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.

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Center for Computationally Assisted Science and Technology (CCAST) – Request for Proposals
Research proposals for energy related work that makes good use of NDSU’s upgraded computational facilities are being requested, with funding coming from a Department of Energy grant. It is anticipated that three to five awards of up to $50,000 each will be made. The funding available is approximately $200,000. The deadline is noon on Monday, December 4, 2017. Proposal requirements and contact information for any questions are detailed in the Request for Proposals.

Limited Submission Program: NSF Partnerships for Innovation
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 Partnerships for Innovation (NSF 18-511): Notify RCA by 12/06/2017, 5 p.m.
The NSF Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) Program within the Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships (IIP) offers researchers the opportunity to transform new knowledge into societal benefits through translational research and technology development efforts which catalyze partnerships to accelerate innovations that address significant societal needs. The PFI Program has six broad goals: (1) identifying and supporting Foundation-sponsored research and technologies that have the potential for accelerated commercialization; (2) supporting prior or current Foundation-sponsored researchers, institutions of higher education, and non-profit organizations that partner with an institution of higher education to undertake proof-of-concept work, including the development of technology prototypes that are derived from NSF-funded research and have potential market value; (3) promoting sustainable
Partnerships between Foundation-funded institutions, industry, and other organizations within academia and the private sector with the purpose of accelerating the transfer of technology; (4) developing multi-disciplinary innovation ecosystems which involve and are responsive to the specific needs of academia and industry; (5) catalyzing professional development activities, mentoring, and best practices in entrepreneurship and technology translation for faculty, students and researchers; and (6) expanding the participation of women and individuals from underrepresented groups in innovation, technology translation, and entrepreneurship.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2018.

Upcoming Changes in Human Subjects Protections
New standard operating procedures, protocol applications, forms, and templates have been drafted to comply with the revised Common Rule which will take effect January 19, 2018. The revised Common Rule will expand the types of research which will qualify for an exemption, provide a limited review process for some exempt research, alter requirements for continuing review, and implement new standards for informed consent. Currently active expedited protocols will transition to the new rule as they come due for continuing review. At that time, some protocols may be transitioned into one of the new Exemption Categories by completing a new Protocol Application for Exemption.

Ongoing non-exempt research studies which are still open to enrollment must adapt Consent form(s) to meet the new consent requirements. An updated Consent Template is available on the Forms page of the IRB website under the Templates Section.

New non-exempt protocol submissions should begin using the new Consent Template.
More information about these changes can be found on the Resources page of the IRB website.

ORCID Integrates with NIH
Researchers, do you have an ORCID identification number? By registering for an ID, you ensure that you and your scholarly accomplishments will not be confused with others. ORCID helps you easily and reliably link your unique identity with your contributions such as datasets, articles, books, media stories, experiments, patents, and notebooks. Now, ORCID is integrating with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) via your eRA Commons account. “Those who participate should expect to see additional functionality over time, such as assistance completing NIH applications and reporting requirements as well as allowing public data on NIH grant awards to populate ORCID,” according to Mike Lauer, Director of the Office of Extramural Research at NIH.

November Issue of Research Development and Grant Writing News
The November issue of Research Development and Grant Writing News is now available to view. Use your NDSU login information to access this resource. Various topics are covered, including:

- Funding Success: Synergy Not Silos
- Where Does Your Research Fit?
- Proposal Metrics Do Not Require an Avalanche
- Understanding Your Proposal Writing Tendency
- Do You Have a Narrative Integration Plan?

Gear up for Grants: Using PIVOT for Customized Grant Searches and Your Expertise Profile
NDSU subscribes to Pivot, an online database that provides several useful resources: (1) customized grant searches with email alerts, and (2) a massive inventory of faculty expertise profiles. Pivot is user friendly and free to faculty, staff, and students. Come find out how to receive useful grant email alerts and how to manage your own expertise profile in Pivot. This workshop will be held in a computer cluster to allow attendees to practice while Pivot is being demonstrated on the big screen.
Proposal and Award Management Session #9
The next session in the Proposal and Award Management series will be held on Thursday, December 7 from 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. in the Quentin Burdick Building (QBB), Room 422. The topic area for this meeting is Grants.gov Workspace. Prior to the session, please register in grants.gov under the “Register as an Organization Applicant” tab. This session will review the Grants.gov Workspace application site which will replace the Legacy Grants.gov application package after December 31, 2017. It is recommended that you bring your laptop and your log-in information to the session.

These sessions are being offered monthly by Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA) and Grant & Contract Accounting (GCA). These sessions will provide information and training on topics that are relevant to various aspects of proposal submission and award management. Anyone that participates in any way or has an interest in proposal or budget development, routing and submission of proposals, processing or approving expenditures on awards (allowable costs, payroll, equipment, materials, etc.), overall award management, award compliance, locating funding opportunities or electronic research administration is encouraged to attend. These sessions are open to all faculty, researchers, and staff. Materials from the sessions are available on the Sponsored Programs Training website.

The QBB room is enabled with videoconferencing (IVN), so if you need to participate via IVN, please contact Faye Klein in SPA (231-8045 or faye.klein@ndsu.edu.) IVN participants will need to reserve their site and let Faye know so that SPA can set up for each requesting site. SPA will need the room name and the IP address no later than 10:00 a.m. the day prior to the session. Participants who cannot attend in person or via IVN may be able to connect in two other ways:
1. directly from their laptop or desktop computer using a specific software application, or
2. via an audio connection that can be added to the IVN event.
Participants via personal computer or audio-only will want to contact Faye as soon as possible to ensure adequate time for connections, configuration and testing.

Note: Although Sessions are scheduled to be completed within 45 minutes, SPA and GCA representatives will be available for at least 15 minutes after each Session in order to answer any additional questions that participants may have.