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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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<u>Limited submission grant programs</u> 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 MDSU.ResearchDev@ndsu.edu for the following upcoming Limited Submission program: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services — Office of Minority Health: Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative — Notification due 06/14/2017 by 4pm.

The **Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative** seeks to reduce significant health disparities impacting racial and ethnic minorities and/or disadvantaged populations through implementing evidence-based strategies with the greatest potential for impact. The program is intended to serve residents in communities disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic; serious mental illness; and childhood/adolescent obesity, which are HHS Secretary Price's three priorities.

The program will consider only one application per organization under each of the three focus areas:

- combating opioid abuse
- childhood and adolescent obesity
- serious mental illness

SAVE THE DATE: There will be a technical assistance webinar for interested applicants on **June 13, 2017 at 2:00-3:30 CT**. **Register here.**

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USDA NIFA and DOE Interagency Biomass Research and Development Initiative

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), announced that up to \$9 million in funding will be made available through the <u>Biomass Research and Development Initiative (BRDI)</u> to increase the nation's energy independence by supporting the development of bioenergy feedstocks, biofuels, and biobased products.

The projects funded through BRDI—a joint NIFA and DOE program—will help develop economically and environmentally sustainable sources of renewable biomass, increase the availability of renewable fuels and biobased products, and diversify our energy portfolio. Both DOE and NIFA have been given statutory authorities to support the development of a biomass-based industry in the United States, under the *Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA)* and the *Energy Policy Act of 2005*.

Applicants will be permitted to address any or all of the following three legislatively mandated technical areas:

- (A) feedstocks development,
- (B) biofuels and biobased products development, and
- (C) biofuels development analysis.

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APHIS and NIFA Launch New Website for Application and Grant Management

USDA agencies, APHIS and NIFA, have launched a new website that allows for the application and the management of agreements and grants online. This website will replace the grants.gov packages for the above programs and the management of APHIS and NIFA grants through other sites. It will be necessary to review the funding opportunity for the assurance of the appropriate submission path. Please register for training by going to the website for ezFedGrants Training Registration.

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Export Controls

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is an agency of the Department of Commerce (DOC) responsible for implementing and enforcing the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), which regulate the export and re-export of most commercial items. Additional information can be found at https://www.bis.doc.gov/, or contact the Export Control Administrator, Lynn "Tye" Titus, Jr. (231-6455 or ndsu.exportcontrols@ndsu.edu).

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NIH Grant Resources

In a recent NIH Extramural News Update, NIH resources were highlighted including:

- New Tutorials on Preparing and Submitting Your NIH Grant Application. For those new to the NIH grant
 process, four new <u>interactive tutorials</u> are available that cover the basics of preparing, writing, and
 submitting your NIH application.
- Getting to Know Federal Funders and their Research Interests. This article discusses the NIH RePORTER and Federal RePORTER resources. The NIH RePORTER allows users to learn what projects NIH supports, using a robust database of historical and newly-funded projects (updated weekly), and provides researchers valuable insight as they consider developing their own research programs and applications for funding. The Federal

RePORTER expands on this tool and supports searching over 800,000 projects across 17 Federal research agencies.

Additional topics covered in the current NIH Extramural News Update include: (1) Issued Patent Citations Will Be Accepted as Post-Submission Application Materials, (2) What Are "Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources" That Should Be Addressed in My Application's Authentication Plan?, and (3) What Kind of Information Should I Include in the "Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources Attachment? To subscribe to this publication, sign up here.

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Proposal and Award Management Session #3

The third meeting in the Proposal and Award Management series will be held on **Thursday, June 15th, from 11:00-11:45**, **in the Quentin Burdick**, **room 422**. The topic area for this meeting is: <u>Award Management – Part I</u> – funding mechanisms, the negotiation process, key components and award terms, compliance verification, and award hand-off from SPA to GCA.

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.

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.

<u>Note</u>: 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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