Electronic Research Administration (ERA) will come of age at Towson University as the project implementation of Kuali Coeus (KC) Cloud Express begins in July, 2014. Full implementation is expected to take several months, with a ‘go-live’ target for Spring Semester 2015. KC is a web based, fully integrated suite of software modules that will support all sponsored program & research activity across the campus.

KC Cloud Express includes the primary modules for proposal and budget preparation, grant & contract negotiation, award management, report tracking and subcontracts. The software includes functionality for cloud based document storage.

Three additional compliance modules will support Conflict of Interest and Financial Interest Disclosures, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the use of human subjects in research and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) for the use of animals in research.

Integrated workflow will automate approval processes for proposal submission, report tracking, research protocol reviews and most importantly, the system will provide a number of standard reports on proposal and award activity for faculty, chairpersons and deans.

Financial transactions and spending information on grants and contracts will remain accessible through the PeopleSoft system.

Learn more about KC Cloud Express and test drive a demonstration of the new software at the OSPR Orientation Express, Tuesday, September 23, 2014.
A New Way to Find Funding!

There is a new way to find funding opportunities for your projects via Towson University’s subscription to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

The AASCU’s Grant Resource Center (GRC) recently announced the introduction of their electronic Funding Search Form—a search tool designed specifically for researchers or PIs at select institutions. Upon completing and submitting the form, a GRC Program Advisor will assist you in locating funding opportunities that match your program’s needs.

The form can be found online at this location: [http://www.aascu.org/grc/fsform/](http://www.aascu.org/grc/fsform/)

If you are prompted for a login / password, please email Will Jackson at wcjackson@towson.edu

Congratulations to Dr. Paz Galupo who received over $120,000 from the American Institute of Bisexuality for her project titled “Bisexual, Pansexual, and Queer Individuals: Differentiating Plurisexual Experience and Measuring Sexual Orientation.” The project plans to analyze multiple datasets in order to better understand plurisexual identities.

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Dr. Susan Isaacs who received $10,000 from the ARTIS organization of New York for her project titled “Visions of Place: Complex Geographies in Contemporary Israeli Art.” Funding for this program will be used to curate an upcoming exhibition of art produced by Israeli artists.
**Sponsor:** Sociological Initiatives Fdn.  
**Deadline(s):** 08/15/2014

**Description:** Supports research and social-action projects that focus on understanding and finding solutions to a broad array of social problems. Primary goal is to encourage research, including community-based research, that supports and promotes social change. Areas of interest: social policy objectives; institutional and educational practices; legislative and regulatory changes; linguistic issues; and development of community capacity and organization of previously unorganized groups. Awards are from $10,000-20,000. Deadline is for preliminary concept application.

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

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**Sponsor:** Department of Health and Human Services  
**Deadline(s):** 08/04/2014

This FOA invites R21 grant applications for developmental research projects on using mobile health technology (mHealth) to facilitate the dissemination and implementation of findings from patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) into clinical practice. The purposes of this FOA are to develop and evaluate the effectiveness of novel approaches that use mHealth tools to enable the timely incorporation and appropriate use of PCOR evidence in clinical practice. Awards are for $300,000 for a project period that may be up to two years. A maximum of $150,000 total costs may be budgeted in a given year.

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**Sponsor:** Alfred P. Sloan Foundation  
**Deadline(s):** 09/15/2014

The Sloan Research Fellowships seek to stimulate fundamental research by early-career scientists and scholars of outstanding promise. These two-year fellowships are awarded yearly to 126 researchers in recognition of distinguished performance and a unique potential to make substantial contributions to their field.

Click [here](#) to view the RFP!
Questions, or comments regarding Access Granted should be directed to the editor Jai-Lyn Grant, Grants & Contracts Specialist, jailygrant@towson.edu

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

Human Subjects’ Incentives, Payment for Research Participation

OSPR has developed a new policy for human subjects incentives.

If you pay research participants, please contact Denise Spears: irb@towson.edu or 410.704.4488 to discuss your options.

This policy applies to cash, check, or gift cards given to entice research participation.

Budget Revision Forms

There has been an update in how budget revision request forms are handled.

All budget revisions must be reviewed and approved by the OSPR before the budget can or will be modified.

For more information, and to download the new Budget Revision form, please go to:
http://www.towson.edu/main/research/finoffice/grantmanagement.asp