

Access Granted

Office of Sponsored Programs & Research

September 2014

Orientation Express

ALL ABOARD the OSPR Orientation Express!

This event is your ticket to discover and learn about the OSPR services available to faculty that support externally funded programs and research projects – from Idea to Archive, OSPR is here to help you travel the world of sponsored projects and research.



- “Traveling” on short notice? Learn how to pack a complete grant proposal that will meet any deadline in 30 days!
- Not sure what route to take? Sit back and relax as OSPR helps you navigate the TU approval submission process!
- Something lost in translation? Master the language of grant set-up and post-award financial management!
- Bringing a “traveling companion”? If you need to work with human or animal subjects, schedule a visit with our compliance ambassador!
- Need seed funding to help get your train out of the station? Check out the guidelines for an FDRC grant!
- Getting trip-planning assistance from the TU Foundation or DIAR? Representatives will be standing by to answer questions.

Tuesday, September 23th

8:00am – 10:30am

Continental breakfast provided

University Union Chesapeake Room

[Click here to RSVP!](#)

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Updates & Information

Kuali Coeus 5—Cloud Express Implementation

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research is currently in the process of training and implementation for Cloud Express for Kuali Coeus, a software solution provided by rSmart.

Implementation will occur from September '14 until January '15, and will be mainly “behind-the-scenes” for the time being. When Cloud Express is fully up and running, OSPR will be able to offer even more personalized and in-depth support services for every grant across its entire life cycle.

For more information, visit the [rSmart page](#).



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rSmart Cloud Express for Kuali Coeus

Automated, turn-key research & grant management

Grants are an important funding source for colleges and universities. Yet, many institutions still manage their grants manually, with paper-based processes, disconnected point solutions, and homegrown databases.

Given the complexity of grant management, institutions need a solution to manage all of the moving parts and maximize initial and ongoing funding. Now, you can streamline your pre-award and post-award management with Cloud Express.

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A Simpler, More Affordable Solution

At rSmart, we've designed Cloud Express to deliver automated, turn-key grant and research management at a price you can afford. Built on open source, community-developed Kuali Coeus software, Cloud Express is offered in our education-focused cloud with added capabilities like out-of-the-box reporting and best practices pre-configuration, along with services and support to ensure your success.

The result? Automated, grant management without the difficulty of managing hardware and software. And, it's developed and delivered by research administrators so the software is nimble, flexible, and constantly evolving to meet the dynamic needs of higher education.

With rSmart Cloud Express for Kuali Coeus, you'll...

- ▶ Automate proposal and award workflows
- ▶ Reduce inaccuracies
- ▶ Eliminate paper-based processes
- ▶ Increase timely and reliable data and reporting
- ▶ Improve grant administration efficiencies
- ▶ Deploy in the rSmart Cloud for fast, easy, secure, and cost-effective management
- ▶ Streamline pre- and post-award processes to increase efficiencies and lower costs

Take a 4 Minute Video Tour

With rSmart Cloud Express, You Get Online...

4 Min Demo

Schedule A Demo

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Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Dr. Kay Broadwater, who received \$10,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts for her project titled “City Kids After-School & Summer Art Program.” The program will help city youth by providing after-school and summer art education opportunities.



Congratulations to Dr. Raj Kolagani, who received nearly \$80,000 from the University System of Maryland’s Wilson H. Elkins Professorship program. Dr. Kolagani’s efforts to engage undergraduate and graduate students in the STEM fields, as well as her work in establishing the Professional Science Masters program, led to her award.

“There is nothing more precious than a gifted mind. Our colleges and universities rise above the commonplace when they make it possible for the truly great thinkers of our time to nurture the creative spirit of our youth. This is the educational process at its finest.” (Wilson H. Elkins)

Spotlight Funding

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

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, 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

Description: 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.

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

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Deadline(s): 11/06/2014

The Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) program supports awards with durations up to 3 years and with total budgets up to \$1.2 billion each. The program, through research and model-building activities, seeks to build understandings of best practice factors, contexts and processes contributing to K-12 students' motivation and participation in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) core domains along with other STEM cognate domains (e.g., information and communications technology (ICT), computing, computer sciences, data analytics, among others) that inform education programs and workforce domains.

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



A Taste of Towson

The OSPR team will be attending the Taste of Towson event on the evening of September 18th. Come join us at the SECU Arena for a taste of the best Towson's cuisine has to offer.

Purchase a ticket [here!](#)

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Writing Guides

Need help with writing winning proposals? Check out the resources below!

- [NSF's guide to proposal writing](#)
- [NIH's guide to proposal writing](#)
- [The glossary of NIH terms](#)

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