

RCA UPDATE

August 3, 2020



Dear NDSU Researchers:

As we continue to work towards a successful 2020/2021 academic year, I want to give you some information about the RCA office's plans and strategies for returning to the workplace and helping you with your research goals.

I'm proud of how the entire RCA team has supported NDSU research processes during the past few months. Even though this time has featured a different and new work environment for many of us, the team has operated with a "business as usual" attitude and has continued to use innovation to support NDSU research. As we now move towards the third phase of the NDSU Return to Work Plan, we will strive to continue the high level of support that we and you expect, although with a few changes. To limit the density of people in the Research buildings, we will keep R1, R1A, and R2 locked during business hours and conduct help sessions remotely. Access will be through keycard doors for those who have building access or by appointment for those who do not. Please call ahead if a face to face meeting is necessary.

There couldn't have been a better time for [Novelution](#), our electronic grant management system, to come online. I'd like to thank the RCA and GCA staff for their tireless work on this, especially Amy Scott and Jill Mackenzie who have led the fight. The first module for Grants and Contracts submission was officially launched July 1 to rave reviews. We are very excited about the added benefit for our researchers!

Novelution integration will continue with the IRB module which will be released

soon. Watch for additional information in upcoming RCA Updates about IRB virtual training sessions occurring in late August and early September. Our IRB team has created new guidance for face to face research. You'll find information about that below.

Finally, while it's been difficult to conduct traditional training sessions, we have held grant writing workshops over the summer and we are offering access to a virtual, [self-paced course](#) to help you prepare R-series NIH grant submissions (R01, R03, R15, R21). This is an investment in NDSU research that will allow our scientists to work with highly skilled experts who have decades of in-the-trenches experience with NIH grant preparation. The course is valued at \$1,000 per person, but RCA is offering it FREE to NDSU researchers through June 2021. Already, several dozen researchers on campus have taken advantage of these opportunities. Please join them if you haven't already signed up.

Over the next few weeks, more of us will be in the R1 and R2 buildings. However, we are implementing practices to ensure our workspaces are safe and healthy for everyone. We have released [NDSU Smart Restart Research Recommendations](#) for research locations on campus, and I hope that they are helpful guidelines. In our offices we will be decreasing density through telework, enabling physical distancing through e-meetings and engineered environmental solutions, and promoting face coverings for everyone using shared space. Our goal is to keep our staff, students, faculty, tenants, and the people who visit our offices safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing you all soon and continuing our partnership in supporting your research activities.

Kind regards,

Jane Schuh

Vice President

Research and Creative Activity

New Required Format: NSF Documents

Beginning October 5, 2020, use of new formats approved by the National Science Foundation (NSF) will be required for both the biographical sketch and current and pending support sections of NSF proposals.

Documents uploaded in a format other than those listed below will trigger a compliance error that will prevent proposal submission in FastLane, Research.gov, and Grants.gov.

NSF-approved formats:

- **SciENcv:** NSF has partnered with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to use SciENcv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae as an NSF-approved format for use in preparation of both the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support sections of an NSF proposal. SciENcv will produce an NSF-compliant PDF version of the documents which proposers can save and submit as part of their proposals via FastLane, Research.gov or Grants.gov.
- **NSF Fillable PDF:** NSF is also providing a fillable PDF as an NSF-approved format for use to prepare both the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support sections of an NSF proposal. Proposers can download the respective fillable PDF form from the NSF biographical sketch and current and pending support websites and then submit the completed forms as part of their proposals via FastLane, Research.gov or Grants.gov. Note that the size of the fillable fields in these PDFs cannot be altered; if the fields do not fit your needs, you will need to use the SciENcv option.

For more information and to access these new formats, visit NSF's website:

- [NSF Biographical Sketch page](#)
- [NSF Current and Pending Support page](#)

NSF has also provided FAQ documents to assist with using these new formats:

- [FAQs on using SciENcv](#)
- [FAQs on using NSF Fillable PDF](#)

The templates are available for use now, ahead of the October 5, 2020 deadline.

Tips:

- Do not alter the fillable PDF forms outside of the fillable fields. This includes adding or deleting fields or deleting blank pages. Alterations may prevent the submission systems (Fastlane, Research.gov, etc.) from recognizing the document as an NSF-approved format.

- Do not alter the SciENCv documents once they have been saved / downloaded. Alterations may prevent the submission systems (Fastlane, Research.gov, etc.) from recognizing the document as an NSF-approved format.
- To help conserve space in the biographical sketch, when including publications with multiple authors in the products section NSF now allows to researchers to list one or more of the authors and then "et al." in lieu of including the complete listing of authors' names.
- Synergistic activities should be specific and must not include multiple examples to further describe the activity. [\[PAPPG Chapter II.C.2.f\(i\)\(d\)\]](#). So, for example, you should not state that you serve as a reviewer, and then proceed to list all of the programs and agencies for which you have reviewed. Instead, choose the one instance where you served as a reviewer that is most relevant / illustrative of your activities, and only include that example. Following NSF's guidance on this topic will help save space in the synergistic activities section.
- NSF uses the information submitted in the current and pending support section to assess the capacity of the individual to carry out the research as proposed as well as to help assess any potential overlap/duplication with the project being proposed. Therefore, you should include any projects to which you have committed some amount of time / person-months, regardless of salary. See NSF's [FAQs on current and pending support](#) for more information.

Human Subjects: IRB COVID-19 Face-to-Face Research Restart Guidelines

North Dakota State University is committed to protecting the rights, safety and welfare of all individuals participating in NDSU research projects. These protections ensure that: risks to participants are minimized, risks are reasonable in relation to benefits, recruitment procedures are fair, subjects are sufficiently informed and able to make a voluntary choice, their privacy and confidentiality are respected, and extra protections are in place for vulnerable groups.

During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, additional precautions need to be taken to ensure that human subjects in research are protected. Guidelines for resuming research involving face-to-face (F2F) interactions can be found on the [IRB website](#).

If you have questions, comments, or concerns regarding safe F2F research at NDSU, please contact:

Dr. Ben Balas, IRB Chair - benjamin.balas@ndsu.edu, 701-231-6105

Kristy Shirley, IRB Administrator – kristy.shirley@ndsu.edu, 701-231-8995



Congratulations to all award recipients from June 2020!

View the complete list online: [PDF](#) | [Excel](#)

The awards listed are externally funded projects. Each month one of the RCA Updates will include prior month awards.

[See Award Reports from previous months >>](#)

Novelution Research Management System

As of July 1, 2020, the Novelution System replaced the Proposal Transmittal Form (PTF) and many other paper-based processes in Sponsored Programs at NDSU. Brief Training videos on using the Grants and Contracts module, as well as instructions on how to access Novelution can be found on the RCA website under the “For Researchers” tab, [Novelution System](#). If you have any questions, or encounter difficulties while using the Novelution System, please contact ndsu.novhelp@ndsu.edu.

RCA Funding Opportunities

RCA has opened applications for two funding programs:

Research Development Travel and Conference Support Awards help defray expenses for faculty presenting at national conferences (virtual or on-

site) or for supporting travel to visit archives or special collections. International opportunities may be accommodated if required for discipline-specific research. As this pool of funding is limited, please consider allowing individuals who do not have other sources of travel funding to apply for this opportunity.

Research Support Services Awards help defray the costs of support services required for research, creative, or scholarly activity. For example, funds may be used in one of the NDSU Core Facilities, another recharge / service center, or for transcription services.

More information and application instructions are posted on the [RCA website](#).

New NIH Resources Available

RCA is working with Dr. Meg Bouvier, a neuroscientist-turned-fulltime-grantwriter, to provide her virtual, self-paced training course *NIH Ready: R Series*, a 4-part grantwriting course as well as *Deadline-Push*, a 10-week workplan that offers 10 weekly emails offering NIH expertise and up-to-the-minute strategies for submitting an R-series application. We're excited to bring you this flexible training resource.

How it Works

The course is hosted on [Meg Bouvier Medical Writing website](#). You'll need to register and watch the courses from there. Even if you're not actively working on a submission, we encourage you to [register now](#) in order to take full advantage of the offering. To complete registration:

- Click 'Add to Cart'.
- At checkout, apply your coupon code (**NDSU NIH TRAINING**)
- Add organizational email address, and create a unique password. Do not use your NDSU password.
- When you're ready, click Watch Now on [megbouvier.com](#).

Sign up for Dr. Bouvier's [mailing list](#), so you don't miss timely announcements and information on the Deadline-Push: 10-week workplan program.

To learn more about Dr. Bouvier, please see her [website](#). If you have any

questions or need assistance with accessing the training, please contact the NDSU Research Development office at ndsuhdev@ndsuh.edu.

COVID-19 Guidance for researchers is available on the [RCA Website](#), including NDSU guidance for PIs, Federal Agency guidance, and Funding Opportunities. As this situation is rapidly changing, please refer to the [NDSU COVID-19 Preparedness and Response page](#) for additional information.

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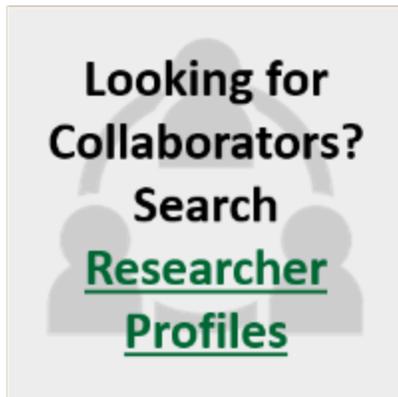
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American Cancer Society: Research Scholar Grants

The American Cancer Society [Research Scholar Grant](#) (RSG) supports investigator-initiated projects across the cancer research continuum. Independent investigators in the first 6 years of an independent research career or faculty appointment are eligible to apply. Applicants typically must be within 12 years of receiving a terminal (doctorate) degree and cannot have more than one R01/R01-like grant (>\$100,000/year direct costs for more than 3 years) as principal investigator at the time of application.

Deadline: October 15, 2020

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DoD: Combat Readiness Medical Research Program, Rapid Development and Translational Research

The Department of Defense (DoD) [Combat Readiness – Medical Research Program](#) (CRRP) supports military-relevant advanced technology and therapeutic research related to forward-deployable solutions that can promptly address life-threatening injuries, medical threats, and treatments for Service members in current and future battlefield settings. Applications submitted to the FY20 CRRP must address at least one of the following Focus Areas:

- Solutions to enhance Warfighter readiness in battlefield and austere environments including the prevention and treatment of:
 - gastrointestinal illness;
 - sleep disorders;
 - myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome;
 - infectious diseases;
- Enhanced delivery and utilization of telemedicine platforms;
- Multiple-use scalable wound-care solutions that can address prevention of bleeding and infection, delivery of therapeutics, and promotion of healing spanning acute through chronic care;
- Repair and/or restoration of combat-related genitourinary organ and tissue damage;
- Solutions for assessment of mild traumatic brain injury in deployed and far-forward settings to include portable devices;
- Research and development of freeze-dried plasma and platelets to address hemorrhage and resuscitation.

Pre-proposal deadline: September 10, 2020

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GKV Foundation: Arts Education Funding

The [GKV Foundation](#) believes that smartly guided exposure to the arts will positively impact an individual's intellectual and social skills and ultimately contribute to improving the world. The Foundation wants to encourage and take chances with new, yet-to-be-tested initiatives. The goal is that first-year funding from GKV will yield enough measurable results to attract sustaining funding from other sources.

Letter of Interest window: September 25-30, 2020

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ND NASA EPSCoR: Research Seed Grants

[North Dakota NASA EPSCoR](#) (Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) is soliciting research proposals from faculty at [affiliate institutions](#) for Research Seed Grant funding to conduct NASA-relevant research designed to promote and expand particular NASA research subdisciplines in North Dakota. The purpose of the ND NASA EPSCoR Research Seed Grant program is to promote, develop, and expand NASA research in North Dakota aligned with NASA priorities and Mission Directorates.

The full Request for Proposals (RFP), online submission form, and appropriate cover sheet can be found in the [RFP announcement](#) on the ND NASA EPSCoR website.

Seed research proposals are due at noon on August 17, 2020.

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NIH: Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1)

[Limited submission grant programs](#) are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program.

NIH RM1 : [Notify RCA](#) by 9/22/2020, 5:00 p.m. if you are interested in submitting to this program.

This National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding opportunity announcement (FOA / [PAR-20-103](#)) is designed to support highly integrated research teams of three to six PD/PIs to address ambitious and challenging research questions that are important for the mission of the [National Institute of General Medical Sciences \(NIGMS\)](#) and are beyond the scope of one or two investigators. [Collaborative program teams](#) are expected to accomplish goals that require considerable synergy and managed team interactions. Project goals should not be achievable with a collection of individual efforts or projects. Teams are encouraged to consider far-reaching objectives that will produce major advances in their fields. Applications that are mainly focused on the creation, expansion, and/or maintenance of community resources, creation of new technologies or infrastructure development are not appropriate for this FOA.

LIMITED SUBMISSION: Only one application per institution is allowed per review round.

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NIH: Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications Research

The National Institutes of Health invites applications that propose to study the ethical, legal and social implications (ELSI) of human genome research. To address the broad scope and reach of genomic advances, applications are invited from investigators representing a wide range of disciplines; including but not limited to ethics, genetics and genomics, clinical medicine, law, health disparities and inequities research, health services and implementation research, public health, bioinformatics and health information sciences, behavioral and social sciences (e.g., psychology, sociology, anthropology, political science, economics, communication science) and the humanities (e.g., history, religion, philosophy, literature). Proposed approaches may include but are not limited to data-generating qualitative and quantitative approaches, legal, economic and normative analyses, and other types of analytical and conceptual research methodologies, such as those involving the direct engagement of stakeholders.

- R01: [PAR-20-254](#)
- R03: [PAR-20-257](#)
- R21: [PAR-20-255](#)

Deadline: October 19, 2020

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NSF: Division of Materials Research Topical Materials Research Programs

Research supported by the Division of Materials Research (DMR) focuses on advancing fundamental understanding of materials, materials discovery, design, synthesis, characterization, properties, and materials-related phenomena. DMR awards enable understanding of the electronic, atomic, and molecular structures, mechanisms, and processes that govern nanoscale to macroscale morphology and properties; manipulation and control of these properties; discovery of emerging phenomena of matter and materials; and creation of novel design, synthesis, and processing strategies that lead to new materials with unique characteristics. These

discoveries and advancements transcend traditional scientific and engineering disciplines. Projects supported by DMR are essential for the development of future technologies and industries that meet societal needs, as well preparation of the next generation of materials researchers.

Programs accepting proposals from October 1 - November 2, 2020 ([NSF 20-589](#)):

- Biomaterials (BMAT)
- Condensed Matter Physics (CMP)
- Metals and Metallic Nanostructures (MMN)
- Polymers (POL)

Programs that accept proposals at any time:

- Ceramics ([NSF 20-588](#))
- Electronic and Photonic Materials ([NSF 20-588](#))
- Solid State and Materials Chemistry ([NSF 20-588](#))
- Condensed Matter and Materials Theory ([NSF 20-582](#))

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NSF: Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Pathways into the Earth, Ocean, Polar and Atmospheric & Geospace Sciences (IUSE: GEOPATHs)

[Limited submission grant programs](#) are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program.

NSF IUSE:GEOPATHs : [Notify RCA](#) by 9/2/2020, 5:00 p.m. if you are interested in submitting to this program.

[IUSE:GEOPATHs](#) invites proposals that specifically address the current needs and opportunities related to education within the geosciences community through the formation of STEM Learning Ecosystems that engage students in the study of the Earth, its oceans, polar regions and atmosphere. The primary goal of the IUSE:GEOPATHs funding opportunity is to increase the number of students pursuing undergraduate and/or postgraduate degrees through the design and testing of novel approaches that engage students in authentic, career-relevant experiences in geoscience. In order to broaden participation in the geosciences,

engaging students from historically excluded groups or from non-geoscience degree programs is a priority. This solicitation features three funding tracks that focus on Geoscience Learning Ecosystems (GLEs):

1. GEOPATHs: *Informal Networks (IN)*. Collaborative projects in this track will support geoscience learning and experiences in informal settings for teachers, pre-college (e.g., upper level high school) students, and early undergraduates in the geosciences.
2. GEOPATHs: *Undergraduate Preparation (UP)*. Projects in this track will engage pre-college and undergraduate students in extra-curricular experiences and training in the geosciences with a focus on service learning and workplace skill building.
3. GEOPATHs: *Graduate Opportunities (GO)*. Projects in this track will improve research and career-related pathways into the geosciences for undergraduate and graduate students through institutional collaborations with a focus on service learning and workplace skill building.

LIMITED SUBMISSION: An organization may serve as sole submitting organization or as lead organization of a collaborative project on only one submission per competition, regardless of track, but may serve as the non-lead organization of a collaborative project more than once per competition. A Principal Investigator may serve in the role of PI or Co-PI on only one proposal per competition if they are at the sole-submitting organization or the lead organization of a collaborative project, but may serve as the Co-PI for a non-lead organization of a collaborative project more than once per competition.

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NSF: Major Research Instrumentation (MRI)

Limited submission grant programs are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program.

NSF MRI : Notify RCA by 9/15/2020, 5:00 p.m. if you are interested in submitting to this program.

The National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program [NSF 18-513] serves to increase access to multi-user scientific and engineering

instrumentation for research and research training in our Nation's institutions of higher education and not-for-profit scientific / engineering research organizations. An MRI award supports the acquisition or development of a multi-user research instrument that is, in general, too costly and/or not appropriate for support through other NSF programs. **Cost sharing of precisely 30% of the total project cost is required.**

Based on the NSF 18-513 solicitation, an MRI proposal may request support for either the acquisition or development of a research instrument.

- Track 1: Track 1 MRI proposals are those that request funds from NSF greater than or equal to \$100,000 and less than \$1,000,000. Two proposal submissions are allowed per organization.
- Track 2: Track 2 MRI proposals are those that request funds from NSF greater than or equal to \$1,000,000 up to and including \$4,000,000. One proposal submission is allowed per organization.

LIMITED SUBMISSION: The MRI program requires that an MRI-eligible organization may, as a performing organization, submit or be included as a significantly funded subawardee in *no more than three MRI proposals*. Each performing organization is limited to a maximum of three proposals in the “Tracks” as defined above, with no more than two submissions in Track 1 and no more than one submission in Track 2.

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NSF: Research Traineeship (NRT)

Limited submission grant programs are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program.

NSF NRT : Notify RCA by 9/15/2020, 5:00 p.m. if you are interested in submitting to this program.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Traineeship (NRT) program [NSF 19-522] is designed to encourage the development and implementation of bold, new, and potentially transformative models for STEM graduate education training. The NRT program seeks proposals that explore ways for graduate

students in research-based masters and doctoral degree programs to develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to pursue a range of STEM careers. The program is dedicated to effective training of STEM graduate students in high priority interdisciplinary research areas, through the use of a comprehensive traineeship model that is innovative, evidence-based, and aligned with changing workforce and research needs. The NRT program addresses workforce development, emphasizing broad participation, and institutional capacity building needs in graduate education. Strategic collaborations with the private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), government agencies, national laboratories, field stations, teaching and learning centers, informal science centers, and academic partners are encouraged.

LIMITED SUBMISSION: Based on the NSF 19-522 solicitation, an eligible organization may participate in *two proposals* per competition. **Participation includes serving as a lead organization, non-lead organization, or subawardee on any proposal.** Organizations participating solely as evaluators on projects are excluded from this limitation.



USDA-NIFA: New Investigator Grants

Through the USDA-NIFA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), applicants who meet eligibility requirements as a New Investigator can apply for a *seed grant* or a *New Investigator standard grant*.

An individual who is beginning their career, does not have an extensive scientific publication record, and has fewer than five years postgraduate career-track experience (i.e., positions in which the individual's institution allows them to submit competitive grant applications as Project Director beyond a fellowship) can apply for a New Investigator Grant for research, education, and/or extension activities. The new investigator may not have received competitively awarded federal research funds as Project Director (PD), with the exception of pre- or postdoctoral grants or AFRI Seed Grants. However, if the applicant received Federal funding as Co-PD of previously awarded competitive grants, it will not count against their eligibility as a New Investigator. Eligibility requirements for a New Investigator Grant apply only to the PD and not to Co-PDs or collaborators.

Starting in FY 2021, two types of New Investigator Grants are available:

- **New Investigator Standard Grant**, which is an AFRI Standard Grant in all respects except that the Project Director meets the eligibility criteria for New Investigators.
- **New Investigator Seed Grant**, which is available under each program area priority within NIFA. Applications from New Investigators will be reviewed with other Seed Grant applications, with special consideration given to funding New Investigator Seed Grant applications.

AFRI Seed Grants provide funds to help investigators collect preliminary data through either domestic or international collaborations or to complete other preliminary activities to prepare for applying for future AFRI grants. They are not intended to fund stand-alone projects, but rather projects that will lead to further research in one of the AFRI-funded priority areas. Seed Grants are limited to a total of \$300,000 (including indirect costs) for up to two years and are not renewable. An individual applicant may submit only one Seed Grant as PD during the current fiscal year. New Investigators also may only receive one New Investigator Seed Grant as PD during their career.

Find out more about AFRI funding opportunities and program area priorities [here](#).

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USDA-NIFA: Women and Minorities in STEM Fields Program (WAMS)

[Limited submission grant programs](#) are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program.

USDA WAMS : [Notify RCA](#) by 9/15/2020, 5:00 p.m. if you are interested in submitting to this program.

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) requests applications for [WAMS](#) to support research and extension activities that increase the number of women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas who will pursue and complete a postsecondary degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) disciplines. WAMS-funded project activities must support the creation, adaptation, and adoption of learning materials and teaching strategies to

operationalize what we know about how students learn. WAMS-funded projects shall also focus on imparting both technical knowledge as well as 'soft' skills such as communication, team work, and problem solving, as these are abilities expected by employers.

For this program, NIFA will support projects with a target audience of K-14 students (kindergarten through twelfth grade plus two years of post-secondary school (e.g., vocational technical institutions or community or junior colleges). Four-year undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral focused projects will not be awarded under this grant announcement.

LIMITED SUBMISSION: Each eligible, individual institution, independent branch campus, and branch institution of a State system may submit one application as an individual institution.

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Department of Energy Summer Webinar Series

This free webinar series will connect early- and growth-stage companies, accelerators and incubators, and university entrepreneurial scientists and engineers to the latest program initiatives and partnering opportunities from the Department of Energy (DOE). It will provide attendees with an opportunity to hear from DOE senior leaders and program managers, those who are the administrators and decision-makers for current and upcoming funding and partnering opportunities. All webinars are scheduled for 12pm (Noon) CT. [Learn more and register >>](#)

- **August 6:** Energy I-Corp for DOE's SBIR / STTR Programs
- **August 13:** The DOE Technology Commercialization Fund
- **August 20:** DOE and the Federal Lab Consortium - What's in it for you?
- **September 4:** DOE's Prize Competitions and Challenges
- **September 11:** The Laboratory Partnership Service
- **September 18:** Wells Fargo Innovation Incubator (IN2) and the NREL Industry Growth Forum

Past webinars are available to watch on-demand.

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Export Controls Roundtable: Foreign Influence

Roundtables are designed to be discussions regarding specific topics and are less formal than webinars. There will be a 1-2 slide formal presentation providing background on the subject, and two discussion leaders will lend their experience to the group. Participants will be encouraged to share their own knowledge as well as ask questions, hopefully leading to a successful group discussion. The direction of the conversation is entirely dependent on the group.

Foreign Influence

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 - 11:00 AM

Facilitators: Sharon May and Julie Sherwood

Safeguarding research on campus against threats from some foreign governments seeking to influence, interfere and, in some cases, steal scientific research and intellectual property has been the subject of warnings by national security and law enforcement officials over the past several years. To date, cases have been brought against professors, scholars and students from universities and research institutions across the US. This roundtable will open the discussion on the issue of foreign influence on American university campuses and how we can protect federally funded research projects from cyberattacks, theft, and other foreign threats while still maintaining openness and international academic collaboration.

Spots are limited. Please email sharon.may@ndsu.edu to reserve your space. Sessions will be limited to around 20 participants to maximize discussion.

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Save the Date: Novelution Software Training - IRB Module

Virtual training sessions for the Novelution Institutional Review Board (IRB) protocol submission modules have been scheduled. Sessions will be held via Microsoft Teams and will be recorded and archived to be viewed at any time. We would love to have you join us in real time. Two sessions will be held for faculty and students submitting protocols for review on:

- August 25, 2020 | 1:30-3:00 p.m.
- September 2, 2020 | 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Links to the Microsoft Teams meetings will be provided in a later edition.

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Have questions, ideas, or suggestions for the RCA Update?

[Contact Us](#)



The Office of Research and Creative Activity (RCA) sends weekly emails to NDSU faculty and staff to provide current information on various topics including funding opportunities, grant program changes, research resources, deadlines, notices, and training.

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