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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**Sanford Health NDSU Collaborative Seed Grant Program-Internal Grant Program**
The fourth Sanford Health NDSU Collaborative Seed Grant program’s Request for Applications was released January 8, 2018. Proposals are to be submitted electronically to NDSU.BusinessDev@ndsu.edu by 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2018. The full Request for Applications and Application form can be downloaded from the [Sanford Health – NDSU Research Seed Grant](#) page.

**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.

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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.

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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.

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Corporation for National and Community Service 2018 Research Grant Competition: Community Conversations
The Corporation for National and Community Service today released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) of up to $500,000 for the 2018 Community Conversations Research competition. The broad focus of the competition is to engage communities in conversations about their civic health using participatory research approaches to facilitate civic engagement and strengthen community capacity to address local issues, both of which are central to CNCS’s mission.

This research competition will award funds to institutions of higher education to support academics and applied researchers who work with and in local communities to use a participatory research approach to:

- actively engage residents and other local stakeholders in a research process,
- identify a local issue of concern to the community,
- understand what may facilitate or hinder participation to address the issue, and
- create a collaborative action plan to increase civic engagement and build relationships to tackle the community-identified issue.

CNCS seeks to support participatory research in three types of communities, with equal priority: communities that are already working collaboratively to tackle a locally identified issue; communities that have experienced a disaster; and communities in social crisis.

The deadline for applications will be on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Successful applicants will receive awards of between $50,000 and $100,000 per year for up to 2 years.

The first technical assistance call will be on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The 2018 Community Conversations Research NOFO, guidance on how to apply, and technical assistance call information can be found here. Questions about the grant and application process can be sent to NationalServiceResearch@cns.gov.

Limited Submission Program: FM Area Foundation Community Grants
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.
FM Area Foundation – 2018 Community Grants: Notify RCA by 03/12/2018, 5 p.m.

Each year, the FM Area Foundation provides grants to a number of nonprofits that vary in size, mission, and vision. The one connecting factor is working toward creating a community where everyone thrives. As a community foundation, they address needs throughout Cass County, North Dakota, and Clay County, Minnesota, and promote collaborative efforts to improve lives in these areas. Requests from $500 to $15,000 will be considered.

Applicants should contact the Program Officer, Lexi Oestreich, at the Foundation to discuss ideas before developing a proposal. The FM Area Foundation considers grant applications covering a wide range of community needs within five areas, with the following application deadlines:

- Arts, Culture & Creativity - applications accepted March 5-May 11, 2018
- Basic Human Needs - applications accepted March 5-May 11, 2018
- Community Building - applications accepted Feb. 16-March 30, 2018
- Education - applications accepted Feb. 16-March 30, 2018
- Women’s Fund - applications accepted Feb. 16-May 11, 2018

Limited Submission Program: Prevent Cancer Foundation - Cancer Prevention and Early Detection 2018 Community Grants

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.

Prevent Cancer Foundation – Cancer Prevention and Early Detection 2018 Community Grants: Notify RCA by 03/09/2018, 5 p.m.

The mission of the Prevent Cancer Foundation is saving lives across all populations through cancer prevention and early detection. One-year $25,000 Community Grants are awarded to U.S. organizations that will develop new or implement existing community projects/programs in cancer prevention and early detection.

Agency application deadline: April 6, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.

The program goal is to provide the resources needed to fund vital community-level activities in cancer prevention (including education or vaccination) or screening. The proposed projects must be aligned with the foundation mission to support community projects or programs across the United States that focus on helping to prevent cancer or find it earlier and that demonstrate a potential to make a positive impact, especially in underserved communities. Awarded projects are selected through a competitive grants cycle.

NSF Transition from FastLane to Research.gov Preview Period Begins

An important message about NSF from Jean Feldman, Head, Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support, Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management -

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is pleased to announce that beginning on April 30, 2018, proposers will be able to prepare and submit full, research non-collaborative proposals in Research.gov. The initial release of this new Research.gov capability will run in parallel with existing FastLane proposal preparation and submission capabilities, so proposers can choose to prepare and submit full, research non-collaborative proposals in Research.gov or in FastLane starting on April 30, 2018.

Research.gov Proposal Preparation Site Preview

Starting Monday, February 26, 2018, NSF is previewing the new Research.gov proposal preparation functionality to the research community to collect preliminary feedback and to provide the community an opportunity to acclimate to the new technology. The preview can be accessed by selecting the “Prepare & Submit Proposals” tab on the top navigation bar after signing in to Research.gov and then choosing “Prepare Proposal.” This preview will continue until
8:00 p.m. EDT on April 27, 2018, and will allow any research community user with a FastLane or Research.gov account to sample the following proposal preparation features prior to the initial release on April 30, 2018:

- Initiate full, research non-collaborative proposals (other proposal types are planned for future releases);
- Add Principal Investigators (PIs), Co-PIs, Senior Personnel, and Other Authorized Users;
- Upload required proposal documents;
- Create budgets;
- Check compliance; and
- Enable Sponsored Project Officer (SPO)/Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) access for review.

Please be aware of the following important items as you test the new functionality during the preview period:

- All test data entered on the Research.gov proposal preparation site from February 26, 2018, until the preview concludes at 8:00 p.m. EDT on April 27, 2018, will be deleted at the end of the preview period.
- NSF will not be able to recover any proposal test data entered during the preview period and deleted by NSF after the preview period concludes.
- Information entered on the Research.gov proposal preparation site during the preview period will not be submitted to NSF.
- Test data can be entered on the Research.gov proposal preparation site but actual proposals cannot be submitted to NSF via Research.gov during the preview period.
- Additional information will be available on a Research.gov “About Proposal Preparation & Submission Site” page accessible on the Research.gov homepage.

Feedback on the New Research.gov Proposal Preparation and Submission Site

Your feedback on the new Research.gov proposal preparation functionality during the preview period (February 26, 2018 through April 27, 2018) and on the full Research.gov proposal preparation and submission functionality after the initial release on April 30, 2018, is vital to NSF. The survey link will soon be available on the Research.gov “About Proposal Preparation & Submission Site” page. Feedback from the community and NSF staff will be used to implement enhancements and expand functionality incrementally, with the goal of eventually transitioning all proposal preparation and submission functionality from FastLane to Research.gov.

NSF’s goals for the new Research.gov proposal preparation and submission functionality are to:

- Modernize the applications supporting the proposal submission and merit review processes and improve the user experience via the development of a new application;
- Reduce the administrative burden to the research community and NSF staff associated with preparation, submission, and management of proposals;
- Increase efficiencies in proposal preparation, submission, and management;
- Improve data quality and capture proposal content in a way that supports data analytics; and
- Improve availability, security, and flexibility of proposal preparation and submission IT systems.

For IT system-related questions, please contact the NSF Help Desk at 1-800-381-1532 or rgov@nsf.gov. Policy-related questions should be directed to policy@nsf.gov.

NSF CAREER Proposal Development and Writing Assistance

The NDSU Research Development Office and the Center for Writers are collaborating on a proposal development initiative to assist early career faculty in developing a NSF CAREER proposal. The goal of the program is to develop a review-ready CAREER proposal. General program information will be provided along with specific proposal writing and development assistance.

The program will consist of two initial sessions followed by an intensive 2-day proposal writing boot camp.

- Session 1 [March, date TBD]: NSF CAREER Overview Session and Writing Engagement
- Session 2 [April, date TBD]: Broader Impacts and Writing Development
- Session 3 [May 16-17, 2018]: Proposal Development Boot Camp
If you are interested in the NSF CAREER program and would like to participate in this initiative, please email ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu by March 7, 2018.

Establishing Contacts with Industry and Research Institutions and Dealing with Confidential/Proprietary Information

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 3: Establishing Contacts with Industry and Research Institutions and Dealing with Confidential/Proprietary Information:

- How to connect with the right person within the industry
  - Utilizing university resources
  - Maximizing internal networks
  - Participating in professional networks
- Personal strategies to employ when networking

The webinar will be broadcast on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m. in the Hidasta Room of the Memorial Union.

Please join us.

Unmanned Aircraft System User Group Meeting

The UAS Advisory Panel is hosting two meetings for users of unmanned aircraft and those who might have an interest in using them. The purpose of the meetings will be to share information, ideas, and challenges. The meeting is also intended to help inform the Advisory Panel about actions that could be pursued at the university level to help increase opportunities and participation in this growing technology field. Please join us for one or both of these meetings.

- Friday, March 9, 2018, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial Union Badlands Room
- Wednesday, March 28, 2018, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Memorial Union Meadow Lark Room

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 183 (note correction to room). The topic area for this meeting is Research Integrity and Compliance – IRB, IACUC, IBC, RCR, COI, and Export Controls. These groups 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 183 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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