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Welcome to the Research and Creative Activity Update!

To share information quickly rather than through multiple emails, we 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. [^^](#)

Notification Due Date for Upcoming Limited Submission Program – USDA AFRI Education and Literacy Initiative

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The **USDA AFRI Education and Literacy Initiative** offers four categories of awards, with the goal of developing the next generation of research, education, and extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences. In FY 2017, the AFRI ELI RFA invites applications in these four areas: professional development opportunities for secondary school teachers and educational professionals (PD-STEP); research and extension experiences for undergraduates (REEU); fellowships for predoctoral candidates; and fellowships for postdoctoral scholars. The REEU and PD-STEP programs have a limit on the number of proposal submissions. For these two programs, notification emails are due to ndsuh.researchdev@ndsuh.edu by 5/15/2017 at 4pm, indicating your intent to apply. Final USDA application deadline is 6/21/2017 or 6/28/2017, depending on program area.



What is a Technology Control Plan?

A technology control plan (TCP) is used in order to secure export controlled information, equipment, materials, software, data, or technology from access by unlicensed and/or unauthorized foreign citizens. Before an individual has access to any export controlled equipment, they must know and agree to comply with security measures specified in the TCP. A signed TCP must be maintained by the Export Control Office for a period of five years.

In general, “export-controlled” means that activities, items, information, technology, and software related to the design, development, engineering, manufacture, production, assembly, testing, repair, maintenance, operation, modification, demilitarization, processing, or use of a controlled item requires an export license, or license exception, to physically export from the U.S. OR to discuss with or disclose to a person who is not a U.S. citizen or U.S. lawful permanent resident.

It is unlawful to send or take export-controlled information, technology, software, or items out of the U.S.; or disclose, orally or visually (including by email, fax, phone, etc.), or transfer to a foreign person inside or outside the U.S. without prior authorization from the cognizant U.S. Government agency. The U.S. Government can administratively and criminally punish individuals and NDSU for violating Export Control laws and regulations. Penalties could include imprisonment for up to 20 years, \$1,000,000 fine per instance, and loss of import/export privileges.

Before any individual may have access to export-controlled items or technology, he or she must be informed of the conditions of the TCP and agree to comply with the security measures outlined in the TCP. Copies of the final TCP will be held by the Export Control Administrator and the PI of the project. Federal regulations require that the TCPs be kept for a minimum of 5 years after the end date of the plan.

If you have any questions about export control, contact ndsuh.exportcontrols@ndsuh.edu.



Avoid Unintended Public Disclosures

As the academic year comes to a close, please remember that public disclosures of research results can defeat patentability. The NDSU Technology Transfer Office (TTO) would like to remind graduate students, faculty, or others working under grants, etc. to contact our office if your research has resulted in a potential invention that might have commercial value. The Invention Reporting Form can be found on our website at https://www.ndsu.edu/research/tech_transfer/forms/.

A public disclosure is any presentation of the invention that is available or open to the general public. This would include a journal publication or a seminar, even an esoteric journal. A seminar could be one presented at a national meeting, but it could also be a presentation at another institution, or a presentation at NDSU that is open to the public. A thesis defense that is open to the public, a departmental seminar that is open to the public or a poster, even if it is displayed in the lobby of a university building, could all be public disclosures. Most federal grant proposals remain confidential until they are awarded, but once the grant is awarded, it is indexed at the granting agency and, unless that invention enabling part of the proposal is redacted, the public can obtain the grant application through a freedom of information request.



Proposal and Award Management Sessions Materials Available

The first in a series of **Proposal and Award Management Sessions** was held on April 20, 2017. Participants were encouraged to submit topics for future discussion to ndsuhresearch@ndsuh.edu. Each month we will select one topic and will add it to the agenda for the meeting.

The session was recorded and the recording, slides, and handout, including a single page contact sheet as page 2 of the handout, are available on the Sponsored Programs website at: https://www.ndsu.edu/research/sponsored_programs_admin/training/.



NDSU Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Symposium

You are invited to attend a symposium in the Memorial Union Great Room on Wednesday May 3, 9am-noon. The event is being organized by the NDSU UAS Advisory Panel. Hear about current NDSU UAS activities, opportunities for research and entrepreneurship, and other relevant information about this growing industry. A primary objective is to share information about UAS and network with others that are interested in this technology. [Click here](#) for the symposium schedule. If you have questions about the event or are interested to display a poster about UAS-related research, please contact Aaron Reinholz (1-5338, aaron.reinholz@ndsuh.edu).



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 May forum is scheduled on:

- May 4, 2017 | 1:00pm-2:00pm | Memorial Union Room of Nations



Teach-Out Opportunity: Stand Up for Science

The University of Michigan's Office of Academic Innovation and [RELATE](#) are offering a Teach-Out opportunity to learn, discuss, practice, and explore science communication and public engagement.

Stand Up for Science is a free, online learning event for *everyone*, where you can choose your own adventure to:

- Engage with others to discuss benefits and challenges in science communication
- Develop and practice your science communication skills
- Explore opportunities for science communication and public engagement near you
- Learn why effective communication matters and how it changes for different audiences

When: May 5-7, 2017 (1-4+ hours, *flexible depending on your time and interests*)

Where: Online at <https://tinyurl.com/StandUpForScience>

Who: Everyone and anyone with an interest in science and science communication.



Intellectual Property & Tech Transfer Conference

The Intellectual Property & Tech Transfer Conference is scheduled for May 11th, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the NDSU H. McGovern Alumni Center. Topics include: IP basics, licensing, inventorship, university research, joint research and more. Sponsored by the NDSU Research & Technology Park, NDSU Research & Creative Activity, and NDSU Research Foundation. Seating is limited. Click [here](#) to reserve your spot!



Proposal and Award Management Session #2

The second meeting in the Proposal and Award Management series will be held on **Thursday, May 18th, from 11:00-11:45, in the Quentin Burdick, room 422**. The topic area for this meeting is: [Proposal Review: What Sponsored Programs Looks For When Reviewing Proposals](#).

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.



USDA NIFA Competitive Funding Opportunity Webinar

On May 25, 2017, USDA NIFA is hosting a webinar on competitive grant programs. The 2-part webinar will share information about NIFA programs more broadly and will provide tips for institutions underrepresented in NIFA grant programs. More information can be found on the [USDA NIFA website](#).



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