Welcome to the Research and Creative Activity Update!
To share information quickly rather than through multiple emails, we will be providing 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](http://www.ndsu.edu/research/dev/).

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**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: **NSF Major Research Instrumentation (MRI)** – Notification due 09/01/2017 by 5pm.

In anticipation of the next cycle of the NSF MRI program, potential NDSU applicants are asked to begin planning. The Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) serves to increase access to shared scientific and engineering instruments for research and research training in our Nation's institutions of higher education, not-for-profit museums, science centers and scientific/engineering research organizations. The program provides organizations with opportunities to acquire major instrumentation that supports the research and research training goals of the organization and that may be used by other researchers regionally or nationally.

Each MRI proposal may request support for the acquisition (Track 1) or development (Track 2) of a single research instrument for shared inter- and/or intra-organizational use. Development efforts that leverage the strengths of private sector partners to build instrument development capacity at MRI submission-eligible organizations are encouraged. Instrument acquisition or development proposals that request funds from NSF in the range $100,000-$4 million may be accepted. The limit on the number of proposals allowed per organization is three; at least one of the
proposals must be for instrument development (i.e., no more than two proposals may be for instrument acquisition). Cost-sharing is required, see solicitation for details.

To learn more about the MRI program, view the MRI presentation from the Spring 2017 NSF Grants Conference.

**The Institute of Education Sciences Posts FY2018 Research Funding Webinars**

The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) is launching a series of on-demand webinars for those who are interested in Fiscal Year 2018 funding opportunities and learning more about IES. These pre-recorded webinars are hosted by staff from the National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER) and the National Center for Education Research (NCER) and you can access them on the IES Webinar Series website.

In addition, questions may be submitted on or before July 31 and answers to frequently asked questions will be posted on the webinar website. Applicants are encouraged to e-mail questions specific to their individual project to the program officer for the relevant funding opportunity.

Webinar topics include:

- IES Basic Overview of Research Grants
- IES Application Process
- IES Grant Writing Workshop
- New Applicants to IES
- NCSER Research Training Programs in Special Education: Early Career Development and Mentoring
- NCSER Research Training Programs in Special Education: Postdoctoral Research Training in Special Education and Early Intervention
- Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships in Education Research Topic – Partnerships and Collaborations Focused on Problems of Practice or Policy Grant Program
- Evaluation of State and Local Education Programs and Policies Topic – Partnerships and Collaborations Focused on Problems of Practice or Policy Grant Program
- Low-Cost, Short-Duration Evaluation of Education and Special Education Interventions

**EAR and ITAR Definition of “Restricted Research”**

EAR and ITAR definition of “Restricted Research” is defined as university research, development, or testing subject to:

- (i) publication restrictions;
- (ii) access and dissemination controls;
- (iii) Federally funded research with contract-specific national security restrictions;
- (iv) accepting third-party controlled items or information; or
- (v) providing access to, or defense services on, a defense article. Restricted research is subject to EAR and ITAR regulations, and a license or other Government approval may be required for foreign national participation. Contact Lynn "Tye" Titus, Jr. (231-6455 or ndsu.exportcontrols@ndsu.edu) for further information.

**Proposal and Award Management Session #4**

The fourth meeting in the Proposal and Award Management series will be held on Thursday, July 20th, from 11:00-11:45, in the Quentin Burdick, room 422. The topic area for this meeting is: Award Management – Part 2 – award set-up, GCA expenditure review, and award management elements.

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.

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.

Small Unmanned Aircraft Pilot Course
A one day course is being offered by the Fargo Jet Center on July 20th to prepare for taking the FAA’s Part 107 remote pilot exam. Successfully passing this exam and receiving a remote pilot certificate is a requirement to utilize small unmanned aircraft for research. Please contact Aaron Reinholz for more details (aaron.reinholz@ndsu.edu or 231-5338).

You are receiving this notification through the NDSU official staff or faculty listserv or sub-list. The official listserv refreshes after each pay period.

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