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](https://sites.google.com/a/ndsu.nodak.edu/research-creative-activity).

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**
- [NDSU Bioinformatics Seed Grant Program](https://sites.google.com/a/ndsu.nodak.edu/research-creative-activity/career-opportunities)
- Notification Due Date for Upcoming Limited Submission Program – NSF Big Data Spokes
- Notification Due Date for Upcoming Limited Submission Program – NIH COBRE

**NOTICES**
- [Proposal Development Workshop Materials Available](https://sites.google.com/a/ndsu.nodak.edu/research-creative-activity/events/proposal-development-workshop)
- [Proposal and Award Management Session Reminder](https://sites.google.com/a/ndsu.nodak.edu/research-creative-activity/events/proposal-and-award-management)
- [What is Export Control?](https://sites.google.com/a/ndsu.nodak.edu/research-creative-activity/funding-opportunities/what-is-export-control)
- [National Science Foundation – FastLane Submissions](https://sites.google.com/a/ndsu.nodak.edu/research-creative-activity/events/fastlane-submissions)

**EVENTS**
- [Forums on Research and Creative Activity](https://sites.google.com/a/ndsu.nodak.edu/research-creative-activity/events/forums-on-research-and-creative-activity)
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 April 19, 2017. The final application deadline is May 19, 2017. For complete application instructions, please see the program guidelines on the NDSU Research Development website.

Notification Due Date for Upcoming Limited Submission Program – NSF Big Data Spokes
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: Big Data Regional Innovation Hubs: Establishing Spokes to Advance Big Data Applications (BD Spokes) – Notification due 5/1/2017 by 5pm.

In FY 2016, the Big Data Regional Innovation Hubs: Establishing Spokes to Advance Big Data Applications (BD Spokes) solicitation began extending the BD Hubs network by establishing multi-institutional and multi-sector collaborations to focus on topics of specific interest to a given region. The first set of BD Spokes was funded in FY 2016. This solicitation calls for new BD Spoke proposals to be awarded in FY 2018. Collaborating with BD Hubs, each BD Spoke will focus on a particular topic that requires Big Data approaches and solutions. Full proposals for BD Spokes are due to NSF on September 18, 2017. BD Spoke proposals submitted in response to this solicitation must include a Letter of Collaboration from a regional BD Hub.

An organization may participate as submitting organization (or, in the case of collaborative proposals, as the lead organization) for at most one proposal responsive to this solicitation. Proposal submissions are limited to 1 per organization (except as non-lead in a collaborative proposal) to maintain a balanced geographic representation of the Regional Hubs and Spokes program and to increase diversity of participating institutions.

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.

Proposal Development Workshop Materials Available
Materials from the recent Interactive Proposal Development Workshop are available on the NDSU Research Development website. You will need your NDSU network login information to access the materials. A few examples of the resources include the following:
Proposal and Award Management Session Reminder

REMINDER: The first in a series of Proposal and Award Management Sessions will be held on Thursday, April 20th, from 11:00-11:45, in the Quentin Burdick, room 422. The topic area for the first meeting is: Focus on Fundamentals: Sponsored Programs and Grant & Contract Accounting – general overview highlighting the services provided by each office.

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.

The QBB room 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 complete 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.

What is Export Control?

The U.S. government regulates the transfer of information, commodities, technology, and software considered to be strategically important to the U.S. in the interest of national security, economic and/or foreign policy concerns. There is a complicated network of federal agencies and inter-related regulations that govern exports collectively referred to as “Export Controls.” In brief, Export Controls regulate the shipment or transfer, by whatever means, of controlled items, software, technology, or services out of U.S. (termed an “Export”). See the attached link for additional information on Export Controls: https://www.ndsu.edu/research/integrity_compliance/export_controls/.
National Science Foundation – Fast Lane Submissions
Message from Jean Feldman, Head, Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support, Office of Budget, Finance and Award Management:

On April 24, 2017, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will initiate a new pilot requiring the use of a spreadsheet template for identifying Collaborators and Other Affiliations information for Principal Investigators (PIs), co-PIs, and other senior project personnel identified on proposals.

The NSF Proposal and Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 17-1) requires PIs, co-PIs, and other senior project personnel identified on NSF proposals to individually upload Collaborators and Other Affiliations information as a Single Copy Document (see PAPPG Chapter II.C.1.e).

NSF uses this information during the merit review process to help manage reviewer selection. To expedite identification of potential reviewers, having a standard, searchable format for this information is essential. The new pilot will standardize Collaborators and Other Affiliations information across the Foundation and will ensure that the information is submitted in a searchable format. Results from the pilot will be assessed and will determine how to proceed with this section of the proposal in the future.

Effective April 24, 2017, NSF will require the submission of a spreadsheet template to identify collaborators and other affiliations. Please note that the spreadsheet template:

- Has been developed to be fillable. However, the content and format requirements must not be altered by submitters.
- Must be saved in .xlsx or .xls formats and directly uploaded into FastLane as a Collaborators and Other Affiliations Single Copy Document.
- Will be converted by FastLane from an .xlsx or .xls file to a PDF file.
- Has been tested in Microsoft Excel, Google Sheets, and LibreOffice.
- Will enable preservation of searchable text that otherwise would be lost. Must be uploaded in .xlsx or .xls formats only. Uploading a Collaborators and Other Affiliations Single Copy Document in any other format may delay the timely processing and review of your proposal.
- Will be directly linked in FastLane. The template and associated instructions may also be accessed directly at: https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/coa.jsp.

In addition to the merit review process benefits, the Collaborators and Other Affiliations template will reduce administrative burden and improve efficiencies by providing submitters with a compliant and reusable format to maintain this information for use in subsequent proposal submissions to NSF.

Please be advised that the new Collaborators and Other Affiliations pilot beginning on April 24 will only be for FastLane proposal submissions. Grants.gov proposal submissions will continue to follow the instructions in NSF Grants.gov Application Guide Chapter VI.2.4.

(Note: submission of the Collaborators and Other Affiliations information is not a new requirement, but this information is now in a newly required format for PI’s to use.)
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 April forum is scheduled on:

- April 20, 2017 | 1:00pm-2:00pm | Memorial Union Room of Nations

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