Welcome to the Research and Creative Activity Update!
The Office of Research and Creative Activity wants to make sure you are provided with up-to-date information pertaining to research and scholarly activities and opportunities. Thus, to share information quickly rather than through multiple emails, we will continue to 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.rca.ndsu.nodak.edu).

**EVENTS**
- Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Webinar: Student Voices in Undergraduate Research: Pathways TO and THROUGH Graduate School in the Life Sciences
- Support Undergraduate Researchers – Plan to Attend the NDSU EXPLORE Showcase November 1
- Save the Date for Upcoming Gear up for Grants Seminars

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**
- NSF DCL: Creating, Implementing, and Evaluating Models of Intervention to Retain Underrepresented Minorities in STEM Fields

**NOTICES**
- Pre-Award Spending

**Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Webinar: Student Voices in Undergraduate Research: Pathways TO and THROUGH Graduate School in the Life Sciences**
To broaden participation in STEM fields there is a need to both recruit and retain students across the entire educational pathway. However, moving from undergraduate study to graduate school can be a challenging transition for a variety of reasons. In this webinar, four different graduate students will share their stories about how they formed their science identity. They will share what things their undergraduate and graduate mentors have done to help them succeed as scientists. They will also address what things their mentors have done to help them become part of the scientific community at their current graduate institution. Please join us to learn effective strategies that will ensure the success of all.

**Student Voices in Undergraduate Research: Pathways TO and THROUGH Graduate School in the Life Sciences**
Thursday, October 20, 2016 | 2-3pm
Quentin Burdick Building Room 422
Support Undergraduate Researchers – Plan to Attend the NDSU EXPLORE Showcase November 1

The 2016 NDSU EXPLORE Undergraduate Research Showcase will take place November 1, 2016 in the NDSU Memorial Union. Students present their creative projects, whether complete or in-progress, as a poster, oral presentation, or other format. We encourage you to attend in support of the student researchers. For more information, visit the NDSU EXPLORE page online, or find NDSU EXPLORE on Facebook.

Save the Date for Upcoming Gear up for Grants Seminars

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Gear up for Grants Seminars:

**Working with Industry**
*Tuesday, November 15, 2016 | 3-4:30pm | Memorial Union Hidatsa Room*

**Research Results Beyond Publishing – Intellectual Property, Licensing to Companies, Starting a Company**
*Wednesday, December 14, 2016 | 3-4:30pm | Memorial Union Hidatsa Room*

For more information, visit the Research and Creative Activity Calendar.

NSF DCL: Creating, Implementing, and Evaluating Models of Intervention to Retain Underrepresented Minorities in STEM Fields

The National Science Foundation has issued a Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) inviting eligible organizations to submit research proposals that create, implement, and evaluate models of intervention that will advance the knowledge base for establishing and retaining underrepresented minorities in STEM fields (with particular attention to life science and the biosciences), beginning in elementary school through undergraduate studies. For more information, read the full text of the DCL online.

Pre-Award Spending

Occasionally it is necessary to incur costs prior to the set-up of an award. For instructions on how to request pre-award spending, visit the Sponsored Programs Administration page for Pre- and Post-Award Administration. Sponsored Programs will review all pre-award spending requests and forward approved requests to Grant and Contract Accounting. Approval is contingent on meeting pre-award criteria as well as satisfactory completion of applicable compliance requirements (IACUC, IRB, IBC, FCOI and COI).

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