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.

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DOD Funding Opportunities
Funding opportunities managed by the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) have recently been released. Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) funding opportunities for the Department of Defense (DoD) include the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research Program (ALSRP), Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP), Bone Marrow Failure Research Program (BMFRP), and the Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP).

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research Program
- Therapeutic Idea Award
- Therapeutic Development Award

Breast Cancer Research Program
- Breakthrough Award Levels 1 and 2
- Breakthrough Award Levels 3 and 4
- Breakthrough Fellowship Award
- Distinguished Investigator Award
- Era of Hope Scholar Award
- Innovator Award
Bone Marrow Failure Research Program
Idea Development Award

Ovarian Cancer Research Program
Clinical Development Award
Investigator-Initiated Research Award
Ovarian Cancer Academy Award – Early Career Investigator
Pilot Award

Detailed descriptions of the funding opportunity, evaluation criteria, and submission requirements can be found in the Program Announcements. The Program Announcements are available electronically for downloading from the Grants.gov website (http://www.grants.gov), the CDMRP website (http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/prgdefault.shtml) and the electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal (eBRAP) (https://eBRAP.org).

NIH Announces Initiative to Help Fund More Early-Investigators
NIH recently announced a new policy geared toward freeing up funds for more investigators and addressing needs in the biomedical research workforce. The plan is to cap the number of grants an investigator can hold in order to provide more funding for early-career scientists and those struggling to keep their labs afloat. For more information on this initiative, see the NIH announcement.

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. Materials from the first session are available on the Sponsored Programs website at: https://www.ndsu.edu/research/sponsored_programs_admin/training/.

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.
NSF Hosting a CAREER Program Webinar

The NSF CAREER Coordinating Committee is hosting a webinar on May 22, 2017, from 12:00-2:00 Central Time to answer participants’ questions about development and submission of proposals to the NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER). The webinar will give participants the opportunity to interact with members of the NSF CAREER Coordinating Committee in a question-and-answer format. To register and find out how to submit questions, please see the NSF CAREER Webinar website.

In preparation for the webinar, participants are strongly encouraged to consult material available on-line concerning the CAREER program. In particular, the CAREER program web page has a wealth of current information about the program, including:

- the CAREER program solicitation NSF 17-537;
- frequently asked questions about the CAREER program; and
- slides from a CAREER program overview.

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