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## Resumption of Operations at NSF

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has reopened for business. After a long and difficult lapse in appropriations, the agency is operating under a three-week continuing resolution. This means they will not be able to conduct "business as usual," and will have to set priorities for what to do first, starting with the most pressing of issues, including processing the backlog of awards to universities and small businesses, rescheduling merit review panels that were cancelled, funding facilities and renewing oversight of those facilities, and funding graduate student and postdoctoral fellowships. They welcome feedback and good ideas for making

rapid progress, whether they come from scientific organizations and societies or from individuals.

## **News & Announcements**

#### Deadline Extended for Kaufman Foundation LOIs

The Charles E. Kaufman Foundation of The Pittsburgh Foundation will award annual research grants in 2019 to researchers at Pennsylvania universities to carry out fundamental research in the areas of biology, chemistry and physics. Grant programs include: New Investigator Research Grants - up to six awards at a maximum of \$150,000 for two years (\$75,000 per year), and New Initiative Research Grants - up to four awards at a maximum of \$300,000 for two years (\$150,000 per year). The deadline for submission of the initial Letter of Intent (LOI) has been extended to Monday, February 4, 2019, by 11:59 p.m. LOI submissions will be accepted as an email attachment (single PDF document) to kaufmanapps@pghfdn.org or through the online form. View complete program guidelines for LOI format requirements and eligibility. Please direct questions to kaufmanapps@pghfdn.org or 412.394.2617.

# University-wide Implementation Science Interest Group Meeting

You are invited to attend the University-wide Implementation Science Interest Group Meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2019, from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 1043 of the Three Parkway building on the Center City Campus. Implementation Science is the study of methods and strategies to promote the systematic dissemination and integration of research findings and evidence-based models into practice and policy which aligns with Drexel University's use-inspired research aspirations. The purpose of this meeting is to identify interested parties; identify synergies across the University; discuss strategies for advancing scholarship in this area; pursue possible collaborative research opportunities (including grant submissions); and discuss next steps. For more information, visit the events section of the College of Nursing and Health Professions' website. Registration is now open. We look forward to your participation!

## FY20 Proposed Fringe Benefit Rates for Sponsored Projects

Drexel University has submitted the fringe benefit proposal to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish the fiscal year 2020 fringe benefit rates for sponsored projects. These rates are not final until we receive the official rate letter from DHHS, however, we do not expect any significant changes when they are finalized. It is anticipated that we will not receive the approved, final rate letter for at least three to six months. Therefore, you should begin to utilize these proposed rates on any proposal submissions that will have salary and wages after July 1, 2019, to ensure that you have budgeted adequate

funding. Coeus has been updated to reflect the new rates. Questions regarding the new rates can be directed to Vivian Ng at 215.571.4285 or Gabrielle Berrios at 215.895.1730.

#### Drexel Plan to Implement Revisions to the Common Rule

The Revised Common Rule was initially issued on January 19, 2017, with an intended implementation date of January 19, 2018. As you may know, the implementation was delayed twice in the last year. The final implementation and compliance date is now January 21, 2019. The revisions are not applicable to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Department of Justice regulated research. The FDA plans to post a notice of draft revised FDA regulations intended to harmonize with the revised rule. If you are involved in the conduct of FDA-regulated research, you should be aware that these changes may be directly applicable to your research in the future. We will let you know if and when those changes occur. To learn what this means to the Drexel research community, please review the full notice in the News section of the Office of Research's website. Please feel free to send questions to hrpp@drexel.edu.

#### Drexel's New Intellectual Property Policy

In November 2018, the University approved a new Intellectual Property (IP) Policy covering the innovations developed here at Drexel that are protected by patents and copyrights. Approval of this policy was the culmination of a long-term effort by the administration, Faculty Senate and academic leaders of the colleges and schools to modernize our policies in light of changes to federal law, policies and best practices. Highlights of the new policy include: increased share of income distributed to intellectual property creators to a flat rate of 50%; provision of dedicated income shares to the creators' laboratories, departments and colleges or schools; clarified ownership of course materials by faculty and use rights of those materials by Drexel; permission for IP creators to freely participate in the ownership of new companies in addition to their income benefits under the policy; establishment of an IP Policy Advisory Committee composed of faculty and administration to regularly engage in policy review and guidance. As recently announced, a Town Hall to present and discuss the new policy will be held in Behrakis South Hall on Thursday, February 21, at noon. A full version of the new Intellectual Property Policy is available on the Office of Provost website under Academic Policies. Specific questions may be addressed via email to IPpolicy@drexel.edu or via phone to 215.895.6091.

#### New Policy for New Investigator R01 Applications

With the implementation of the Next Generation Researchers Initiative, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) have prioritized funding of meritorious R01 applications, a strategy that is expected to reduce the number of resubmissions necessary to receive an award. NIH will continue to make a special accommodation for New Investigator (NI) R01 applications, by retaining clustered review and preferential release of summary statements. However, the special NI deadline for next round resubmission of A1 R01 applications will be eliminated. The new policy has been established for NI R01 applications submitted for due dates on or after January 25, 2019.

#### Call for Proposals: Thomas Jefferson Fund

The 2019 Call for Proposals of the Thomas Jefferson Fund is now open until noon EST on March 5, 2019. This program, launched by the Embassy of France in the United States and the FACE Foundation, aims to encourage and support cooperation among the most promising young French and American researchers, and foster forward-looking collaborative research projects. Each selected French-American project will receive up to \$20,000 over a period of two years. Applications are accepted in the three following fields: Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS), Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and Science for Society (interdisciplinary STEM-HSS projects). In support of the Make Our Planet Great Again Initiative launched by President Emmanuel Macron in June 2017, the Thomas Jefferson Fund is offering additional grants this year for research projects related to Earth System Science, Climate Change and Sustainability, and Energy Transition. Apply today!

#### Urban Health Collaborative 2019 Funding Announcements

Drexel's Urban Health Collaborative (UHC) is pleased to solicit applications for two funding opportunities. UHC's **Collaborative Pilot Proposal Funding** invites proposals for pilot funding to promote urban health research at Drexel University. In this request for proposals, awards will be made to pilot projects related to the mission of the UHC with a focus on understanding and improving health in cities. A range of approaches are of interest. Drexel University faculty members and postdoctoral fellows are eligible to submit. A separate announcement is available for Drexel doctoral students. Visit the UHC website for more information or visit InfoReady for the full funding announcement and to apply. UHC's Doctoral Dissertation Research Funding Award is designed to promote urban health research and to train the next generation of urban health researchers, with a focus on understanding and improving health in cities. Projects must align closely with the UHC's mission. All Drexel University doctoral students are eligible to apply. The deadline to apply for both of these opportunities is March 15, 2019.

# **Funding Opportunity Resources**

## **Spotlighted External Funding Opportunities**

NIH Administrative Supplement for Research on Sex/Gender Influences (Admin Supp)

NIH Mechanistic studies on chronic alcohol use and sleep homeostasis (R01)

NSF Dimensions of Biodiversity FY2019

NSF Integrative Strategies for Understanding Neural and Cognitive Systems (NCS)

DOD CDMRP Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP)

DOD PRMRP Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program

Burroughs Wellcome Fund Physician-Scientist Institutional Award

AUA Bladder Cancer Research Awards for Young Investigators

## **Extramural Funding**

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## Internal Funding and Limited Submissions

**Drexel University Funding Portal** 

## **Events & Education**

The Office of Research offers a full series of on-site workshops every spring and fall, covering a wide range of research administration topics including eRA, pre-award, post-award, compliance, human research protection and sponsor-specific topics (NIH, NSF, etc.). Dates for our Spring 2019 Workshop Series will be published in February. We will also create personalized presentations for faculty, support staff, students and anyone involved in the administration or conduct of research at Drexel. For more information about developing a session tailored to the needs and location of your group, please contact us.

#### We Want To Hear From YOU!

**Let us know** what you like (or don't like) about our newsletter and which research administration topics you'd like to learn more about. All feedback is welcome.

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