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### **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](#).

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### **Limited Submission Program: NSF Major Research Instrumentation**

[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.

#### [NSF Major Research Instrumentation \(NSF MRI\): Notify RCA by 9/1/2017 at 5:00pm](#)

The Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) serves to increase access to shared scientific and engineering instruments for research and research training. 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.

## August Issue of Research Development and Grant Writing News

The August issue of [Research Development and Grant Writing News](#) is now available to view. Use your NDSU login information to access this resource. Various topics are covered, including:

- Grant-Writing Distinctions for New Faculty
- The Value of Social Sciences to National Priorities
- DoD Funding: Proposer's Days and How They Can Help You
- Performing an Autopsy on Declined Proposals



## NIH Webinar on RPPRs

NIH is hosting a webinar focusing on Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs) on Wednesday, August 30, from 1:00-2:30 CST. NIH experts will be discussing the types of RPPRs associated with NIH grant awards, including sharing the latest updates on policies and process. The webinar is designed for principal investigators, signing officials, and delegated officials responsible for the development and submission of progress reports to NIH. See the [NIH website](#) for additional information and registration instructions.



## NSF Proposal and Award Policy Newsletter

The [August/September NSF Proposal and Award Policy Newsletter](#) is now available. Produced by the NSF Policy Office, this quarterly publication is designed to provide information about upcoming changes and clarifications to policies and procedures that affect how you prepare and submit proposals, and manage NSF awards. This issue includes information on 1) proposed significant changes to the PAPPG, 2) the newly revised common rule for the protection of human subjects, 3) faculty salary policy and the two month rule, 4) FAQs on the collaborations and affiliations pilot, 4) project reporting policies and reminders; and 5) upcoming outreach.



## Pivot Use Survey

We invite your participation in a [survey](#) about your knowledge and utilization of [Pivot](#) services at NDSU. The purpose of this survey is to better inform the [Research Development Office](#) about the level of campus use and satisfaction with Pivot services. Thank you in advance for your time and responses.

[Take the Survey](#)



## Guide to Campus Research Resources available online

The Research Development office has compiled a listing of research resources available on campus. Aimed at faculty, staff and students involved in research, it will be especially helpful to those new to campus who are seeking information about research services and assistance accessible to them. [Download the guide](#) from the [Research Development website](#).



## Training in Responsible Conduct of Research - A Reminder of the NSF Requirement

NSF Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) – All proposals submitted to every discipline within the National Science Foundation (NSF) directorate, require a certification that there is a plan to provide “appropriate training and oversight” in the ethical conduct of research to all undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers supported by the NSF. PI's are responsible for ensuring that training is effective and appropriately

tailored to their circumstances. PI's must also verify that the training was completed. See Important Notice No. 140, *Training in Responsible Conduct of Research - A Reminder of the NSF Requirement*, dated August 17, 2017, which has been posted to the NSF website at: [https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=in140](https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=in140). One option for online discipline specific training is available through NDSU's subscription to the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI). CITI modules can be accessed at: <https://www.citiprogram.org>. NDSU's policy on RCR can be found in Section 348 of the NDSU Policy Manual. See: <https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/policy/348.pdf>.



## Proposal and Award Management Session #6

The sixth and final meeting in the Proposal and Award Management series will be held on **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00-11:45, in the Quentin Burdick, room 422**. The topic area for this meeting is: Reports and Queries: PeopleSoft and Beyond – review of reports and queries available to assist users in managing proposal and award activity.

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](mailto: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.



## 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. These forums are scheduled for the following times:

- September 13, 2017 | 11:00am-12:00pm | Morrill Hall 212
- October 17, 2017 | 11:00am-12:00pm | Engineering Admin Building 106
- November 15, 2017 | 11:00am-12:00pm | Barry Hall Eide Bailly Conference Room
- December 7, 2017 | 1:00pm-2:00pm | Minard Hall 302



## NDSU Export Controls Fall (2017) Training Session

Export Controls training will be conducted by Lynn “Tye” Titus on September 8, 2017. The training will be at the Memorial Union in the Lark Room at 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM. The following topics will be discussed: Fundamental Research Exclusion, FAQs, Activities That Trigger Export Controls, and ITAR vs EAR. There is limited seating so please reply to [ndsu.exportcontrols@ndsu.edu](mailto:ndsu.exportcontrols@ndsu.edu) to reserve your seat.



## Save the Date: NSF Program Director Visit

Dr. Brigid Mullany will be visiting NDSU on September 13, 2017. She will be giving a Gear Up for Grants presentation that will provide an overview of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the funding opportunities within the Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation (CMMI) division. Emphasis will be on the Advanced Manufacturing cluster which includes the following programs; Cybermanufacturing Systems (CM), Design of Engineering Material Systems (DEMS), Manufacturing, Machines and Equipment (MME), Materials Engineering and Processing (MEP), and Nanomanufacturing (NM). She will also speak about the review process, the elements required for a strong proposal submission, and the benefits of getting involved in the review process. Dr. Mullany will also be holding an NSF CAREER session. Details on the session times and registration process are available on the [Research Development](#) website



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