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## Welcome to the Research and Creative Activity Update!

To share information quickly rather than through multiple emails, we will be providing 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.

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### NIH Changes

In October, the [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#) announced numerous and important changes to grant applications:

- NIH & AHRQ Announce **Upcoming Changes to Policies, Instructions and Forms for 2016 Grant Applications** ([NOT-OD-16-004](#)) National Institutes of Health Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- NIH Announces Upcoming **Changes to Post-Award Forms and Instructions** ([NOT-OD-16-005](#)) National Institutes of Health Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- Simplification of the **Vertebrate Animals** Section of NIH Grant Applications and Contract Proposals ([NOT-OD-16-006](#)) National Institutes of Health
- NIH & AHRQ Announce Transition to **New Research Training Table Formats** for 2016 and **Upcoming Release of the xTRACT System** ([NOT-OD-16-007](#)) National Institutes of Health Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- NIH & AHRQ Announce **New Form** for PHS Awarding Component and Peer Review Requests ([NOT-OD-16-008](#)) National Institutes of Health Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- NIH & AHRQ Change **Font Guidelines for Applications** to Due Dates On or After May 25, 2016 ([NOT-OD-16-009](#)) National Institutes of Health Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- **Inclusion of Children in Clinical Research:** Change in NIH Definition ([NOT-OD-16-010](#)) National Institutes of Health
- Implementing **Rigor and Transparency** in NIH & AHRQ Research Grant Applications ([NOT-OD-16-011](#)) National Institutes of Health Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- Implementing **Rigor and Transparency** in NIH & AHRQ Career Development Award Applications ([NOT-OD-16-012](#)) National Institutes of Health Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

- NIH Offers Niche Assessment Program to HHS **SBIR and STTR** Phase I Awardees  
([NOT-OD-16-013](#)) National Institutes of Health
- Research Terms and Conditions Available for **Public Comment**  
([NOT-OD-16-014](#)) National Institutes of Health

## NIH ASSIST

[ASSIST](#) is NIH's new online system to prepare, submit, and track grant applications to NIH. As an alternative to using Grants.Gov for NIH only grant proposal submissions, NIH ASSIST is comparable to NSF's Fastlane system in that it is web-based, pre-populates some data, and allows print and preview of one's application in NIH format. Researchers that are considering an application submission to NIH are strongly encouraged to use ASSIST rather than Grants.Gov for proposal submission.

NIH indicated in a recent email notification, "During the last round of grant applications, over 25% of the applicants switched from using downloadable forms to ASSIST. They successfully submitted their applications on the first try over 90% of the time compared with only 60% of the time for those still using the standard downloadable forms."

Click [here](#) to access and register in ASSIST. For questions, please contact Cindy Eleson, 231-5259, [cindy.smelser@ndsu.edu](mailto:cindy.smelser@ndsu.edu).

## NSF New Guidelines

The National Science Foundation (NSF) released a new [Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide](#) (PAPPG) (NSF 16-1). The requirements in the guide are effective for **proposals submitted, or due, on or after January 25, 2016**. The changes and clarifications can be found here: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf16001/sigchanges.jsp>.

## Life Cycle of Awards Series

Pre-Award/Budgeting – 3 Part Series \*

Part 2, November 12, 2015

Part 3, November 16, 2015

Century Theater, Memorial Union, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

\*You may attend parts 2 and 3 even if you did not attend part 1. Part 1 was held early afternoon on November 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in information from Part 1, please contact SPA, 231-8045. For more information on this series, click [here](#).

## Save the Date: NSF Day at NDSU - May 18, 2016

NSF Days provide insight and instruction on how to compete for NSF funding for science, engineering and education research. These day-long workshops provide background on the foundation, its mission, priorities, and budget. Program managers and staff give an overview on proposal writing; programs that fall within and across NSF's seven scientific and engineering directorates; and NSF's merit review process, considered the gold standard worldwide for how funding decisions are made. NSF representatives are on hand all day to answer questions and to host discipline-specific breakout sessions to personally engage in discussions with attendees.

## North Dakota Dept. of Commerce Venture Grant Program

The NDSU Technology Transfer and NDSU Research Foundation offices have provided guidance in preparing Venture Grant proposals, and the PIs working with our offices have had a very high success rate of receiving funding. The next due date for a Venture Grant proposal is **November 20, 2015**. Please contact our office 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. Later deadlines are **February 19, 2016** and **May 20, 2016**.

For more information about the Venture Grant Phase 1 or Phase 2, visit the North Dakota Department of Commerce's webpage: <http://www.commerce.nd.gov/research/Programs/>

To download the Venture Grant application, go to: <http://www.commerce.nd.gov/research/ResearchNDResources/>

Contact our office at 231-6681 or email [denise.roehl@ndsu.edu](mailto:denise.roehl@ndsu.edu).

## **IBC Administrator - New Hire**

Julie Sherwood has started as the new IBC administrator. She joins Kristy Shirley and Josie Hayden in the Research Compliance division of SPA. She previously spent 25 years as a Research Specialist in the Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences department. She can be reached at 231-8908 or [j.sherwood@ndsu.edu](mailto:j.sherwood@ndsu.edu) for any IBC related questions.

## **Research Operations**

A new recharge center (service center) has been created for the benefit of campus that combines materials synthesis and characterization with electronics assembly and testing. The recharge center tools are located in the Research 2 and Research 1A buildings on the north end of campus and are available to the campus community for a marginal fee based on usage.

A new website, electronic billing and online reservation system, dedicated to this service center, are currently under development and will streamline the process of matching the right tool to the researcher who needs it. *Watch for future updates on this.*

The service center is managed by [aaron.reinholz@ndsu.edu](mailto:aaron.reinholz@ndsu.edu) and staffed by [james.bahr@ndsu.edu](mailto:james.bahr@ndsu.edu), [greg.strommen@ndsu.edu](mailto:greg.strommen@ndsu.edu), [frederik.haring@ndsu.edu](mailto:frederik.haring@ndsu.edu), and [becky.hellman@ndsu.edu](mailto:becky.hellman@ndsu.edu)

## **Visiting ND Congressional Delegation**

If you are considering a meeting with the Congressional Delegation, please fill out the form located at [https://ndstate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3z4r0UEIKwP62od](https://ndstate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3z4r0UEIKwP62od). This survey will help NDSU increase our effectiveness in Washington and allow us to provide assistance in scheduling meetings, if needed.

## **Federal Programmatic Requests**

If you have a research area that you would like to be considered as part of NDSU's federal programmatic priorities, please provide the necessary background on the project at [https://ndstate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cAPvuL5WVllgovj](https://ndstate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cAPvuL5WVllgovj).

## **NSF Announces Solicitation for a new Big Data Spokes Initiative**

NSF Announces Solicitation for a new Big Data Spokes Initiative ([NSF 16-510](#)). Working with the recently announced [Big Data Regional Innovation Hubs](#), this solicitation calls for establishing multi-institutional and multi-sector collaborations focused on topics of specific interest to a given region. A BD Spoke would work on regional topics that require Big Data approaches and solutions.

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