Funding Opportunities & Announcements

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NIH Cycle II
F-series fellowship applications are due August 8, except for F-31 Diversity Fellowships which are due August 13. For other due dates see NIH Standard Due Dates.

NIH Update on Impact of Sequestration
The NIH continues to operate under the Continuing Resolution signed by President Obama on March 26 to fund the federal government through September 30, 2013. Grants and contracts awarded with FY12 funds will not be impacted. For more information, see NOT-OD-043.
NIH recently posted a fact sheet on the impact of sequestration on the NIH. The summary includes a set of FAQs on the impact of the cuts on grantees. NIH reported that due to sequestration approximately 700 fewer competitive research project grants will be issued this fiscal year. More information.

Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Sponsored Projects
To comply with the federally-mandated provisions of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Florida State University anticipates offering State of Florida Group Health Insurance coverage as an optional benefit for all qualified OPS employees including graduate assistants and adjunct faculty, starting on January 1, 2014. PI’s are strongly encouraged to include health insurance costs in proposal budgets for OPS employees (students and non-students) who will be working an average of at least 30 hours per week. The PI has the option of including in proposal budgets health insurance costs for OPS employees at the single or family rate. If graduate students meet the eligibility requirements for OPS health insurance coverage, they will have the option of enrolling for that. However, if they are not eligible for the OPS health insurance coverage, they may still eligible for the Health Insurance Subsidy for Graduate Students and Fellows. More information. Sponsored Research Services recommends budgeting for the greatest anticipated cost—OPS health insurance. More information.

NIH Requires Use of Updated Application Forms Beginning with Cycle III—Resubmissions Take Note!
Starting with the application due date of September 25, 2013, any application using an outdated form will be rejected. This is most likely to be an issue for anyone resubmitting an application after that date. It is recommended that you retrieve the new
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application and begin anew. The new FORMS-C packages are available for download by visiting the Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) links. More information.

“Predatory” Journals

If you receive solicitations from companies claiming to be open access journal publishers, note that these companies try to capitalize on article processing charges by charging a fee to the author after a manuscript is accepted, and then either not publishing it or providing little editorial guidance or peer review. A list of possible “predatory” journals can be found at http://scholarlyoa.com/individual-journals/.

There are, however, many open access journals impact factors that are trustworthy and prestigious. Before submitting your work for publication, you should check the journal’s impact factor, review the editorial board, and look to see if the journal is listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals. Also, it is valuable to see if the journal is indexed in databases such as PubMed or Web of Science. Roxann Williams in the Maguire Medical Library is available to assist you with your scholarly writing needs. Contact her at roxann.williams@med.fsu.edu.

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Consider the National Science Foundation

On a recent outreach visit to FSU, NSF’s Dr. Bruce Cushing dispelled the myth that medical schools are disqualified from receiving NSF funding. However, it is true that research with disease-related goals, including work on the etiology, diagnosis or treatment of physical or mental disease, abnormality, or malfunction in human beings or animals, is normally not supported. Animal models of such conditions or the development or testing of drugs or other procedures for their treatment also are not eligible for support. However, research in bioengineering, with diagnosis- or treatment-related goals, that applies engineering principles to problems in biology and medicine while advancing engineering knowledge is eligible for support. Bioengineering research to aid persons with disabilities is also eligible. More information.

NSF is organized into “directorates” and then sub-divided into divisions and clusters. He encouraged investigators to first become familiar with how NSF is structured, particularly the Biological Sciences, and the Social, Behavioral and Economic Directorates, by visiting the website www.nsf.gov. The next step would be to request a phone conference with a program director. Program directors can offer individualized guidance and give you an “in” with others at NSF.

Other key tips for applying to NSF:

- Plan early – Many opportunities are only available once per year and require preliminary proposals, with only one in four invited to submit full proposals.
- Uniqueness – Search funded projects to see if your area of interest is a crowded field. If it is, you are unlikely to get funded.
- Attention to detail – NSF does not hesitate to return proposals “RWR,” returned without review. Read the solicitation and write to it. Follow the rules. For instance, if you are limited to two proposals and you submit three, all three will be returned RWR.
- Emphasis – Priority is given to proposals that build capacity, broaden participation, are interdisciplinary, are integrative, have broad impact, or involve dissemination.
- Quality – Avoid the “lottery” mentality. Quality and innovation of proposal matters most, not how many proposals you submit.

FEATURED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NIH Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R21)

This opportunity encourages investigators to submit research grant applications that will identify, develop, evaluate and refine effective and efficient methods, systems, infrastructures, and strategies to disseminate and implement research-tested health behavior change interventions, evidence-based prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment and management, and quality of life improvement services, and data monitoring and surveillance reporting tools into public health and clinical practice
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settings that focus on patient outcomes. Application deadline is 10/16/13, and a letter of intent is requested. More information.

Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP)
The Department of Defense offers a broad range of research topics including autism, multiple cancers, spinal cord and brain injury, and Gulf War Illness. Due dates vary and most have pre-application requirements. More information.

FSU’s Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP)
Faculty applications are now open for FSU’s Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP). UROP is a year-long program that places high-achieving first- and second-year students as research assistants with faculty members working on research or creative projects. The faculty interview and select admitted UROP students for their projects and direct their work during the year. All UROP students attend a year-long research colloquium and present their work at the annual FSU Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium. As UROP Research Sponsors, faculty members and postdocs can have student research assistants at no cost to them. They can also receive a materials grant for up to $500, and be eligible for a $2000 Undergraduate Research Mentor award. We encourage you to upload a project for which you would like research assistants (and view previous UROP projects) through the site: [http://our.undergrad.fsu.edu/our/urop/faculty/login.php](http://our.undergrad.fsu.edu/our/urop/faculty/login.php). Project submissions are due August 26, 2013. For more information on UROP, please visit: [http://our.fsu.edu/urop.html](http://our.fsu.edu/urop.html), or contact Dr. Joe O'Shea at joshea@fsu.edu.

STUDENT AND POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

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Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) Fellowships 2014 Competition
HFSP postdoctoral fellowships encourage early career scientists to broaden their research skills by moving into new areas of study while working in a new country. The application deadline is August 13, 2013. More information.

Resources

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 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 students can also participate in research electives. Click here for a short list of opportunities and other research resources for students.

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.
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OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

Search Engines

NIH - National Institutes of Health Funding Opportunities and Notices Search Engine. [Click here].

NSF - National Science Foundation. [Click here].

Ed/SPIN and Grant Forward - To access two new funding database systems being provided through the FSU Office of Research [Click here].

FSU Foundation Search Tool - 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. Direct questions to Gabe Grass, Director for Corporate & Foundation Development at the FSU Foundation (ggrass@foundation.fsu.edu / 850-644-0763).

National Institutes of Health Resources

All About Grants Podcasts - Conversations with NIH staff members providing inside information for successful grantsmanship. [More information].

NIH Standard Due Dates for Competing Applications

NIH Parent Announcements - for use by applicants who wish to submit what were formerly termed investigator-initiated or “unsolicited” applications.

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

FSU Sponsored Research

[Click here to subscribe to the SRS email list] to keep up with notices of important news and events related to contracts and grants including limited submission opportunities.

[Click here for internal funding opportunities] available only to FSU faculty.

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].

Other

Meeting and Conference Travel Funding

Looking for opportunities to attend scientific meetings or present a paper? A new resource with helpful tips on funding options is available at the Pre-Award website under Funding Opportunities. [More information].

HealthResearchFunding.org — National Health Council Health Research Funding

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

STEP ONE: As soon as you know you may be involved with a proposal for sponsored funding (e.g. contract or grant), contact the College of Medicine (CoM) Pre-Award Funding Assistance Office for technical support.

All externally funded projects involving CoM personnel, students or facilities must be CoM approved in advance of FSU Sponsored Research Services or Research Foundation approval. We are here to help you navigate the process to achieve a successful outcome. There is a 10 day CoM deadline prior to the sponsor’s submission deadline for review of the completed documents; therefore let’s work together as soon as possible!

Send us a brief email at research@med.fsu.edu describing the basics of the proposed project involving the FSU College of Medicine.

Please include as much of the following information as possible:

- Your role on the project
- Nature of the funding source, e.g. contract, grant, sub-recipient agreement, renewal
- Sponsor name and link to funding announcement
- Name(s) and contact information of any collaborators

STEP TWO: A member of our team will follow-up with you no later than the following Monday to guide you through the process and offer technical assistance as needed.

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If you have any questions, call 645-9184 or visit us in MSB Suite G117 (lower level). For further information visit the Pre-Award Funding Assistance website.

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