Welcome to the Research and Creative Activity Update!

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.

These weekly email updates are archived on the [RCA Website](#).

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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**NSF Planning Grants for Engineering Research Centers (ERC)**

The Planning Grants for ERC solicitation, [NSF 18-549](#), is a mechanism for increasing capacity across the engineering academic community to develop ideas, facilitate team formation, and foster stakeholder community networks. As a result of planning grant activities, potential ERC teams should be better equipped to carry out center-scale convergent engineering research with large societal impact. It is anticipated that the solicitation for the next ERC competition will be released during the 2018 calendar year. Planning grants should not exceed $100,000 and are for one year. The anticipated start date of the planning grants is September 1, 2018. Participation in the planning grants program should not be construed as a proposal for the next ERC competition, and the information presented in a submitted planning grant will not limit in any way a future ERC proposal submission. Note also the [FAQ’s](#) webpage for more information. **Application deadline: June 6, 2018.**

**American Diabetes Association – Pathway to Stop Diabetes Program**

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.

Pathway to Stop Diabetes Program: Notify RCA by 5/14/2018 at 4:00 p.m. if you intend to make a nomination.
Pathway to Stop Diabetes is an initiative designed to transform diabetes research. The vision is to find a new generation of scientists at the peak of their creativity, and provide them with freedom, autonomy, and the financial and professional resources to set them on the road to breakthrough discoveries. This initiative enables scientists to advance not only their research, but also their careers. Pathway scientists have access to the Mentor Advisory Group, an annual Pathway symposia, select speaking opportunities, and innovative technologies, all designed to foster interactions and collaboration that will enable them to accelerate their research progress. Nominations are solicited for candidates in all disciplines as applied to diabetes including medicine, biology, chemistry, computing, physics, mathematics and engineering. In addition, nomination of scientists from diverse backgrounds, including minority groups that are underrepresented in biomedical research, is strongly encouraged. Full proposals due July 2, 2018

NSF Proposals: Reminder of New PAPPG Requirements
For development of NSF proposals, please be aware of the changes implemented in 2018 to the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (18-1). Changes include:

- The Project Description must now contain a separate section specifically identified as "Intellectual Merit".
- Collaborators & Other Affiliations (COA) Information must be provided through use of a new, standardized NSF COA template. Footnotes have been added to address frequently asked questions relating to the new COA template. The template can be found on the NSF website.
- The Budget and Budget Justification requirements have been revised to increase the number of pages allowed for the budget justification to no more than five pages per proposal. This change applies to budget justifications for both proposers and subawardees.

Working at the University-Industry Interface Webinar Series
If you have missed any of the Working at the University-Industry Interface Webinar Series, the last three webinars and presentation materials are available online.

Title: Establishing Contacts with Industry and Research Institutions
Video Link: https://budurl.me/8c5fs
Last date to watch webinar: May 6, 2018

Title: Preparing Proposals, Budgeting
Video Link: http://budurl.me/eabuh
Last date to watch webinar: May 20, 2018

Title: Addressing Compliance, Contracting and Consulting and Outside Activities
Video Link: https://budurl.me/p4um5
Presentation Materials Link: https://www.academicimpressions.com/online_training/0218-uidp5.pdf
Last date to watch webinar: June 3, 2018

Establishing Contacts with Industry and Research Institutions and Dealing with Confidential/Proprietary Information
The Research Office has subscribed to a 7-part webinar series developed by the University-Industry Demonstration Partnership and focused on the various aspects of working with industry to develop research partnerships.

Session 7: Benefiting from University-Industry Collaborations with Government Engagement
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 | 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. CST
- Companies partnering with universities to leverage federal funds for corporate investments
Increasing emphasis of government agencies to show relevance to their R&D portfolios

Differences among state and federal programs

The webinar will be broadcast on **Wednesday, May 2, 2018, from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m.** in the Meadow Lark Room of the Memorial Union. Please join us.

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**Research Integrity and Compliance Spring Fling Appreciation Social**

In appreciation for your contribution to NDSU research, the Research Integrity and Compliance (RIC) team invites researchers and compliance committee members to attend the first annual Spring Fling Appreciation Social. Join us May 2 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Research 1, Room 148. Light refreshments will be served.