ALERTS

NIH Standard Due Dates

Cycle I began on January 25, 2016 and standard due dates for common mechanisms are as follows:

- **R01 (new)** - February 5
- **K Series (new)** - February 12
- **R03, R21, R33, R34, R36 (new)** - February 16
- **R15 (all)** - February 25
- **R01 (renewals, resubmissions, revisions)** - March 7
- **K Series (renewals, resubmissions, revisions)** - March 14
- **R03, R21, R33, R34, R36 (renewals, resubmissions, revisions)** - March 16
- **F Series (all)** - April 8

Help us help you! The sooner you let us know of your intent to submit a proposal for extramural funding (30 days is recommended), the sooner we can help you navigate the paths to a successful submission. All proposal elements are due to our office ten (10) business days in advance so we can secure all COM approvals and help you assemble the complete proposal by the University’s three (3) business days deadline for institutional approval. [More Information.]

PCORI Cycle 1 Funding Announcement

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Letters of Intent (LOIs) deadline is Wednesday, March 2. The LOI terminology is misleading, as it is in fact a pre-proposal requiring institutional approval, so be sure to act soon and coordinate your submission through Med-RA. [More information.]

Mentors and Fellows Needed for Summer Research Program

The Summer Research Fellowship program allows for medical students to participate in research with the assistance of a faculty mentor. Medical students wishing to participate in the Summer Research Fellowship program are required to submit a research proposal in order to be considered for a $2,500 award—but first they need a mentor! Med-RA compiles a list of faculty willing to mentor students. Please contact Sara Shaw at sara.shaw@med.fsu.edu to be placed on the list.

NIH: Out with the Old, In with the New

The NIH reminds us that in 2016 the application process has new forms, and the option of a new method of submission. The application package for due dates after January 25 uses the new FORMS-D, meaning the old FORMS-C application packages will no longer be accepted. [More Information.]

This is in support of announced changes in rigor and transparency, vertebrate animals, definition of child and research training ([NOT-OD-16-029](NOT-OD-16-029)). Also, in 2016, ASSIST is now available for all NIH competing grant applications. ASSIST is an on-line application process, serving as an alternative to the FORMS package. Phase-in began in 2012 with large, multi-project applications, and was completed in 2015. [More Information]
ALERTS (Cont.)

Reminder and Clarification on 2016 NIH Changes when Applying for, and Reporting on Grants

Changes in 2016 focus on multiple areas including rigor and transparency in research, vertebrate animals, inclusion reporting, data safety monitoring, research training, appendices, font requirements and biosketch clarifications. The first phase of these updates began on **January 25, 2016**, and the second on or after **May 25, 2016**. [More Information.]

In response to questions regarding sex as a relevant biological variable and aspect of scientific vigor, the NIH published an article of clarification. [More Information.]

For progress reports in 2016, researchers are required to respond to new questions designed to address the NIH’s stated goal to, “is to exemplify and promote the highest level of scientific integrity, public accountability, and social responsibility in the conduct of science.” [More information.]

The questions in the accomplishments section of the report are:

- What was accomplished under these goals? Include the approaches taken to ensure robust and unbiased results.
- What do you plan to do for the next reporting period to accomplish these goals? Discuss efforts to ensure that the approach is scientifically rigorous and results are robust and unbiased.

A thirty minute [training module](#) on rigor and transparency is available.

NIH and Smart Phones

A new [URL](#) is available to PIs for mobile access to their status information in eRA Commons. This new mobile access means it will be significantly easier for PIs to track and manage grant applications and awards because the Status screen will be easily viewable on a range of devices such as tablets and smartphones. PIs can simply go to the eRA Commons mobile login page and provide their credentials as they normally would when accessing eRA Commons. [More Information.]

Alzheimer’s Research a Top Priority in 2016 NIH Budget

On December 18th the FY2016 Omnibus Bill was signed into law and the NIH received a 6.6% increase of 2 billion dollars. The National Institute of Aging’s budget increased by 33% with $350 million earmarked for research into Alzheimer’s disease. [More Information.]

GRANTSMAISHIP

Virtual “NSF Days” Program at FSU February 22-25

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has engaged in a long standing program called, “NSF Day”, an activity where NSF staff visit a university to teach researchers how to better compete for NSF funding. Unlike the previous NSF Days, which are one day events, “Virtual NSF Day” will take place over four days, with hour and a half long sessions occurring every day for four days. These sessions will take place over lunchtime and will be held just for FSU researchers, who will be able to access the workshops either at an onsite location or from the comfort of their own computers. Based on the outcome of this pilot program, NSF will consider doing these more widely. [More Information.]

FEATURED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GAP Commercialization Funding Competition

The FSU Spring 2016 Grant Assistance Program (GAP) with awards up to $50,000 is soliciting pre-proposals through **Friday, February 26, 2016**. If your research may lead to a commercially viable product or service, the Office of Commercialization encourages you to apply by submitting a 2-3 page executive summary. Invitations for full proposals will be announced March 18, with a deadline of April 22, followed by a presentation of your idea on May 17. Pre-proposals do not need to be reviewed by Med-RA; however, if you are invited to submit a full proposal, Med-RA should be contacted for budget support and forms completion. For more information, please visit the [GAP website](#).
FEATURED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (Cont.)

FSU Council on Research and Creativity, Spring 2016 Grant Cycle - Updated

Full-time faculty are eligible for these programs except where noted. Visiting professors will be considered eligible providing the sole reason for their "visiting" status is that they are awaiting permanent US residency. The Council on Research and Creativity (CRC) has a new on-line submission portal, and new policies and procedures for grants. The process is now entirely electronic, but Med-RA review is still required. An information guide is now available at the Med-RA website. It is also recommended that you visit the CRC website for more information.

- Distinguished Research Professor Award (DRP): Deadline is February 12, 2016
- Distinguished University Scholar (DUS): Deadline is February 22, 2016
- Planning Grant (PG): Spring deadline is March 2, 2016
- Small Grant Program (SPG): Spring deadline is March 16, 2016
- Equipment and Infrastructure Enhancement Grant (EIEG): Spring deadline is March 24, 2016

The Donaghue Foundation, Another Look: Better Health for Elders in Care Facilities

Another Look: Better Health for Elders in Care Facilities will provide funding for health-related research projects that can improve the quality of care and the quality of life for the elderly population in nursing homes or other care facilities. Specifically, this program invites researchers interested in addressing a particular problem affecting the elderly population in care facilities to analyze data that already exist to address their research question. The letter of intent deadline is February 29, 2016 and full applications are due April 25, 2016. More Information.

NIH offers Sex/Gender Supplements for existing R01s, R15s and other Mechanisms

The Office of Research on Women’s Health (ORWH) announces the availability of administrative supplements to support research highlighting the impact of sex/gender differences (or similarities) and/or sex and gender factors in human health and illness, including basic, preclinical, clinical and behavioral studies. Of special interest are studies relevant to understanding of the significance of biological sex on cells; comparative studies of male and female tissues, organ systems and physiological systems; sex based comparisons of pathophysiology, biomarkers, gene expression, clinical presentation and prevention and treatment of diseases. Application are due March 4, 2016. More Information.

Burroughs Wellcome Fund, Innovation in Regulatory Science

The program’s focus is on providing support for academic researchers developing new methodologies or innovative approaches in regulatory science that will ultimately inform the regulatory decisions FDA and others make. This would necessarily draw upon the talents of individuals trained in mathematics, computer science, applied physics, medicine, engineering, toxicology, epidemiology, biostatistics, and systems pharmacology, to name a few. The application deadline is March 9, 2016. More Information.

NACDS Foundation, Diversity Scholarship Awards

The scholarships are provided through a one-time grant meant to foster and support educational diversity. Educational institutions applying for these scholarships will be evaluated on their current and proposed diversity programs. Schools and colleges of pharmacy demonstrating measurable results from an active diversity program will be most highly considered. Applicant institutions applying for diversity scholarships are also eligible to apply for the Foundation’s ongoing merit-based scholarship awards. The application deadline is March 22, 2016. More Information.

USDA Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. For example, this program can link teachers and medical service providers in one area to students and patients in another. Eligible applicants include most entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications. The application deadline is March 14, 2016. More Information.
FEATURED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Whitehall Foundation Research Grants
The Whitehall Foundation, through its program of grants and grants-in-aid, assists scholarly research in the life sciences. It is the Foundation's policy to assist those dynamic areas of basic biological research that are not heavily supported by Federal Agencies or other foundations with specialized missions. The Foundation is currently interested in basic research in neurobiology, defined as follows: Invertebrate and vertebrate (excluding clinical) neurobiology, specifically investigations of neural mechanisms involved in sensory, motor, and other complex functions of the whole organism as these relate to behavior. The overall goal should be to better understand behavioral output or brain mechanisms of behavior. The letter of intent deadline is April 15, 2016 and full applications are due September 1, 2016. More Information.

American Diabetes Association, 2016 Core Research Program Funding Opportunities
The American Diabetes Association’s Core Research Program funds research with novel and innovative hypotheses in any area relevant to the etiology or pathophysiology of diabetes and its complications that hold significant promise for advancing the prevention, cure or treatment of diabetes. Basic, clinical, translational, and epidemiological or health services research approaches are encouraged. Awards include research awards, development awards, and training awards. The deadline to submit is April 15, 2016. More Information.

United States Department of Health and Human Services, National Health Education Lupus Program
The Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the United States Department of Health and Human Services announces the availability of funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 for the National Health Education Lupus Program (NHELP). The purpose of NHELP is to reduce lupus related health disparities among racial and ethnic minority and/or disadvantaged populations disproportionately affected by this disease by: (1) conducting a national health education program on lupus (Priority A); and (2) initiating an education action plan on clinical trials targeted at minority and/or disadvantaged populations, especially those most disproportionately affected by lupus (Priority B). The application deadline is April 18, 2016. More Information.

JDRF, Generating Improved Beta/Islet Cell Sources Through Genetic Modifications
The objective of this RFA is to support applications to use state-of-the-art gene modification techniques to develop and test improved beta/islet cell preparations, with a pathway toward therapeutic use in beta cell replacement for T1D patients. At a minimum, the cell preparations must demonstrate safety and functional competence. These should be established through in vitro and in vivo assays that can assess the lack of uncontrolled growth, appropriate insulin production/secretion, and diabetes correction. Applications selected for funding will foster multidisciplinary collaborations that are required for translational research to develop a safe and effective cell based therapy for beta cell replacement for treating T1D. A successful team will ideally draw upon expertise from investigators established in stem cell biology, beta cell biology, immunology, transplantation, and/or diabetology. The letter of intent deadline is April 28, 2016 and full applications are due July 14, 2016. More Information.

NIH, International Research Ethics Education and Curriculum Development Award (R25)
The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The goal of this FIC R25 program is to support educational activities that foster a better understanding of biomedical, behavioral and clinical research and its implications, by strengthening research ethics capacity in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) through increasing the number of LMIC research intensive institutions that can provide advanced education in research ethics. Programs supported by this initiative will equip scientists, health professionals and academics in these countries with in-depth knowledge of the ethical principles, processes and policies related to international clinical and public health research. Programs should be designed to strengthen the critical competencies needed to provide research ethics education, ethical review leadership and expert consultation to LMIC researchers, their institutions, governments and international research organizations. To accomplish the stated overarching goal, this FOA will support creative education activities with a primary focus on: Curriculum Development; Courses for Skills Development, including practicum experiences; and Mentoring Activities. The application deadline is May 18, 2016. More Information.
FEATURED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (Cont.)

NIH, The Neural Mechanisms of Multi-Dimensional Emotional and Social Representation (R01)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages grant applications that incorporate a multi-dimensional perspective into studies of the neural mechanisms underlying emotional and/or social representations. The ability to integrate a broad array of emotional and social cues is impaired in many mental disorders, yet the neural mechanisms underlying these processes are not well understood. This FOA encourages investigators to take on the challenge of investigating how diverse multi-dimensional emotional and/or social cues are represented across integrated and temporally dynamic brain circuits. This FOA solicits applications that incorporate innovative approaches designed to move affective and social neuroscience beyond single region-based, modular, and/or static models of brain function and behavior. The application deadline is June 3, 2016. More Information.

Exploratory/Developmental (R21) Grants to Promote Diversity in Diabetes, Digestive or Kidney Disease Research

The purpose of this FOA is to provide support for New Investigators from backgrounds nationally underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral research. It is being offered through the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). The R21 is intended to support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources and seeks to facilitate the transition to research independence of New Investigators. Applications are due February 16, 2016, but standard due dates are in effect with the next cycle being June 16, 2016. More Information.

American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, Joint Grant Awards Program (JGAP)

The Joint Grant Awards Program (JGAP) provides up to $50,000 for research projects that have significant relevancy to Family Medicine. The program plays a major role in building research capacity by giving priority funding to new researchers or to those who mentor new investigators on the research team. The application deadline is July 7, 2016. More information.

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| 4/25/2016    | National Institute on Aging  
Aging Research Dissertation Awards to Increase Diversity (R36)  
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| 5/23/2016    | National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases  
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OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

Pivot
From any on-campus computer, go to http://pivot.cos.com. FSU’s IP addresses will be recognized by Pivot, so you can start searching for funding opportunities right away. Creating a Pivot account is easy, at the website click “Sign up” in the upper right corner. Once registered, you can log in with a Pivot username and password anytime, anywhere. Logging in allows you to manage active or tracked funding opportunities, save searches, share opportunities, and search for potential collaborators. Username and password access is necessary when a) you are off-campus, or b) when you want to save a funding record or funding search.

FSU Foundation Search Tool and Corporate Development Assistance
For grant funding assistance related to your programmatic research and academic initiatives, the Office of Corporate & Foundation Development is happy to provide institution-wide access to the Foundation Center Online database accessible through FSU IP. Click here to begin your search of over 100,000 private foundations and charities.

The FSU Foundation can also assist researchers by establishing relationships with corporations and private foundations. Corporate Development staff members will work with you on proposal and concept development, private foundation or corporation research, and the submission process of grant proposals. More Information.

National Institutes of Health Resources

NIH Funding Opportunities and Notices Search Engine
NIH Standard Due Dates for Competing Applications
All About Grants Podcasts - Conversations with NIH staff members providing inside information for successful grantsmanship.

NIH Extramural Nexus & Rock Talk Blog - News, updates and blog posts on extramural grant policies, processes, events and resources.

FSU Office of Research

Office of Proposal Development - The office provides a variety of services including proposal development assistance, faculty partnership identification, as well as training opportunities for faculty who are new to grant seeking and grant writing. Additionally, they offer copyediting services for researchers who speak English as a second language. More Information.

SRA Listserv Administration - Subscribe to keep up with notices of important news and events related to contracts and grants including limited submission opportunities. More Information.

Office of Research Newsletter - Online access to Sponsored Research’s monthly newsletter pertaining to research activities and important announcements. More Information.

Research Development and Grant Writing News - FSU has a subscription to this newsletter containing both articles and links to funding news. All FSU faculty, staff and students have access to current and back issues. To be added to the monthly distribution list, email bhodges@fsu.edu and you will also be provided with a username and password for the archives found at Research Development and Grant Writing News.

Limited Submission Opportunities - Funding Opportunities requiring an internal competition before submission to an external sponsor. More Information.

Internal Competitions - Funding Opportunities available only to FSU faculty. More Information.
OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES (Cont.)

Postdoc and Student Resources

UCLA Graduate & Postdoctoral Extramural Support (GRAPES) Database
This database catalogs extramural funding opportunities of interest to students and postdoctoral scholars. It contains information on over 500 private and publicly funded awards, fellowships, and internships. Access the database through the GRAPES Search Form.

FSU Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
Part of The Florida State University’s Graduate School, the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) serves as a central resource and information conduit for all postdoctoral researchers as well as faculty and staff who work with postdoctoral researchers at FSU. The OPA publishes a weekly digest. Additionally, FSU is a sustaining member of the National Postdoctoral Association, giving all postdocs at FSU Affiliate Membership in the NPA. More Information.

Research Fellowships for Medical Students
Many medical schools and institutions offer programs for medical students who are interested in exploring research as part of their career. Fellowships and scholarly programs are offered in summers or year-long programs. Fourth and fifth year medical students can also participate in research electives. More Information.

Other

Morganonscience.com
Morgan on Science is a free resource for grant writing tips and secrets by Morgan Giddings, Ph.D.
SUBMITTING PROPOSALS FOR GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

College of Medicine, Office of Research Administration (Med-RA)

Help us help you! The sooner you let us know of your intent to submit a proposal for extramural funding, the sooner we can help you navigate the paths to a successful submission. Our goals are to assist you with the CoM requirements and those of FSU Sponsored Research Administration (SRA), or in the case of private funding, the FSU Research Foundation (FSURF), minimize the administrative burden, and meet sponsor guidelines in a seamless, integrated fashion.

SRA/FSURF requires "complete" proposals three business days in advance of the sponsor’s deadline. If you contact us at least 30 days in advance, together we can identify, gather, or create the elements/components, then assemble the application by the SRA/FSURF deadline for institutional approval. The goal is to have, in hand, no later than 10 business days before the sponsor’s deadline, all the elements needed to assemble the components for a complete proposal for SRA/FSURF. Piecemeal in advance of this goal is appropriate and encouraged.

Please note that generally our office works on a first in, first out basis, so let’s minimize "PTSD" (Proposal Tragedies, Shock and Dysfunction), while meeting the FSU three-day institutional approval deadline for a “complete” proposal!

10-Day Advance Proposal Preparation Guidelines

Contact Med-RA at research@fsu.edu for proposal preparation assistance.

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