Welcome to the Research and Creative Activity Update!
To share information quickly rather than through multiple emails, we provide weekly updates for researchers, scholars and staff to keep up-to-date on grant program changes, deadlines, notices and training, with links to expand the information you may be interested in.

Thank you for your contributions to research and creative activity at NDSU.

These weekly email updates are archived on the [RCA Website](https://www.ndsu.edu/research/).

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**Ag Biotech Entrepreneurial Showcase**
The North Carolina Biotechnology Center will be holding the 5th annual [Ag Biotech Entrepreneurial Showcase](#) on May 10-11, 2017, in Research Triangle Park, NC. The Showcase continues to be the ideal event to convene ag biotech investment firms, global ag biotech companies, university research labs, technology transfer offices, and support organizations for information sharing, networking, and partnering.

Twelve crop biotech and animal health entrepreneurs will be selected to present, and cash prizes for the best presentations will be awarded. Entrepreneurial ag biotech companies in North Dakota that are seeking investors and/or corporate partners are encouraged to apply. [Applications](#) are due by January 27.
For more information about this event, please visit [http://www.ncbiotech.org/agbiotechshowcase](http://www.ncbiotech.org/agbiotechshowcase) or contact Paul Ulanch (919-549-8818 or paul_ulanch@ncbiotech.org).

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**Spring Semester Gear up for Grants Seminars**
Mark your calendars for these upcoming Gear up for Grants Seminars:

**Best Practices and Tips for Creating a Successful Proposal Budget**
*Thursday, January 19, 2017 | 3-4:30pm | Memorial Union Hidatsa Room*
[Register Now!](#)

**Education Outreach: Working with K-12**
*Wednesday, February 15, 2017 | 3-4:30pm | Memorial Union Hidatsa Room*
[Register Now!](#)

**All-Day Interactive Grant Proposal Development Workshop**
Facilitated by Lucy Deckard, Academic Research Funding Strategies, LLC
*Tuesday, March 21, 2017 | 8:30am-4:30pm | Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room*
[Register Now!](#)

For more information, visit the [Research and Creative Activity Calendar](#).

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**Collaborative Research Travel Grants – Burroughs Wellcome Fund**
The Burroughs Wellcome Fund is offering Collaborative Research Travel Grants (CRTG) for biomedical researchers. The grant provides up to $15,000 for domestic or international travel to visit labs at other institutions to learn new research techniques, or to begin or continue research collaboration. CTRG funds can be applied towards airfare, accommodations, meals, ground transportation, and other travel expenses as well as lab supplies and other material expenses for the visit. The grant is open to faculty members, researchers, trainees - including postdocs and fellows - in biomedical sciences who are citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or Canada, and are hosted at a degree-granting institution in the U.S. or Canada. Researchers with doctorate-level training in the physical, mathematical, or engineering sciences are especially encouraged to apply. Applications are due on February 1, 2017.
For more information, including the application process, [visit the Burroughs Wellcome Fund website](#).

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**NDDOC Venture Grant Program Deadlines**
The next submission deadline for a Venture Grant proposal is February 17, 2017. Please contact the Technology Transfer Office (1-6681) before January 23, if you are planning to submit a proposal and would like our assistance. The Phase I Venture Grant’s purpose is to determine if a technology/invention would be potentially feasible for a North Dakota start-up or spin-off business. Phase II is to further develop the technology/invention with an objective that it will result in a license to a start-up or spin-off a business. Information about the Venture Grant Phase 1 or Phase 2 can be found at the North Dakota Department of Commerce’s webpage [here](#). The Venture Grant application can be found [here](#). The final submission deadline for this fiscal year is May 19, 2017.
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee: New Training Requirements and Forms

**NEW!** Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Training Requirements implemented. The new procedure includes: a) IACUC training requirements, b) people qualified to conduct training, c) exemptions to mandated training and, d) medical monitoring.

**NEW!** Effective immediately the IACUC will only accept the new [Personnel Qualifications Form (PQF)](#). A PQF will be required for each individual listed on an IACUC protocol. The previous training certification form will no longer be accepted.

If you have any questions regarding the new training requirements or form, please contact the IACUC Office at 231-8114.

Section 723 Added to NDSU Policy Manual for Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems

A new NDSU policy section was recently approved for operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and is now available in the policy manual [Section 723](#). The policy states that federal, state, and local regulations must be followed for operation of UAS for all university related activity. It also provides a link to a set of procedures to be utilized. Contact Aaron Reinholz if you are planning to use an unmanned aircraft (commonly referred to as a drone). (1-5338; aaron.reinholz@ndsu.edu).

Seeking Faculty Who Have Served as Reviewers for NSF CAREER Program

Research Development would like to identify NDSU faculty who have served as proposal reviewers for the NSF CAREER program who are willing to share their experiences with faculty applying to this program. Please email ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu if you or someone in your department has served as an NSF CAREER reviewer within the past four years.

Significant Financial Interest (SFI) Disclosures

All investigators currently funded by either PHS or NSF should have received a recent notice requesting an updated Significant Financial Interest (SFI) Disclosure form. SFI disclosure is a requirement of these funding agencies and the initial disclosure is done as part of the proposal process. In order to ensure there is no gap between the timing of the disclosure and any changes that may occur prior to or during subsequent funding periods, as well as to certify the continuity of oversight that is required is up-to-date, Research Integrity and Compliance has implemented an annual updating process. If you received a notice, please complete the update process by January 31. Please contact Julie Sherwood (1-8908; j.sherwood@ndsu.edu) with questions.

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