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ORSP Newsletter



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Who to Contact in ORSP

In the past few months ORSP has hired several new staff members. Below is a listing of who to contact when you have questions regarding pre-award, post-award or IRB issues. If you are unsure who to contact, please call the main line at 617.287.5370 or send an email to orsp@umb.edu.

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NSF Regional Conference April 7-8



The second National Science Foundation Regional Grants Conference of fiscal year 2008 will be held in Providence, RI, and hosted by the University of Rhode Island on April 7-8, 2008, with optional FastLane/Grants.gov sessions on the 6th. Key representatives from the National Science Foundation as well as your colleagues - faculty, researchers and grant administrators - representing colleges and universities from around the US will participate.

This two-day conference is a must, especially for new faculty, researchers and administrators who want to gain key insight into a wide range of current issues at NSF including the state of current funding; new and current policies and procedures; and pertinent administrative issues. NSF program officers representing each NSF directorate will be on hand to provide up-to-date information about specific funding opportunities and answer your questions.

For logistical information (including conference registration, lodging, etc.) please visit the conference website at: <https://www.seeuthere.com/event/m2c757-147023511192>. Questions about conference registration should be directed to nsf_regional@nsf.gov or by calling (703) 465-5736.



Nobel recipient in physics Carl Wieman at UMass Boston March 6

Dr. Wieman will discuss "Science Education in the 21st Century: Using the Tools of Science to Teach Science" on Thursday, March 6, at 4:30 pm, in the Campus Center Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public, but advance registration is requested. Please RSVP to Anthea Gabriel at 617-287-7587 or anthea.gabriel@umb.edu.

Funding databases at your fingertips

Available on our website at <http://www.umb.edu/research/orsp/>, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) offers the following online databases to assist faculty and research staff in identifying external sources of funding.



Community of Science, or COS, tracks federal, state, and private sources of project funding. Despite the name “Community of Science,” the database provides good coverage for funding opportunities for humanities, social sciences, and arts.

Updated daily, COS includes more than 22,000 records, representing over 400,000

funding opportunities—worth over \$33 billion—from all over the world, including federal and regional governments, foundations, professional societies, associations, and corporations. COS EXPERTISE brings together the world’s most prominent scientists and researchers at more than 1,600 universities, corporations and government agencies worldwide.

GrantsNet provides information on funding opportunities for training in the biological and medical sciences (a free service



provided by the American Association for the Advancement of Science). It contains programs that offer training and research funding for graduate and medical students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior

faculty, as well as programs in science, math, engineering, and technology for undergraduate faculty and students.

The Online Foundation Center is the most authoritative source of information on private philanthropy in the United States, helping grantseekers, grantmakers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public better understand the field of philanthropy. ORSP staff are available to conduct searches for you.



SPIN tracks funding opportunities from federal, private, and corporate sources. Infoed, the vendor for SPIN, also offers the GENIUS (<http://www.infoed.org/Genius>) Search application for matching principal investigators’ profiles with potential funding sources.

The Grant Advisor Plus is an online database and newsletter presented and organized with the liberal arts in mind. New deadline memos/program descriptions come out at the beginning of each month 11 times per year. The Current Issue Files page on the Internet offers you a series of choices for researching grant and fellowship possibilities. You will be able to download your own copy of The Grant Advisor early each month in various formats.

All of the above electronic databases are accessible through any computer with a UMass Boston IP (Internet Protocol) identification number. To access the COS, SPIN, Genius, and Grants Advisor Plus databases from a computer without a UMass Boston IP, simply

1. Visit the Official UMass Boston Website at <http://www.umb.edu/>.
2. From the “Academics” dropdown menu select “Healey Library.”
3. Select “Databases & Indexes.”
4. Using the “Browse By Letter” option, click on the appropriate letter of the alphabet.
5. Double click on the appropriate database.
6. Type your last name (lower case) as it is spelled on your UMass Boston identification card.
7. Type the barcode on the reverse side of your UMass Boston identification card.
8. Click on “OK.”

Subscribing to federal sponsor announcements through



Grants.gov allows organizations to electronically find and apply for United States federal grants, and is the single access point for over 1000 grant programs offered by all federal grant-making agencies.

To register for federal funding announcements, visit the Grants.gov website at <http://grants.gov/index.jsp>. Under the “Quick Links” menu select “Grant EMail Alerts.”

You will then have the option to register for all federal grant notices or to register for notices by selecting criteria specific to your research areas of expertise or interest.

Grants.gov does provide the following disclaimer: “This service is provided for convenience only and does not serve as a guarantee of email notification. Subscribers to this list service are ultimately responsible for reviewing the Grant Opportunities site (see the Grants.gov homepage) for all information relevant to desired funding opportunities.”

Unlike most federal sponsors, the National Science Foundation (NSF) offers a “Get NSF Updates by Email” service available on its website at <http://www.nsf.gov/>. You are required to provide an email address and select a password. Once you’ve done so, you can then select a series of preferences that will allow the NSF to inform you of funding opportunities and news as these relate to your research interests.

Some recent new awards

Greer Glazer (College of Nursing and Health Sciences), a \$498,475 training grant from the Partners Healthcare System for the pilot program "Clinical Leadership Collaborative for Diversity in Nursing." The grant will support the clinical leadership development of up to 30 socio-economically disadvantaged undergraduate nursing students to make a smooth transition into clinical practice upon graduation.

Celia Moore (Department of Psychology) a \$7.4 million, five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to establish an exploratory community-based center for health and health care disparities.

Marlene Kim (Department of Economics), a \$5,000 grant from Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. for the "Future of Asian-American Civic Engagement."

John Halliday (Institute for Community Inclusion), a \$3.25 million, five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education for establishing a "Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Vocational Rehabilitation."

Compliance Corner

Required CITI Refresher Training

A reminder that effective February 1, 2008, all UMass researchers who completed the University of Miami Collaborative IRB Training Initiative (CITI) three or more years ago are required to complete the CITI refresher training course, specifically, the social/behavioral research modules. This includes all principal investigators as well as students engaged in research with human subjects—both the student and his or her faculty or staff sponsor must provide the required evidence.

When you need to take the refresher course you will receive an e-mail message from the UMass Boston IRB administrator, Kristen Kenny.

IRB Workshop

Kristen Kenny is available to visit departments and classrooms to conduct an educational presentation on human subjects protections and the role of the IRB. Please contact Kristen by e-mail at human.subjects@umb.edu or telephone at (617) 287-5374 with any questions or if you would like to schedule a workshop session.

Revised policy on publications resulting from NIH-funded research

Effective April 7, 2008, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will require that all investigators funded by the NIH submit to the National Library of Medicine's PubMed Central an electronic version of their final report, as well as peer-reviewed manuscripts upon acceptance for publication, which must be made publically available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication.

Specifics

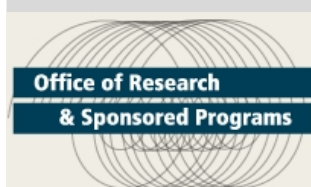
- The NIH Public Access Policy applies to all peer-reviewed articles that arise, in whole or in part, from direct costs funded by NIH, or from NIH staff, that are accepted for publication on or after April 7, 2008.
- Institutions and investigators are responsible for ensuring that any publishing or copyright agreements concerning submitted articles fully comply with this Policy.
- PubMed Central (PMC) is the NIH digital archive of full-text, peer-reviewed journal articles. Its content is publicly accessible and integrated with other databases.
- The final, peer-reviewed manuscript includes all graphics and supplemental materials that are associated with the article.
- Beginning May 25, 2008, anyone submitting an application, proposal or progress report to the NIH must include the PMC or NIH Manuscript Submission reference number when citing applicable articles that arise from their NIH funded research. This policy includes applications submitted to the NIH for the May 25, 2008, due date and subsequent due dates.

Compliance

Compliance with this policy is a statutory requirement and a term and condition of the grant award or cooperative agreement. (Source: All of the preceding information was taken directly from the Official NIH Homepage. The full text of this policy is available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-022.html>.)

Fringe benefit rate increased to 38.32%

Please be advised that on February 1, 2008, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts retroactively increased the fringe benefit rate to 38.32% retroactive to July 1, 2007.



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