ALERTS

NIH Standard Due Dates

**Cycle II** began on **May 25, 2015** and standard due dates for common mechanisms are as follows:
- K Series (renewals, resubmissions, revisions) - July 13
- R03, R21, R33, R34, R36 (renewals, resubmissions, revisions) - July 16

**Cycle III** begins on **September 25, 2015** and standard due dates for common mechanisms are as follows:
- R01 (new) - October 5
- K Series - October 12
- R03, R21, R33, R34, R36 (new) - October 16
- R15 (all) - October 26
- R01 (renewals, resubmissions, revisions) - November 5
- K Series (renewals, resubmissions, revisions) - November 12
- R03, R21, R33, R34, R36 (renewals, resubmissions, revisions) - November 16

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](#).

NIH Introduces New Alternative to the SF 424 Application Package

ASSIST stands for **Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking**. Originally developed for multi-project applications, ASSIST can now be used for R01 applications, as well as most K awards. ASSIST uses a combination of web-based data entry screens through a secure site, and PDF file attachments to compile the required data elements of an application. The information entered in the data screens is the same as the information requested in the SF424 (R&R) and PHS 398 forms and the instructions. According to Sally Rockey of NIH, “Those that have used ASSIST have given us overwhelmingly positive feedback – describing it as ‘remarkably painless,’ ‘a dream,’ and ‘invaluable to the preparation process.’”

At FSU, the College of Medicine has piloted its use in partnership with Sponsored Research Administration (SRA). Preliminary plans are to offer it as an option to Principal Investigators in the fall, along with training sessions. The advantages of using ASSIST include:

- Multiple users can simultaneously work on an application while only one could work on a Grants.gov packet at a time (knowing that only one person can work on an individual form at one time though),
- Pre-population of data from eRA Commons profiles,
- Pre-submission preview of how it will look to reviewers,
- Tracking of the submission status in one system instead of in two systems,
- The ability to copy application data (except for attachments) from previous applications, and
- Additional error checking before submission.

[More Information](#).
ALERTS (Cont.)

NSF CAREER Proposal Review / Q&A Session
The FSU Office of Proposal Development will host a session for PI’s to be able to connect with Sponsored Research Administration, clarify any questions, get feedback on any portion of their proposal draft, or work with colleagues. These sessions are not required to submit a NSF CAREER proposal but are beneficial for applicants. The session is scheduled for 9:00am on Friday June 19, four weeks prior to the NSF CAREER deadline. To register for the session or for any questions, contact Emily Hutcheson at 644-3044 or ehutcheson@gmail.com.

PCORI Announces Shift to Three Funding Cycles
PCORI Cycle 2 requires mandatory Letters of Intent to apply for a PCORI grant by July 29, with full applications (if invited) due November 3. Within these cycles, PCORI will issue funding announcements twice a year under their broad National Priorities for Research and our Pragmatic Clinical Studies Initiative. Additionally, they will add funding announcements on specific targeted topics as they’re approved by their Board. More Information.

GRANTSMANSHIP

Helpful Links at the Med-RA Website
If you have not visited our website recently please do! We have redesigned it with you in mind. Here are couple of the features you can find there:

- What if I find a limited-submissions funding opportunity, and only one person from FSU can apply? How do I know if I can be that one person?
- Are there others interested in research collaborations?
- Where can I get help submitting a progress report?
- What do I need to do if I am a co-investigator and the FSU PI is not from CoM?
- I am new to FSU, what is the proposal submission process?

Visit the Med-RA website for more information, or give us feedback to improve it at research@med.fsu.edu.

FEATURED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

DOH Intent to Issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement for King and Bankhead-Coley Programs
Application details and deadlines will be listed in the Funding Opportunity Announcement. The Department anticipates issuing a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) in July 2015 for the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program and the Bankhead Coley Cancer Research Program. More Information.

Advance Notice of Funding Opportunity for Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer’s Disease Research Program
The Florida Department of Health anticipates issuing a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) in July 2015 for the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer’s Disease Research Program. Application details and deadlines will be listed in the FOA. More Information.

Pfizer, Global Research Awards for Nicotine Dependence (GRAND)
The overall mission of the GRAND program is to advance the pharmacological treatment of tobacco and nicotine dependence. The GRAND program will fund at least 5 grants of between US $50,000 and US $200,000 in value, totaling US $1 million. Research projects should aim to provide information that could directly advance the use of pharmacotherapy for treating users of any nicotine or tobacco product in clinical practice. The proposal deadline is July 1, 2015. More Information.
FEATURED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (Cont.)

Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs
The Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) Defense Appropriations Act provides research funding for the peer reviewed programs managed by the Department of Defense (DOD) Office of Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP). The programs listed below have multiple award mechanisms. All applications require a letter of intent. More Information.

- Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program, Pre-Application deadline of June 25, 2015.
- Gulf War Illness Research Program, Pre-Application deadline of July 9, 2015.
- Neurofibromatosis Research Program, Pre-Application deadline of July 10, 2015.
- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Research Program, Pre-Application deadline of July 22, 2015.

NIH, Exploratory Clinical Trials of Novel Interventions for Mental Disorders (R61/R33)
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support the efficient pilot testing of novel interventions for mental disorders in adults and children through an experimental therapeutics approach. Under this FOA, trials must be designed so that results, whether positive or negative, will provide information of high scientific utility and will support “go/no-go” decisions about further development or testing of the intervention. Studies of novel interventions include, but are not limited to behavioral, pharmacological, biologics-based, cognitive, device-based, interpersonal, physiological, or combined approaches. The application deadline is July 27, 2015. More Information.

Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Faculty Scholars Program
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Simons Foundation have joined forces with HHMI to support the Faculty Scholars program. Through this first-time collaboration, the program partners will augment and secure the pipeline of scientific talent. The proposal deadline is July 28, 2015. More Information.

Research Grants are available for basic and clinical research aimed at developing a cure for spinal cord injury, as well as for postdoctoral fellowships for scientists wishing to specialize or train in the field of spinal cord injury research. These grants are for senior level independent investigators focused on basic science, translational-preclinical or clinical research projects. The mandatory letter of intent deadline is July 31, 2015. More Information.

PCORI, Engagement Award: Knowledge, Training and Development, and Dissemination Awards
The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) will award up to $15.5 million in FY 2015 as part of the Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards program. These awards support projects that encourage active integration of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders as integral members of the patient-centered outcomes research/clinical effectiveness research (PCOR/CER) enterprise. The mandatory letter of intent deadline is July 1, 2015 with full proposals due 40 days after review and approval of the letter of intent. More Information.

NIH, Harnessing Genome Editing Technologies to Functionally Validate Genetic Variants in Substance User Disorders (R21/R33)
The purpose of this initiative is to harness genome or epigenome editing technologies to functionally validate and characterize genetic or epigenetic variants involved in substance use disorders. The purpose is also that the genetic resources generated will be made broadly available to the scientific community to probe more deeply into the neurobiological mechanisms involved in the function of a variant, gene, or pathway and provide critical foundational knowledge for the development of future prevention, diagnostic, and therapeutic strategies. The letter of intent deadline is July 25, 2015 and the proposal deadline is August 25, 2015. More Information.

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Fall Grand Challenges Explorations (GCE) Grants
Grand Challenges Explorations grant program funds early-stage discovery, awarding initial grants of $100,000 and potential follow-on grants of up to $1 million. Grants target an expanding set of topics. The foundation will begin accepting applications for the next round of GCE starting September, 2015. More Information.
FEATURED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (Cont.)

JDRF, Strategic Research Agreements
JDRF’s Strategic Research Agreements provide research funding for single or multiple investigators to address critical gaps and challenges and potential breakthroughs in Type 1 diabetes research. The Strategic Research Agreement is a partnership between investigator(s) and JDRF Scientists to help address roadblocks and accelerate JDRF’s mission through support of cutting-edge scientific investigation. Further, this mechanism embodies cooperative development of a research plan, interim quarterly reporting on milestones and interaction with JDRF scientists prior to and during the award period. The budget and duration of funding are variable and continued funding is based on satisfactory effort and quarterly progress on milestones. The project concept deadline is August 14, 2015. More Information.

NIH, Maximizing Investigators’ Research Award for New and Early Stage Investigators (R35)
The Maximizing Investigators’ Research Award (MIRA) is a grant to provide support for all of the research in an investigator’s laboratory that falls within the mission of NIGMS. The goal of MIRA is to increase the efficiency and efficacy of NIGMS funding. It is anticipated that the new mechanism will:
- Increase the stability of funding for NIGMS-supported investigators, which could enhance their ability to take on ambitious scientific projects and approach problems more creatively.
- Increase flexibility for investigators to follow important new research directions as opportunities arise, rather than being bound to specific aims proposed in advance of the studies.
- More widely distribute funding among the nation’s highly talented and promising investigators to increase overall scientific productivity and the chances for important breakthroughs.
- Reduce the time spent by researchers writing and reviewing grant applications, allowing them to spend more time conducting research.
- Enable investigators to devote more time and energy to mentoring junior scientists in a more stable research environment.


NIH, NIMHD Transdisciplinary Collaborative Centers for Health Disparities Research Focused on Precision Medicine (U54)
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for Transdisciplinary Collaborative Centers (TCCs) for health disparities research exploring the potential for precision medicine - an emerging approach that takes into account individual variability in genes, environment, and lifestyle - to promote health equity and reduce health disparities. Priorities include: 1) development of new tools and analytic methods for integrating patient data with information about contextual factors acting at the community or population level to influence health; 2) development of pharmacogenomic and other precision medicine tools to identify critical biomarkers for disease progression and drug responses in diverse populations; 3) translation of pharmacogenomic discoveries into effective treatment or clinical practice; and 4) investigation of facilitators and barriers to implementing precision medicine approaches in disadvantaged populations. The proposal deadline is September 17, 2015. More Information.

American Cancer Society, The Role of Health Policy and Health Insurance in Improving Access to and Performance of Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment Services
This Research Funding Announcement (RFA) calls for research that evaluates the impact of the many changes now occurring in the healthcare system with a particular focus on cancer prevention, control, and treatment. Efforts focusing on improving access to care may also impact inequities that contribute to health disparities. New health public policy initiatives such as the new federal and state marketplaces that have expanded insurance coverage, as well as Medicaid expansion in some states, create natural experiments ripe for evaluation. Research to be funded by this RFA should focus on the changes in national, state, and/or local policy and the response to these changes by healthcare systems, insurers, payers, communities, practices, and patients. The proposal deadline is October 15, 2015. More Information.
FEATURED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (Cont.)

Robert Woods Johnson Foundation, Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health
Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health is a national program of RWJF that supports the Foundation’s commitment to building a Culture of Health in the United States. The program aims to provide individuals, organizations, communities, policymakers, and researchers with the empirical evidence needed to address the key determinants of health encompassed in the Culture of Health Action Framework. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis by invitation after submitting a letter of intent. More Information.

NIH, Conference Grants to Advance Collaborative Research on Aging Biology (R13)
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages the submission of conference grant applications in scientific areas that will foster extramural research on the molecular, biochemical, cellular, genetic, and physiological mechanisms underlying normal aging and related pathologies. NIA is particularly interested in promoting and facilitating team science by employing the R13 activity code to allow researchers at all levels of training to come together to exchange ideas, tools and approaches in an effort to increase collaborative research. There are no deadlines for these grants, however, the earliest submission date is July 12, 2015. More Information.

Searle Scholars Program
This program awards $100,000 per year for three years of support to researchers pursuing careers in biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, and related areas in chemistry, medicine, and the biological sciences. Candidates should have begun their first appointment as an independent investigator at the assistant professor level on or after July 1 of the year prior to the application year. There are generally 15 awards made per year, with the application portal opening in September of each year. More Information.

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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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If you have any questions, call 645-7341 or visit us in MSB Suite G117 (lower level). For further information visit the Med-RA Website.

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