IN THIS ISSUE

NEWS FROM NANCY........................................1

IMPORTANT REMINDERS..............................1

SPOTLIGHT FUNDING.................................2-8

OSPR TEAM UPDATES...............................9-11
Welcome to the last issue of Access Granted for the 2017-2018 Academic year! This issue includes important updates from our Pre-Award, Post-Award, and Compliance Teams that cover reminders for the summer, information for grant-seekers and recipients, and Grants.gov and NSF developments. Our goal is to help you finish the year strong!

I know many of our TU faculty members are beginning to think about applying for sabbatical in the near future. Our office is here to help you navigate the process of locating and applying for sabbatical supplements. Remember, most deadlines for supplemental sabbatical funding fall in the summer and early autumn months a year before the intended sabbatical semester or year. If you are thinking about going on sabbatical in 2019, we recommend contacting the OSPR in the next month or two to identify possible funding sources and begin the process.

Thank you to all of you who took the time to respond to the OSPR survey last month. The Office of Sponsored Programs & Research is here to support the research endeavors of the TU faculty, staff, and students, and getting input from you is critical to our efforts.

Our office is open and fully staffed all summer, so please do not hesitate to contact the office at ospr@towson.edu or 410-704-2236. Best of luck with the last few weeks of teaching, wishing you the best with finals week, and, as always, happy researching!

--Nancy Dufau, Assistant Vice President of OSPR

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

COMPLIANCE:
-The next Standard/Full Board IRB Application deadline is MAY 18, 2018! Please contact the office with any questions before the deadline.

OSPR is now offering access to a new funding database, SPINPlus, for TU faculty, staff, and students! See page eleven (11) for more information.

CONTACT US

Office of Sponsored Programs and Research

Administration Building, 2nd floor

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(or by appointment)

Phone: 410-704-2236
Email: ospr@towson.edu
Grants-in-Aid and Research Grants

Supports basic research in vertebrate and invertebrate (excluding clinical) neurobiology in the U.S. Research Grants range from $30,000-$75,000 per year for up to three years to established researchers of any age who have not received significant funding.

LOI Due: 10/1/2018

Science for Peace and Security Programme

Supports research collaborations between scientists in NATO countries. Research priorities focus on enhancing the defense against terrorism and addressing other threats to security, including explosives detection, physical protection from chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear agents, emergency preparedness, cyber defense, and environmental security. Grants support workshops, training, and multi-year projects and cover travel and living expenses of investigators where basic costs will be covered by national funding.

Proposal Due: 10/1/2018

Academic Research Enhancement Award for Undergraduate-Focused Institutions

Supports small scale research grants at institutions that do not receive substantial funding from the NIH, with an emphasis on providing biomedical research experiences primarily for undergraduate students, and enhancing the research environment at these applicant institutions. Eligible institutions must award baccalaureate science degrees, and have received less than 6 million dollars per year of NIH support (total costs) in 4 of the last 7 fiscal years.

Proposal Due: 6/25/2018, 10/25/2018

Geospace Environment Modeling

Geospace Environment Modeling (GEM) is a broad-based research program investigating the physics of the Earth’s magnetosphere and the coupling of the magnetosphere to the atmosphere and to the solar wind. The goal of the GEM program is to make accurate predictions of the geospace environment by developing physical understanding of the large-scale organization and dynamics from observations, theory, and increasingly realistic models.

Proposal Due: Rolling Deadline

North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grants

Provides matching funds for wetlands conservation partnership projects that ensure long-term benefits to wetland ecosystems and the waterfowl, fish and wildlife that depend on such habitats. Supports acquisition, enhancement, and restoration of wetland and wetland-associated habitats.

Proposal Due: 10/18/2018

Investigations on Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases/Inborn Errors of Immunity

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to advance the discovery and characterization of primary immunodeficiency diseases, also referred to as inborn errors of immunity, to understand the causes and mechanisms of disease, to enable early detection and molecular diagnosis, and to support the development of strategies to treat and eventually cure these disorders.

Proposal Due: 10/5/2018

LOI Due: 30 days prior to application

Electronics, Photonics and Magnetic Devices (EPMD)

Supports innovative research on novel devices based on the principles of electronics, optics and photonics, optoelectronics, magnetics, opto- and electromechanics, electromagnetics, and related physical phenomena. EPMD’s goal is to advance the frontiers of micro-, nano- and quantum-based devices operating within the electromagnetic spectrum and contributing to a broad range of application domains including information and communications, imaging and sensing, healthcare, Internet of Things, energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing. The program encourages research based on emerging technologies for miniaturization, integration, and energy efficiency as well as novel material-based devices with new functionalities, improved efficiency, flexibility, tunability, wearability, and enhanced reliability.

Proposal Due: 10/1/2018-11/1/2018

SPOTLIGHT FUNDING
CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE!
Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy and Water Systems (INFEWS)

Supports research that conceptualizes FEW systems broadly and inclusively, incorporating social and behavioral processes (such as decision making and governance), physical processes (such as built infrastructure and new technologies for more efficient resource utilization), natural processes (such as biogeochemical and hydrologic cycles), biological processes (such as agroecosystem structure and productivity), and cyber-components (such as sensing, networking, computation and visualization for decision-making and assessment). Investigations of these complex systems may produce discoveries that cannot emerge from research on food or energy or water systems alone. It is the synergy among these components in the context of sustainability that will open innovative science and engineering pathways to produce new knowledge, novel technologies, and innovative predictive capabilities.

Proposal Due: 9/26/2018

Biological Oceanography

The Biological Oceanography Program supports research in marine ecology broadly defined: relationships among aquatic organisms and their interactions with the environments of the oceans or Great Lakes. Projects submitted to the program for consideration are often interdisciplinary efforts that may include participation by other OCE Programs. (See information provided under Related URLs below).

Proposal Due: 8/15/2018

Chemical Oceanography

The Chemical Oceanography Program supports research into the chemistry of the oceans and the role of the oceans in global geochemical cycles. Areas of interest include chemical composition, speciation, and transformation; chemical exchanges between the oceans and other components of the Earth system; internal cycling in oceans, seas, and estuaries; and the use of measured chemical distributions as indicators of physical, biological, and geological processes.

Proposal Due: 8/15/2018

Biomechanics and Mechanobiology (BMMB)

The BMMB program supports fundamental research in biomechanics and mechanobiology. The program emphasizes multiscale mechanics approaches that integrate across molecular, cell, tissue and organ domains in the study of organisms. Projects may include theoretical, computational, and experimental approaches.

Proposal Due: Between 9/1/2018 and 9/17/2018

Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) Research Initiation Initiative

With the goal of encouraging research independence immediately upon obtaining one's first academic position after receipt of the PhD, the Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) will award grants to initiate the course of one's independent research. Understanding the critical role of establishing that independence early in one's career, it is expected that funds will be used to support untenured faculty or research scientists (or equivalent) in their first three years in a primary academic position after the PhD, but not more than a total of five years after completion of their PhD. One may not yet have received any other grants or contracts in the Principal Investigator (PI) role from any department, agency, or institution of the federal government, including from the CAREER program or any other program, post-PhD, regardless of the size of the grant or contract, with certain exceptions noted below.

Proposal Due: 8/8/2018

Foundations

The program in Foundations supports research in mathematical logic and the foundations of mathematics, including proof theory, recursion theory, model theory, set theory, and infinitary combinatorics.

Proposal Due: 9/25/2018

Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering in Mathematical and Statistical Sciences

The CDS&E-MSS program accepts proposals that confront and embrace the host of mathematical and statistical challenges presented to the scientific and engineering communities by the ever-expanding role of computational modeling and simulation on the one hand, and the explosion in production of digital and observational data on the other. The goal of the program is to promote the creation and development of the next generation of mathematical and statistical theories and tools that will be essential for addressing such issues. To this end, the program will support fundamental research in mathematics and statistics whose primary emphasis will be on meeting the aforementioned computational and data-related challenges.

Proposal Due: Between 9/1/2018 and 9/17/2018

Foundations

The program in Foundations supports research in mathematical logic and the foundations of mathematics, including proof theory, recursion theory, model theory, set theory, and infinitary combinatorics.

Proposal Due: 9/25/2018

Chemical Oceanography

The Chemical Oceanography Program supports research into the chemistry of the oceans and the role of the oceans in global geochemical cycles. Areas of interest include chemical composition, speciation, and transformation; chemical exchanges between the oceans and other components of the Earth system; internal cycling in oceans, seas, and estuaries; and the use of measured chemical distributions as indicators of physical, biological, and geological processes.

Proposal Due: 8/15/2018

Biomechanics and Mechanobiology (BMMB)

The BMMB program supports fundamental research in biomechanics and mechanobiology. The program emphasizes multiscale mechanics approaches that integrate across molecular, cell, tissue and organ domains in the study of organisms. Projects may include theoretical, computational, and experimental approaches.

Proposal Due: Between 9/1/2018 and 9/17/2018

Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) Research Initiation Initiative

With the goal of encouraging research independence immediately upon obtaining one's first academic position after receipt of the PhD, the Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) will award grants to initiate the course of one's independent research. Understanding the critical role of establishing that independence early in one's career, it is expected that funds will be used to support untenured faculty or research scientists (or equivalent) in their first three years in a primary academic position after the PhD, but not more than a total of five years after completion of their PhD. One may not yet have received any other grants or contracts in the Principal Investigator (PI) role from any department, agency, or institution of the federal government, including from the CAREER program or any other program, post-PhD, regardless of the size of the grant or contract, with certain exceptions noted below.

Proposal Due: 8/8/2018

Foundations

The program in Foundations supports research in mathematical logic and the foundations of mathematics, including proof theory, recursion theory, model theory, set theory, and infinitary combinatorics.

Proposal Due: 9/25/2018

Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering in Mathematical and Statistical Sciences

The CDS&E-MSS program accepts proposals that confront and embrace the host of mathematical and statistical challenges presented to the scientific and engineering communities by the ever-expanding role of computational modeling and simulation on the one hand, and the explosion in production of digital and observational data on the other. The goal of the program is to promote the creation and development of the next generation of mathematical and statistical theories and tools that will be essential for addressing such issues. To this end, the program will support fundamental research in mathematics and statistics whose primary emphasis will be on meeting the aforementioned computational and data-related challenges.

Proposal Due: Between 9/1/2018 and 9/17/2018

Foundations

The program in Foundations supports research in mathematical logic and the foundations of mathematics, including proof theory, recursion theory, model theory, set theory, and infinitary combinatorics.

Proposal Due: 9/25/2018

Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering in Mathematical and Statistical Sciences

The CDS&E-MSS program accepts proposals that confront and embrace the host of mathematical and statistical challenges presented to the scientific and engineering communities by the ever-expanding role of computational modeling and simulation on the one hand, and the explosion in production of digital and observational data on the other. The goal of the program is to promote the creation and development of the next generation of mathematical and statistical theories and tools that will be essential for addressing such issues. To this end, the program will support fundamental research in mathematics and statistics whose primary emphasis will be on meeting the aforementioned computational and data-related challenges.

Proposal Due: Between 9/1/2018 and 9/17/2018

Foundations

The program in Foundations supports research in mathematical logic and the foundations of mathematics, including proof theory, recursion theory, model theory, set theory, and infinitary combinatorics.

Proposal Due: 9/25/2018
Art Works

These grants support artistically excellent projects that celebrate our creativity and cultural heritage, invite mutual respect for differing beliefs and values, and enrich humanity. Matching grants generally range from $10,000 to $100,000. A minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount is required.

LOI Due: 7/12/2018

The Thomas Hampson Fund, Supporting Research and Publication on Classic Song

The fund is dedicated to fostering editions and scholarship on classic song in all its contexts (including American song, contemporary song, etc.), as well as new and innovative technologies for promoting and understanding classic song via interactive media and the Internet. The current maximum award is $1,200.

Proposal Due: 8/15/2018

Research Grants

The GRAMMY Museum Grant Program awards grants to organizations and individuals in North America to support efforts in research that study the links between music and early childhood education, treatments for illnesses and injuries common to musicians, and the impact of music therapy on populations from infants to the elderly.

Anticipated LOI Due: 10/1/2018

Defending Basic Freedoms

The foundation supports the art of editorial cartooning. This program helps safeguard the basic freedoms guaranteed in our Bill of Rights, to help eliminate all forms of prejudice and discrimination, and to assist government agencies to be more accountable to the public. The Herb Block Foundation will also consider contemporary societal issues that may arise. Grants are available nationwide.

Proposal Due: 12/13/2018
LOI Due: 10/4/2018

Our Town

Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts’ creative placemaking grants program. These grants support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes. Successful Our Town projects ultimately lay the groundwork for systemic changes that sustain the integration of arts, culture, and design into strategies for strengthening communities.

SF-424: 8/9/2018
Proposal Due: 8/21/2018

Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST)

The ITEST program supports research on the design, development, implementation, and selective spread of innovative strategies for engaging students in technology-rich experiences that: (1) increase student awareness of STEM occupations; (2) motivate students to pursue appropriate education pathways to STEM occupations; or (3) develop disciplinary-based knowledge and practices, or promote critical thinking, reasoning skills, or communication skills needed for entering STEM workforce sectors.

Proposal Due: 8/8/2018
LOI Due: 30 days prior to application

Research Grants

AERA invites education-related research proposals using NCES, NSF, and other federal databases. Research Grants are available for faculty at institutions of higher education, postdoctoral researchers, and other doctoral-level scholars. Applications are encouraged from a variety of disciplines, such as but not limited to, education, sociology, economics, psychology, demography, statistics, and psychometrics.

Proposal Due: Application deadline for fall review will be announced soon.
Lyle Spencer Research Awards

This program was introduced in 2014 as the successor to the Foundation's long-standing Major Research Grants program. Its aim is to support intellectually ambitious, large-scale education research projects with budgets between $100,000 and $1,000,000. This program encourages proposals initiated by scholars across a variety of disciplines and fields in an effort to create much-needed space for creative and ambitious research projects that promise to advance our understanding of educational practice and its improvement.

LOI Due: Mid-October 2018

SPOTLIGHT FUNDING (CONT.)

Research Grants

The Center for Education and Ethics announces a new grant program. The Center will make awards of up to $40,000 for research projects in philosophy as it relates to educational policy and practice. We encourage applicants to understand educational policy and practice in broad terms, including issues that directly relate to K-12 schools and higher education institutions, but also concerning policies that influence children's growth and development in the family and other institutions. We also encourage diverse kinds of philosophical research ranging from the highly abstract to the highly applied.

Proposal Due: 11/6/2018

College of Liberal Arts

Science, Technology, and Society (STS)

Supports research that uses historical, philosophical, and social scientific methods to investigate the intellectual, material, and social facets of the scientific, technological, engineering and mathematical (STEM) disciplines. It encompasses a broad spectrum of STS topics including interdisciplinary studies of ethics, equity, governance, and policy issues that are closely related to STEM disciplines, including medical science.

Proposal Due: 8/3/2018

Sociology

Supports basic research on all forms of human social organization societies, institutions, groups and demography, and processes of individual and institutional change. The Program encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes. Included is research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender, race and the sociology of science and technology. The Program supports both original data collections and secondary data analysis that use the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodological tools. Theoretically grounded projects that offer methodological innovations and improvements for data collection and analysis are also welcomed.

Proposal Due: 8/15/2018

SJI Grant Programs

Supports research, demonstrations, and training to improve judicial administration of the state courts. Preference is given to projects that have national significance. Offers five types of grants: Project Grants, Technical Assistance Grants, Curriculum Adaptation and Training Grants, Education Support Program, and Strategic Initiatives Grants.

Proposal Due: 8/11/2018, 11/15/2018

Social Psychology

The Social Psychology Program at NSF supports basic research on human social behavior, including cultural differences and development over the life span. Among the many research topics supported are: attitude formation and change, social cognition, personality processes, interpersonal relations and group processes, the self, emotion, social comparison and social influence, and the psychophysiological and neurophysiological bases of social behavior.

Proposal Due: 7/16/2018

Scholar Grants

The Foundation's grants provide support for research on Chinese Studies in the humanities and social sciences.

Proposal Due: Between 8/1/2018 and 10/15/2018

Humanities Connections Implementation/Planning Grants

The Humanities Connections grant program seeks to expand the role of the humanities in undergraduate education at two- and four-year institutions. Grants will support innovative curricular approaches that foster productive partnerships among humanities faculty and their counterparts in the social and natural sciences and in pre-service or professional programs (such as business, engineering, health sciences, law, computer science, and other technology-driven fields).

Proposal Due: 9/18/2018

SPOTLIGHT FUNDING CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE!
Summer Stipends

Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Eligible projects usually result in articles, monographs, books, digital materials and publications, archaeological site reports, translations, or editions. Projects must not result solely in the collection of data; instead, they must also incorporate analysis and interpretation. Summer Stipends support continuous full-time work on a humanities project for a period of two consecutive months. Summer Stipends support projects at any stage of development.

Proposal Due: 9/26/2018

I Tatti Fellowship

Fifteen I Tatti Residential Fellowships, each for twelve months, are available annually for post-doctoral research in any aspect of the Italian Renaissance, broadly understood historically to include the period from the 14th to the 17th century and geographically to include transnational dialogues between Italy and other cultures (e.g. Latin American, Mediterranean, African, Asian etc.).

Proposal Due: 10/15/2018

Cultural Anthropology Program

The primary objective of the Cultural Anthropology Program is to support basic scientific research on the causes, consequences, and complexities of human social and cultural variability. Anthropological research spans a wide gamut, and contemporary cultural anthropology is an arena in which diverse research traditions and methodologies are valid. Recognizing the breadth of the field's contributions to science, the Cultural Anthropology Program welcomes proposals for empirically grounded, theoretically engaged, and methodologically sophisticated research in all sub-fields of cultural anthropology. Because the National Science Foundation's mandate is to support basic research, the NSF Cultural Anthropology Program does not fund research that takes as its primary goal improved clinical practice or applied policy.

Proposal Due: 8/15/2018

mHealth Tools for Individuals with Chronic Conditions to Promote Effective Patient-Provider Communication, Adherence to Treatment and Self-Management

The purpose of this initiative is to stimulate research utilizing Mobile Health (mHealth) tools aimed at the improvement of effective patient–provider communication, adherence to treatment and self-management of chronic diseases. With the rapid expansion of cellular networks and substantial advancements in Smartphone technologies, it is now possible-and affordable-to transmit patient data digitally from remote areas to specialists in urban areas, receive real-time feedback, and capture that consultation in a database. These mHealth tools, therefore, may facilitate more timely and effective patient-provider communication through education communication around goal setting, treatment reminders, feedback on patient progress, and may improve health outcomes. This announcement encourages the development and testing of interventions utilizing mHealth technologies. There is also an interest in studying mHealth technologies in underserved populations.

Proposal Due: 10/16/2018

Research Grants

We welcome applications for studies related to multiple sclerosis that may serve to advance our mission of stopping MS progression, restoring function and improving quality of life, and preventing MS. The Society supports fundamental as well as applied studies, non-clinical or clinical in nature, including projects in patient management, care and rehabilitation.

Proposal Due: 7/25/2018

Pre-Application Due: 8/1/2018
Geriatric Research Grant

One $40,000 Geriatric Research Grant is to be awarded to an Emerging Investigator for research focused on the development of feasible, effective, and sustainable interventions to be implemented in older adults (> 75 years of age or 65-70 if justified) with multiple, chronic health conditions to address issues with mobility.

Pre-Proposals Due: 8/2/2018

Research Grants

The Retirement Research Foundation funds research projects that have a regional or national impact on older Americans. Of particular interest are projects that seek causes and solutions to significant problems facing older adults, ages 65 and older, through support of applied and policy research for which federal funding is not available.

Proposal Due: 8/1/2018
LOI Due: 7/15/2018

There is also a Mini-Grant Program with applications accepted year-round.

College of Business & Economics

Economics

The Economics program supports research designed to improve the understanding of the processes and institutions of the U.S. economy and of the world system of which it is a part. This program also strengthens both empirical and theoretical economic analysis as well as the methods for rigorous research on economic behavior. It supports research in almost every area of economics, including econometrics, economic history, environmental economics, finance, industrial organization, international economics, labor economics, macroeconomics, mathematical economics, and public finance.

Proposal Due: 8/20/2018

Economic Literacy Grants Program

Supports a wide range of projects aimed at increasing economic literacy, especially the best way to teach the subject (research, curriculum development); the impact of economic education (policy studies, measurement of economic understanding); and encouragement of youth/young adults to participate in the economic system after finishing school (research, conferences, outreach programs). New strategies for teaching economics including online and web-based instruction is of interest.

Proposal Due: 9/15/2018

Future of Work

The foundation’s program on the Future of Work supports research on the causes and consequences of changes in the quality of jobs for less- and moderately-skilled workers in the United States. We are especially interested in proposals that address important questions about the interplay of market and non-market forces in shaping the wellbeing of workers, today and in the future.

Proposal Due: 11/15/2018
LOI Due: 8/20/2018

General Grant Program

Through the General Grant Program, the FINRA Investor Education Foundation funds research and educational projects that empower underserved Americans with the knowledge, skills and tools to make sound financial decisions throughout life.

Proposal Due: Rolling
Research Report Stipends

The aim of the IBM Center for The Business of Government is to tap into the best minds in academe and the nonprofit sector who can use rigorous public management research and analytic techniques to help public sector executives and managers improve the effectiveness of government. We are looking for very practical findings and actionable recommendations - not just theory or concepts - in order to assist executives and managers to more effectively respond to mission and management challenges.

Proposal Due: 10/1/2018

ACLS Fellowships

ACLS invites research applications from scholars in all disciplines of the humanities and related social sciences. Faculty appointments are not required. The ultimate goal of the project should be a major piece of scholarly work by the applicant, which can take the form of a monograph, articles, digital publication(s), critical edition, or other scholarly resources. ACLS does not fund creative work (e.g., novels or films), textbooks, straightforward translation, or pedagogical projects. ACLS Fellowships are intended as salary replacement to help scholars devote six to twelve continuous months to full-time research and writing. The awards are portable and are tenable at the fellow’s home institution, abroad, or at another appropriate site for research.

Proposal Due: 9/26/2018

Research Grants

The foundation welcomes proposals from any of the natural and social sciences and the humanities that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence and aggression. Highest priority is given to research that can increase understanding and amelioration of urgent problems of violence and aggression in the modern world.

Proposal Due: 8/1/2018

BAA for Intelligent Railroad System Research

This BAA solicits basic and applied research projects that can leverage the technologies and systems both developed and emerging from the intelligent transportation systems field and apply these advances to the rail industry. Such advancements can help ensure rail safety, improve economic competitiveness, and expand opportunities for the rail industry. Collectively, these technologies can begin the development of an Intelligent Railroad System.

Proposal Due: 7/27/2018

Abe Fellowship

The Abe Fellowship is designed to encourage international multidisciplinary research on topics of pressing global concern. The program seeks to foster the development of a new generation of researchers who are interested in policy-relevant topics of long-range importance and who are willing to become key members of a bilateral and global research network built around such topics. It strives especially to promote a new level of intellectual cooperation between the Japanese and American academic and professional communities committed to and trained for advancing global understanding and problem solving.

Proposal Due: 9/1/2018

Core Fulbright Scholar Program

The Core Fulbright Scholar Program offers nearly 500 teaching, research or combination teaching/research awards in over 125 countries. Opportunities are available for college and university faculty and administrators as well as for professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others. In addition to several new program models designed to meet the changing needs of U.S. academics and professionals, Fulbright is offering more opportunities for flexible, multi-country grants.

Proposal Due: 8/1/2018

Don’t see what you’re looking for in this issue? If you are interested in requesting assistance in your search for funding, please contact Katherine Fusick at kfusick@towson.edu with a summary of your project.
The federal government has been updating its proposal submission and management systems. Below is a summary of some recent changes.

**Grants.gov Mobile App**

In late April, Grants.gov released a mobile app that gives applicants convenient access to search and notification tools when they are away from their desk. The app is available on the Google Play and iTunes app stores. There is a brief video showcasing some app features in the article here.

**NSF Updates**

**Proposal Submission Modernization (PSM)**

PSM is a multi-year initiative to modernize the proposal submission capabilities currently in FastLane and implement new capabilities in Research.gov. Proposers will now be preparing and submitting non-collaborative research proposals in Research.gov.

**Account Management Updates**

NSF merged its grant systems with Research.gov in order to streamline the user experience for maintaining accounts and centralizing access. A person’s NSF ID will be used to manage their profile data and permission information.

Existing users should have been migrated to the new system and asked to confirm their account information on 3/26/18. If you have not confirmed your account already, you will need to do so when submitting your next proposal.

There is a video tutorial for navigating the PSM and Account Management Updates that can be viewed here.

**POST-AWARD**

**Summer Compensation**

When requesting summer compensation from grants, please be sure to base your request on your actual FY18 salary. One month of summer salary = 10% of your academic year salary.

With the end of the fiscal year approaching, it is important to review your grant expenditures to ensure that all is in order. Please contact your post-award representative with any questions you may have.

**College of Education and College of Health Professions**

Contact Leena Dave, ldave@towson.edu

**Most Fisher College of Science & Mathematics Awards**

Contact Kevin Smith, kmsmith@towson.edu

**All Other Awards**

Contact Jai-Lyn Elliott, jelliott@towson.edu
Summertime is quickly approaching! The Institutional Review Board (IRB) would like to remind you that IRB applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed throughout the summer.

The regular standard/full board deadlines are in place for the summer months and are as follows:

**May 18, June 15, July 20, and August 17.**

Accelerated applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis.

There may be delays in the normal one week (accelerated) and three week (standard/full board) review time lines because reviewing faculty may be out of office during periods of the summer. IRB meetings are not scheduled to take place during the summer months, but may be held if an application requires full board review. Start working on your applications for early fall sooner rather than later to account for delays during the summer months.

The IRB encounters various easily avoidable mistakes that delay application approval, so we put together this list of tips to keep in mind when completing and submitting your application.

**IRB APPLICATION TIPS**

1. Sign your application! If you are a student, make sure your faculty advisor has signed it too. We do recognize electronic signatures, but a typed name is not a signature!

2. Make sure all study personnel have taken the appropriate CITI training, or an appropriate equivalent human subjects training program.

3. Follow the cover letter/informed consent template in the PI Manual to avoid additional revisions and delays.

4. Fill out all relevant sections of the application!

5. Carefully review the standard/accelerated applications to make sure you have the correct one for your research.

6. Familiarize yourself with the review categories (different from the applications)!

7. Start the process early! The new system of deadlines is designed to allow researchers to carefully plan their research—take advantage of it!

8. **ASK QUESTIONS!** We can help you through the application process. Contact us at irb@towson.edu or 410-704-2236.
The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research is now subscribed to a new funding search database called SPINPlus!

SPINPlus is a web-based, searchable funding opportunity database available to all TU faculty, staff, and students. SPINPlus includes a database of funding opportunities, a database of investigator profiles, and a matching alert service.

Follow these instructions to create a profile:
- Go to www.infoedglobal.com
- Click on SPIN link
- If on campus, click on sign in link at top of the page (off campus will place you at the sign in page)
- Select Need to Create a New Profile at the bottom of the page
- Populate and click Save
- Admin will now receive an e-mail and will log in and either Approve or Disapprove profile request
- If approved, investigator will receive an e-mail with a link to set their unique password

Once your profile is approved you will be able to:
- Create and save searches
- Set and save filters
- Start receiving emails with customized funding opportunities based on your saved searches and filters

SPINPlus offers three basic search functions:

**Text Search**
Text Search is the default search mode in SPIN. It will permit a user to conduct searches by typing words into the search engine and SPIN will then sift through the 40,000+ grants and return those that contain the word or words searched upon if they should appear within the text of the grant. The Text Search mode searches all text within the grants contained in SPIN.

**Keyword Search**
This mode allows a user to browse through a list of terms which are presented via main topic, sub topic, and then specific keyword. Once the desired keywords are selected, SPIN will now look at each grant and if the grant is assigned one or more of the same keywords that were selected by the user, the grant will then be returned as a result on the search.

**Advanced Search**
The Advanced Search provides additional flexibility over the Text Search while searching the text of programs. In the Advanced Search users can move away from searching all text within the program and target specific areas of text such as the Eligibility text or the Objectives text within the grant. Users also have the ability to add more fields to further customize their search beyond the Text Search mode.

Download the **SPINPlus Quick Guide** for more detail.

You can also watch video tutorials for the system [here](#).