The implementation of Kuali Coeus Cloud Express is underway—and getting close to completion!

What is Kuali Coeus Cloud Express? It is a new one-stop shop software tool that OSPR will use beginning January 2015 to manage all aspects of our research administration, including but not limited to:

- Proposal development
- Compliance protocols (IRB, IACUC)
- Award / contract management

OSPR's business processes will be redesigned and streamlined, bringing ease of use to the Towson University faculty community.

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Course Release Guidelines

The Deans’ Council and Provost Office have jointly approved new guidelines for Towson University faculty release time, also called “course buy-outs”.

These guidelines provide instructions on how to calculate course release time, the policies in place for requesting the time, and where funds are disbursed if the release time is awarded.

For a full copy of the guidelines, please follow the link below.

Faculty Member Course Buy-Out Guidelines

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Dr. Rich Seigel, who received over $35,000 from the Exelon Corporation for his project to build basking platforms for endangered Northern Map Turtles downriver of the Conowingo Dam.

Congratulations to Dr. Mary Helen McSweeney-Feld, who received over $20,000 from the Maryland Office of Health-Care Quality for her project titled “Emergency Preparedness Conference for Nursing Home and Assisted Living Administrators.” The award will help fund a conference next Spring to educate Maryland nursing home administrators in emergency preparedness.
**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!

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**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!

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**Sponsor:** Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum  
**Deadline(s):** 05/31/2015

Awards are for up to $10,000 for a 1-year period. Proposals must support the MACF’s mission and purpose of fostering information technology and innovation or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in an industrial or academic environment. Grant requests not related to at least one of these elements will be rejected. The project’s goals and measurements of success must be clearly defined in the proposal.

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 Holidays are Here!

As we move into the holiday season, OSPR would like to remind everyone about our schedule availability.

If you have any projects that require OSPR attention during or near...
- the week of Thanksgiving (11/24-11/28)
- Winter Break (12/22– 1/4)

...please let us know of the project ahead of time so we can plan accordingly!

OSPR Website

The OSPR site is being redesigned and revamped!

It will be under construction during winter break, with no expected interruption in service.

If you have any questions, let our webmaster, Will Jackson know, at:
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