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### **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](#).

### **NOTICES**

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### **Federal Funding Watch**

We are evaluating the President's budget and will be monitoring federal agency funding levels as congress works on the FY18 budget. We will keep the campus informed as we receive information about specific funding agencies and potential reductions in FY18 funding levels.



### **Freedom from Cancer Startup Challenge**

The Center for Advancing Innovation (CAI), in partnership with the Laura and John Arnold Foundation and MedImmune, have recently launched the Freedom from Cancer Startup Challenge (FCSC). This is an accelerator-

challenge aimed at launching 100 startups around cancer-related technologies. The FCSC will feature risk mitigated, and commercially viable inventions from leading hospitals, universities, tech transfer groups, and professional research organizations. The FCSC is inviting submissions of inventions from inventors and cancer innovators. The goal of the challenge is to accelerate and increase the volume of commercialized cancer inventions by launching new startups. More about the challenge can be found on the [FCSC homepage](#).



### NSF FAQs for Public Access

NSF has recently released an updated FAQs document concerning public access to research results. General questions are answered as well as questions from the investigator's perspective, including information on repositories, application of public access requirements, and open access journals.

Document [NSF 17-060](#) is available on the NSF website as well as a special report on [Public Access to Results of NSF-funded Research](#).



### NSF Proposal and Award Newsletter

The Policy Office in the Division of Institution & Award Support at the National Science Foundation recently announced the release of a new quarterly publication designed to provide information about upcoming changes and clarifications to policies and procedures that affect how you prepare and submit proposals and manage NSF awards. The first issue of the [NSF Proposal & Award Policy Newsletter](#) is now available on the [Policy Office website](#).



### Forums on Research and Creative Activity

Please join Vice President for Research and Creative Activity, Dr. Kelly Rusch, throughout the semester for a conversation on research and scholarly activities. While there is no agenda for the forums, Dr. Rusch would like to engage in dialogue and hear your thoughts on growing the research, creative activity and scholarly enterprise on campus as we work to meet the Strategic Plan. The March forum is scheduled on:

- March 23, 2017 | 1:00pm-2:00pm | Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room



### Gear up for Grants: NIH COBRE Informational Session

An informational session regarding the [NIH COBRE program](#) will be presented on **Thursday, April 6, from 3:00-4:00 in the MU Arikara Room**. Dr. Mukund Sibi ([Center for Protease Research](#)) and Dr. Sanku Mallik ([Center for Diagnostic and Therapeutic Strategies for Pancreatic Cancer](#)) will provide insights based on their experiences with the program.

The NIH COBRE program seeks to promote the initiation and development or expansion of unique, innovative state-of-the-art biomedical and behavioral research centers at institutions in IDeA-eligible states. The primary objective of the COBRE initiative is to build and develop thematic multi-disciplinary research centers. Research supported by this program spans the full spectrum of basic and clinical sciences and encompasses all areas of health-related investigation.

#### NIH COBRE Informational Session

Mukund Sibi and Sanku Mallik

*Thursday, April 6 | 3-4 pm | MU Arikara Room*



## NSF INCLUDES Video Showcase: Open This Week

The NSF INCLUDES initiative (Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science), enhances U.S. leadership in STEM disciplines by proactively seeking and effectively developing STEM talent from all sectors and groups in our society. In this video showcase, thirty-six NSF-funded INCLUDES projects showcase three-minute videos that introduce their work to broaden participation in STEM. During this week (March 20-27) the videos will be discussed by leaders and participants of broadening participation projects, policy makers, industry representatives, and stakeholders from the community. We invite you to view the videos and to post your comments, queries, and suggestions to each video that you view.

The NSF INCLUDES Video Showcase: Envisioning Impact is available at <http://includes2017.videohall.com>.

During anytime of the day during this week you can:

- View the videos and engage in online conversations with the presenters
- Suggest how your work, expertise and experience might connect to theirs
- Provide your questions, comments and constructive feedback
- Share the site with your collegial and social media networks



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