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# ORSP Newsletter



OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

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## Who to contact in ORSP

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 our main telephone number at 617.287.5370.

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## A new institutional record for research and sponsored programs

Once again, thanks to the excellent work of our faculty and staff, UMass Boston set an institutional record in FY08 for the receipt of extramural support for research and sponsored programs—\$45,435,687. The new record represents an 8.77% increase over the previous year. In all, UMass Boston received 312 awards, or a 28.93% increase over FY07.

## Workshop on the Community of Science (COS) Funding Opportunities Database



Wednesday, November 19, 2008

9:00 am - 11:00 am, repeated 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Trainer: Jennie Fine, Senior Manager, COS Client Services

COS is the Internet's largest and most comprehensive research database. The UMass Boston ORSP pays for the university's COS subscription, and the service is available to all faculty, staff, and doctoral students. Despite the name "Community of Science," the database also provides excellent coverage of funding opportunities in the humanities, social sciences, and arts.

To register for one of these sessions or request additional information, please contact Jim Mortenson by e-mail at [james.mortenson@umb.edu](mailto:james.mortenson@umb.edu). The registration deadline is Monday, November 3, 2008.

## ORSP Grant and Business Managers Network



As a staff member do you provide grant administration support to faculty? If you do, then the Network is for you. Network meetings focus on grant administration policies, processes, and procedures, and serve as information sharing sessions with your colleagues with similar responsibilities in other colleges, departments, programs, institutes, and centers. Meetings are held monthly, last one hour, and include lunch. For details contact Jim Mortenson at [james.mortenson@umb.edu](mailto:james.mortenson@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 grant opportunities 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

**Debra Mahony** (College of Nursing and Health Sciences), a \$161,000 grant from the The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for “Scholarships for Disadvantaged [Nursing] Students.”

**William Koehler** (College of Management) a \$445,000, four-year training and education grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the project “Transatlantic Dual Bachelor’s Degree in Information Systems.” The program encompasses four universities, including UMass Boston, UMass Dartmouth, and universities in Finland and Germany. This dual degree program will bring together a cohort of 24 students for a shared program of study including one semester at each of the four universities.

**Andrew Grosovsky** (College of Science and Mathematics), a four-year \$750,000 New Faculty Start-Up Grant from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center. These external start-up funds will in part create the necessary capacity to recruit a senior faculty member to help guide the growth and development of UMass Boston’s biomedical research activities and partnerships, such as UMass Boston’s existing and highly successful partnership with the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center.

**Stephanie Hartwell** (Department of Sociology), a \$10,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services for “Recidivism or Desistance: A Qualitative Study of Juvenile Offenders.”

**Glenn Gabbard** (New England Resource Center for Higher Education), a \$50,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation for “Mapping Opportunities for Structural and Cultural Change within Four-Year Public Institutions: Scaling Up Retention Initiatives for Underserved Students.”

## Compliance Corner

### Required CITI Refresher Training

As of February 1, 2008, all UMass Boston researchers are required to complete, at no cost, the CITI refresher training course, specifically the social/behavioral research modules, every three (3) years. This applies to all UMass Boston researchers and students engaged in research with human subjects. Both the student and their faculty or staff sponsor must provide the required evidence of completing the CITI refresher course.

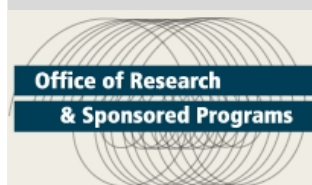
You will be notified by Kristen Kenny via e-mail when you will need to complete this one-hour refresher course. The process for accessing the CITI refresher training course appears below.

1. Visit the CITI website at <http://www.citiprogram.org>
2. Log-on to the website by entering your username and password. You will be directed to the main Learner menu. Section One: review and confirm your profile information. Section Two: institutional header, see Human Research Curriculum. Click on “Grade Book” to display all refresher social/behavioral course modules.
3. Complete the refresher training course by reading the module text and taking the quizzes.
4. Review/complete the instructions on the institutional (or last) module. The institutional module must be completed before the results of your quizzes can be forwarded to the CITI Program.
5. You have now completed the human subject protection continuing education requirements.

\*If you cannot remember your username and/or password, both pieces of information are stored on a CITI database. So you can request this information through the CITI Program website.

### 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](mailto:human.subjects@umb.edu) or telephone at 617.287.5374 with any questions or if you would like to schedule a workshop session.



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