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To Collaborate or Not?

Have you ever been curious as to whether having a multi-PI proposal would hurt or help your chances of receiving an NIH award? The NIH certainly supports collaboration as health research becomes increasingly complex, but how do reviewers view these proposals?

Dr. Sally Rockey, Deputy Director for Extramural Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) reported in July that, surprisingly, there is no noticeable difference between award rates for single PI and multiple PI proposals. Only in 2013 was there a statistically important difference, and that was skewed towards supporting multiple PIs.

Type 1 Research Project Grant Applications* and Award Rates by Multi-principal Investigator (MPI) Status

FY	Single PI		MPI		P-Value
	# of Applications	Award Rate	# of Applications	Award Rate	
2010	39,186	15.3%	5,318	16.2%	--
2011	41,140	13.8%	7,258	13.6%	--
2012	42,572	14.0%	8,300	13.7%	--
2013	40,496	13.2%	8,275	14.1%	<i>p<0.05</i>
2010-2013	163,394	14.0%	29,151	14.2%	--

So if you do collaborate, what next? Dr. Rockey suggests that if you do go with a multi-PI proposal, make sure that you fully define what each PI's role will be, and how they are necessary to the project and research being undertaken.

For more information on this report, please follow this link to the full article: [How Do Multi-PI Applications Fare?](#)

Or visit Dr. Rockey's blog, [Rock Talk](#).

*includes all research project grant activities. Two-tailed proportion z-test with the null hypothesis that single PI and MPI award rates are equal. P-values less than 0.05 are significant at the 95% confidence level. One test is statistically significant at the 95% confidence level.

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Funding Opportunities

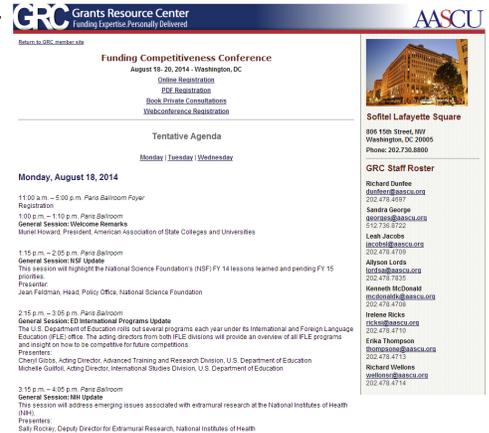
Updates & Information

The GRC Funding Competitiveness Conference

The conference is being held August 18-20 in Washington, D.C. at the Sofitel Lafayette Square hotel. You can attend either in person, or register for the webconference to attend sessions over the web.

Monday's keynote speaker is Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith, President of Fort Valley State University, who will present on the important of presidential leadership in developing economic outreach activities related to sponsored research. Tuesday and Wednesday contain 20 more sessions on a variety of topics.

For registration fees and more information, please visit: <http://www.aascu.org/grcinfo/14summer/agenda.htm>



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Tentative Agenda
Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday

Monday, August 18, 2014

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Paris Ballroom Foyer
Registration

1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. Paris Ballroom
General Session: Welcome Remarks
Muriel Howard, President, American Association of State Colleges and Universities

1:15 p.m. – 2:05 p.m. Paris Ballroom
General Session: 15M Update
This session will highlight the National Science Foundation's (NSF) FY 14 lessons learned and pending FY 15 priorities.
Presenter:
Jean Feldman, Head, Policy Office, National Science Foundation

2:15 p.m. – 3:55 p.m. Paris Ballroom
General Session: ED International Programs Update
The U.S. Department of Education rolls out several programs each year under its International and Foreign Language Education (IFLE) office. The acting directors from both IFLE divisions will provide an overview of all IFLE programs and insight on how to be competitive for future competitions.
Presenters:
Cheryl Gibbs, Acting Director, Advanced Training and Research Division, U.S. Department of Education
Monique Guitier, Acting Director, International Studies Division, U.S. Department of Education

3:15 p.m. – 4:05 p.m. Paris Ballroom
General Session: 18M Update
This session will address emerging issues associated with extramural research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).
Presenter:
Kate Rieker, Deputy Director for Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health

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Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Dr. Felice Shore for her awarded proposal titled “Summer Opportunity in Mathematics Refresher study.” Dr. Shore was awarded more than \$18,000 from the Ithaca S+R nonprofit group. The project will study whether providing students with an online math resource will improve their school scores in later years.

Congratulations to Dr. Joanna Pecore and the Asian Arts & Culture Center on their \$14,534 award from the Maryland State Arts Council! The award will cover operations of the Center as they continue to deliver exceptional cultural experiences to the entire community.



Spotlight Funding

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

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!

Sponsor: American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund

Deadline(s): 10/17/2014

Description: The Undergraduate Research grants program provides funding for scientists and engineers with established programs of research at non-doctoral departments. UR grants are used to illustrate proof of principle, i.e., feasibility, and accordingly, are to be viewed as seed money for generating preliminary results that can be used to apply for continuation funding from other agencies. Applicants may have limited or no preliminary results for a research project they wish to pursue.

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

Sponsor: National Endowment for the Arts

Deadline(s): 10/21/2014

Supports research projects about the impact and value of the American arts sector. Research should focus on how and why Americans participate in the arts and what factors contribute to that participation. Impact research should quantify the cognitive, emotional, social, civic, or economic effects of the arts on individuals or communities. Applications from diverse research fields (sociology, economics, and anthropology) and diverse areas of expertise (health, education, and urban and regional planning) are encouraged. Awards will be in the \$10,000 - \$30,000 range.

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 FAQ's Feedback

Have a question for the brains behind OSPR?

Tried searching the website for an answer to no avail?

Not sure about a policy or regulation?

Look no more! The OSPR will be producing an FAQ page to answer your queries in the near future.

To contribute your question, please email it in to Will Jackson at: wjackson@towson.edu

IACUC Policy Updates

The policies and procedures for the Towson University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) have been updated.

Animal subjects training is required for anyone involved in a project using animals.

For more information on the policies and how to receive training, visit

<http://www.towson.edu/main/research/resources/animalcare.asp>

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