & Science Ed. **Deadline(s):** 05/01/2014

**Description:** The Foundation's mission is to help meet the needs of American society in the areas of youth and scientific education by awarding grants to nonprofits, while strategically assisting communities in deriving long-term benefits. The AHF engages in grant making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. The Foundation supports youth education with a specific focus on the STEM subjects in addition to the environment.

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

**Sponsor:** U.S. AID—FY14 American Schools and Hospitals Abroad

**Deadline(s):** 05/05/2014

The United States Government, as represented by the Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID/ASHA), is now accepting applications to support or stimulate activities in accordance with the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, assisting schools and medical centers outside the United States that serve as study and demonstration centers for ideas and practices of the United States.

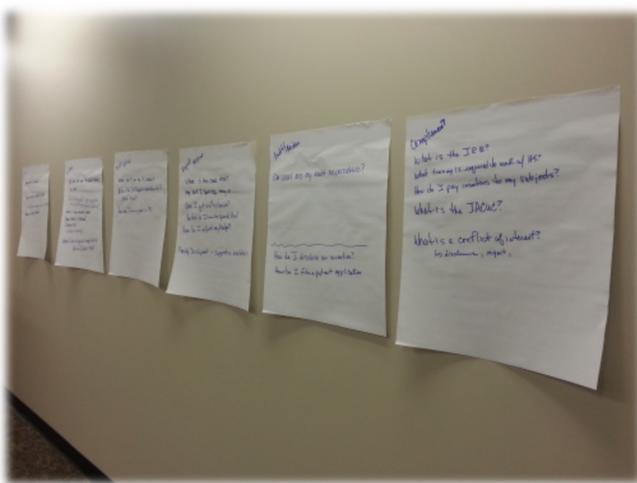
Click [here](#) to view the RFP!

## 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 FAQ Wall



During our recent OSPR Open House, we decided to set up what we like to call the OSPR FAQ Wall! Even Towson University's best and brightest faculty can get stumped when it comes to the world of grants and contracts. To help out, the OSPR invited faculty members who stopped by to write questions that they had about any step of their award, under 6 broad categories—idea, pre-award, account setup, project management, audit / archive, and compliance.

If you have any questions that you feel should be added to an FAQ on the OSPR site, please email them to:

[ospr@towson.edu](mailto:ospr@towson.edu)

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