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.

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Notification Due Date for Upcoming Limited Submission Program – NIH COBRE

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.

Notification emails are due to NDSU.ResearchDev@ndsu.edu for the following upcoming Limited Submission program: NIH COBRE (NIH Program Announcement PAR-16-415) – Notification due 5/12/2017 by 4pm.

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.

Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP)

The Department of Defense (DoD) has announced the Fiscal Year 2018 Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP). DURIP is designed to improve the capabilities of accredited United States (U.S.) institutions of higher education to conduct research and to educate scientists and engineers in areas important to national defense, by providing funds for the acquisition of research equipment or instrumentation. With few exceptions, a DURIP award provides between $50,000 and $1,500,000 in DoD funding for the purchase of major equipment or instrumentation. Cost share or matching is not required. Inquiries and questions deadline is June 16, 2017. Full Proposal Deadline: Friday, July 7, 2017, 10:59pm CST.

March Issue of Research Development and Grant Writing News

The March 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:

- Engineers: Beware the downselect proposal
- Process for Adding Team Members to Proposals
- Staff Proposals in Education and Outreach
- Avoid Common Proposal Figure Mistakes
- Agency Research News
- New Funding Opportunities

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Salary Cap Interim Guidance - UPDATE from Jan. 30th

On March 17, 2017, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued Notice Number NOT-OD-17-049, Interim Guidance on Salary Limitation for Grants and Cooperative Agreements. The legislative limit to the amount of compensation (salary cap) that can be recovered on NIH grants is tied to the Federal Executive pay scale at Level II. This salary cap for PIs and other individuals working on NIH funded projects restricts the amount of direct salary (exclusive of fringe benefits) that can be charged to a grant. This new Notice officially raised the cap on Level II from $185,100 to $187,000, with an effective date of January 8, 2017. Grantees may rebudget to accommodate the current Executive Level II salary amount if the increase is consistent with institutional base salary and if funds are available. For more information visit https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-049.html.
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Continuing Resolution
The FY 2017 Department of Health and Human Services Appropriation has not yet been enacted, and thus the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is operating under a continuing resolution. This means that current operations for NIH are continuing at about 99% of the FY 2016 level. NIH will continue to issue non-competing research grant awards at about 90% of the previously expected level. Once the FY 2017 appropriations are complete, it is anticipated that NIH will adjust award levels. Until that time, PIs should carefully monitor spending to ensure they do not run short of funds.

IACUC Guiding Principle Approved
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Research Utilizing Privately Owned Animals Guiding Principle has been approved. The Guiding Principle will outline the requirements for IACUC oversight when either privately owned animals are used or location of the project is privately owned land or when both situations apply. This Guiding Principle does not apply to situations where non-domesticated animals are the focus of the study. The non-domesticated animals are considered to be publicly owned.

REMINDER! New Protocol Submissions Requirements
Protocol submissions, as required by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), must include a Personnel Qualifications Form (PQF) for each individual listed on the protocol. Requirements for individuals listed on a protocol are: Completed PQF, completion of the CITI Online Course - Working with the IACUC, and participation in the NDSU Occupational Health and Safety Program.

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 Memorial Union 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.

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