

Access Granted



Office of Sponsored Programs & Research

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OSPR's New Look

It's finally here!

OSPR's new website has successfully launched and is ready to serve the Towson University faculty & staff community.

Existing information on the site has been redesigned and reorganized to better suit your needs and be more readily accessible.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Towson University Office of Sponsored Programs and Research. The header features the university's logo and navigation links for About, Academics, Admissions, Research, Campus Life, News, Arts & Culture, Athletics, In the Community, and Giving. A sidebar on the left includes links for TU Home, Research, Office of Sponsored Programs & Research (which is expanded to show Apply for Funding, Comply with Research Regulations, Manage Grants & Contracts, News, MyOSPR Desktop, and Contact Us), and What do we do? The main content area is titled "OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH" and discusses the growth of the office, its role in protecting the university's sponsored programs portfolio, and managing awards and contracts. It also mentions external funding, research regulations, grants and contracts, news, and MyOSPR desktop. A sidebar on the right contains announcements about MyOSPR grants, Kuali Coeus software, and orientation sessions.

Tons of new content and information has also been added, including the entirely new Apply for Funding section, covering a variety of pre-award topics.

To visit the site, navigate to: www.towson.edu/main/research/ospr/index.asp

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Funding Opportunities

Updates & Information

Spring is around the corner! Everyone get ready for good weather coming soon!

Please click on the following links below to review some information and updates!

- ◊ [2015 NIH Regional Seminar:](#) May 6-8

Mark your calendar for the 2015 NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration in Baltimore, Maryland – May 6-8, 2015.



- ◊ [Update:](#) New Bio-Sketch format required for NIH grant applications for due dates on or after May 25, 2015

Kudos Corner



Congratulations to Dr. Richard Seigel, who received \$49,000 from the Exelon Corporation for his continuing project titled tracking and studying the Northern Map Turtle!

Congratulations to Dr. Jameta Barlow, who was awarded

\$15,000 on behalf of the AET-NA Foundation by AcademyHealth for their 2015 Scholar in Residence program! Dr. Barlow was selected for her ongoing research in disparities and population health.



Spotlight Funding

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

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Deadline(s): 4/8/2015

Description: An opportunity to create regional Environmental Finance Centers (EFCs) that provide multi-media environmental finance expertise and outreach to regulated communities to help them meet environmental requirements. EFC's will be established and supported across the nation to provide communities with finance-related training, technical assistance, finance studies, and other analytical support to help them develop sustainable solutions to the critical "how-to-pay" issues associated with meeting environmental standards and goals.

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

Sponsor: NEH- Division of Preservation and Access

Deadline(s): 6/25/2015

Description: The Research and Development program supports projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources. These challenges include the need to find better ways to preserve materials of critical importance to the nation's cultural heritage—from fragile artifacts and manuscripts to analog recordings and digital assets subject to technological obsolescence—and to develop advanced modes of organizing, searching, discovering, and using such materials. Programs doing planning and basic research may request up to \$75,000; programs dealing with advanced implementation may request up to \$350,000.

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

Sponsor: National Institutes of Health

Deadline(s): 6/16/2015

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages R21 grant applications for research that will employ rigorous scientific methods to test theoretically derived hypotheses to increase understanding of the science of drug use prevention within diverse populations and settings and across the lifespan.

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



Science Policy Research

A recently released [Dear Colleague Letter](#) announced the availability of funding opportunities at the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Science of Science and Innovation Policy (SciSIP) Program to develop research projects to explore the relationship between science funding, employment, and outcome metrics.

This is not a new competition or a new program. Interested investigators should contact OSPR by May 1st to submit a one page summary of their ideas to initiate discussion with the program director.

TechHire Initiative

The White House recently revealed its new [TechHire Initiative](#), which will work with universities and community colleges to get more Americans rapidly trained for technology jobs.

As part of the initiative, the Obama Administration will launch a \$100 million H-IB grant competition by the Department of Labor to develop innovative approaches to training and employment.

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