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](http://www.ndsu.edu/research/).  

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**RCA Internal Funding Opportunities**
Funding is still available for the following Research and Creative Activity internal funding programs. NDSU tenured and tenure-track faculty are eligible to apply. Award funds must be spent by May 31, 2018.

**RCA Small Grant Program: Research Support Services**
Funds of up to $1,000 may be requested to help defray the costs of support services required for research, creative, or scholarly activity. For example, funds may be used in one of the NDSU Core Facilities, another recharge/service center, or for transcription services. [Application and Instructions >>](http://www.ndsu.edu/)

**Research Development Travel Awards**
The Research Development Travel Award is intended to be an investment in a faculty member's ability to acquire grants in order to establish and continue in a long-term research program at NDSU. Three types of travel opportunities are available: 1) Travel funds to present at a national level conference; 2) Travel to conduct research at an archive or special collection; and 3) Travel to a national lab to develop collaborations. [Application and Instructions >>](http://www.ndsu.edu/)

**RCA Mentorship Travel Awards**
The RCA Mentorship Travel Award is an opportunity for a senior faculty mentor (Professor) and a faculty mentee (+/- 2 years of becoming an Associate Professor) to travel together to meet with funding agency program officers. These awards are intended to promote research and creative activities that will improve competitiveness for external funding. [Application and Instructions>>](http://www.ndsu.edu/)
NDSU Bioinformatics Seed Grant Program
In anticipation of another year of NIH funding, the NDSU Office of Research and Creative Activity invites competitive proposals for Bioinformatics Seed Grant research projects. These seed grants are intended to launch promising new research projects in bioinformatics, bringing them to the point where they can attract more funding from external sources. Note that those who plan to apply for funding are required to send a Notice of Intent to Apply to ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu by February 26, 2018, at 5 p.m. The final application deadline is March 13, 2018. For complete application instructions, please see the program guidelines on the NDSU Research Development website.

NSF Publishes Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2018-2022
NSF’s latest Strategic Plan, Building the Future: Investing in Discovery and Innovation, was recently published. This plan illustrates the opportunities ahead with examples from some of NSF’s “10 Big Ideas” for future investment and lays out exciting new opportunities for research at the frontiers of science and engineering including:

1) The Quantum Leap: Leading the Next Quantum Revolution;
2) Navigating the New Arctic;
3) The Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier;
4) Understanding the Rules of Life: Predicting Phenotype;
5) Windows on the Universe: The Era of Multi-Messenger Astrophysics; and
6) Harnessing the Data Revolution.

Call for Abstracts: NDSU Graduate Student Council 2nd Annual Research Symposium – Deadline Extended
The Graduate Student Council (GSC) coordinates events to provide a platform for graduate students to share their research. NDSU-GSC invites all graduate students to submit abstracts for the 2nd Annual Research Symposium to be held in the Memorial Union Ballroom on April 6, 2018, from 8:00 am – 4:00pm. Best oral and poster presentation award will be presented to the top three best oral and poster presentations.
Deadline for abstract submission: March 1, 2018
Guidelines for abstract submission can be found on the GSC website. Contact Priyanka Swami with questions.

Managing Expectations and Creating Long Term Relationships with Industry Partners
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 2: Managing Expectations and Creating Long Term Relationships addressing:
- Six key questions to prepare for industry engagement,
- Working with experienced and first-time industry sponsors, and
- Key points to consider when discussing a specific project
The webinar will be broadcast on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Prairie Room of the Memorial Union.
Please join us.

Proposal and Award Management Session #12
The next session in the Proposal and Award Management series will be held on Thursday, March 22 from 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. in EML, Room 170. The topic area for this meeting is Research Integrity and Compliance – IRB, IACUC, IBC, RCR, COI, and Export Controls. We will address steps for success in navigating research integrity and compliance.
requirements related to proposals and awards including identifying regulatory, institutional and funding agency specific requirements.

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.

Room 170 in EML 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.

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