

Access Granted



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Grants.gov—Tricky to use, or a treat?

The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, “I’m from the government, and I’m here to help.” - Ronald Reagan



It's a fact of the sponsored programs world that if you're looking for a grant, you've probably thought of looking for federal opportunities. They bring with them a certain level of prestige, and typically a lot more money than your average state or foundation grant!

But how do you find the federal grant that fits **your** project?

It's simple—visit [grants.gov!](#)

Not sure how to use the site? There's plenty of resources available to help you navigate the site. You can check out the [general overview](#), [applicant training video](#), or, if you want to get more in-depth, visit the [Applicant Resources section](#) of the site.

Still have questions? Shoot an email to ospr@towson.edu, and a member of the OSPR team will provide the assistance you need!

Funding Opportunities

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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](#).

The screenshot shows the rSmart website for Kuali Coeus. At the top, there's a yellow banner with the text "Have you read our latest blog?" and a "Search" bar. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links for SOLUTIONS, SERVICES, CUSTOMERS, RESOURCES, NEWS & EVENTS, and COMPANY. A breadcrumb trail at the top left indicates the user is on the 'higher ed erp solutions' page under the 'by need' category, specifically looking at 'grant management'. The main content area features a heading "rSmart Cloud Express for Kuali Coeus" followed by a sub-headline "Automated, turn-key research & grant management". It includes a brief description of grants as an important funding source for colleges and universities, mentioning manual processes and disconnected point solutions. A callout box highlights "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." To the right is a graphic of a cloud with colorful gears and a central gear with a keyhole. Below the main text is a "Quick Jump" section with links to Overview, Key Features, Video Tour, Schedule A Demo, and Additional Resources.

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](#)

The screenshot shows a demo page for rSmart Cloud Express. At the top, there's a blue header bar with the text "Take a 4 Minute Video Tour". Below the header, a large yellow button says "With rSmart Cloud Express, You Get Online...". Underneath the button are three calls-to-action: "4 Min Demo" (blue), "Schedule A Demo" (green), and "Contact Us" (orange). To the right of the demo button is a screenshot of a computer screen showing a web-based application interface for grant management.

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Dr. Joanna Pecore of the Asian Arts & Culture Center and Dr. Linda-Denise Fisher-Harrell of the Dance Department, who were both awarded funding from the Baltimore County Commission on Arts and Sciences!



Congratulations to Dr. Colleen Ebacher, who was awarded over \$95,000 for her proposal to the Fulbright-Hays International Education program, titled “Partners in Education: Working Together to Enhance the Teaching of Latin America.” Her project, which will take place in Peru in 2015, will bring U.S. educators to Latin America to increase their cultural understanding.



Spotlight Funding

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

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!

Sponsor: National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline(s): 12/09/2014

Description: Collaborative Research Grants support interpretive humanities research undertaken by a team of two or more scholars, for full-time or part-time activities for periods of one to three years. Support is available for various combinations of scholars, consultants, and research assistants; project-related travel; field work; applications of information technology; and technical support and services. All grantees are expected to communicate the results of their work to the appropriate scholarly and public audiences.

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

Sponsor: American Federation for Aging Research

Deadline(s): 12/15/2014

Description: AFAR provides up to \$100,000 for a one- to two-year award to junior faculty (M.D.s and Ph.D.s) to conduct research that will serve as the basis for longer term research efforts. AFAR-supported investigators study a broad range of biomedical and clinical topics including the causes of cellular senescence, the role of estrogen in the development of osteoporosis, the genetic factors associated with Alzheimer's disease, the effects of nutrition and exercise on the aging process, and much more.

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



Fall is Here!



OSPR Schedule

As OSPR is in and out of training in the next few months, we thought you'd appreciate a calendar of dates when we may be busier. See below!

10/27-10/29 : Proposal Dev. team
11/3-11/5: Grant Mgmt Services team
12/8-12/10: Compliance team

1/26-GO LIVE!

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