Announcement: NEW OSP Director

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. James J. Casey, Jr. as Director of AU’s Office of Sponsored Programs, effective April 7, 2015. Mr. Casey comes to the position from the Office of Sponsored Programs at Carnegie Mellon University, where he was the Pre-Award Manager. Prior to his appointment at Carnegie Mellon University, he was Assistant Vice President, Office of Sponsored Project Administration at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He has also held leadership positions in offices of sponsored programs at Cardinal Stritch University and Bradley University. He has more than two decades of expertise in grants and contracts administration in research active universities, as well as significant experience in the establishment, reorganization and management of sponsored research offices. His graduate training includes both a law degree, as well as master’s degrees in public administration and international affairs.

As Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs, Mr. Casey will be responsible for the direction and management of all pre-award grant and contract administration operations at American University. He will provide leadership for integrating national best practices into current institutional policies and procedures related to the review, negotiation, and acceptance of sponsored research awards from federal and private foundation sponsors. He will also provide leadership for ongoing efforts to implement recommendations from the 2014 Final Report of the NCURA Site Visit Team.

Please join me in welcoming James Casey to his new position as Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs, and as a valuable addition to the Office of the Provost.
Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Administration

Each year, the Office of Extramural Research (OER) sponsors the NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Administration. These seminars are intended to help demystify the application and review process, clarify Federal regulations and policies, and highlight current areas of special interest or concern. The seminars serve the NIH mission of providing education and training for the next generation of biomedical and behavioral scientist. NIH policy, grants management, review and program staff provide a broad array of expertise and encourage personal interaction between themselves and seminar participants. The seminars are appropriate for grants administrators, researchers new to NIH, and graduate students. Registration is now open and to learn more please visit the NIH site

Date: May 6-8, 2015
Location: Baltimore, MD

Ambassadors: Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, University of Maryland, Baltimore and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County

What’s New in 2015? Besides grants policy and process updates from NIH, this year the NIH is offering exciting new workshops as options on the day before the seminar for administrators and investigators! In addition to ½ day pre-award and post-award eRA Workshops, we've added a ½ day Grants Administrator Boot Camp and a full day workshop on how to get research protocols through human subjects review. During the 2-day seminar, attendees may choose from sessions in three tracks at any time: Administrators, New Investigators, and All Interest. This year, we've refocused the New Investigator Track of sessions and order of the content to hone in on the most important information for attendees in the early stages of their research career!

Archived Webinar for faculty on how to write a successful proposal to NSF’s Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER).

Go to: [http://myLibrary.krm.com](http://myLibrary.krm.com)
Enter the registrant’s email address: afelder@american.edu
Enter the Event ID: 22329
Enter the Order Number: 1218681

Topics that will be covered are:

- How to decide when and if to apply for a CAREER grant
- How to position yourself and your research to be competitive for a CAREER award
- How to structure your proposal
- How to develop an education plan
- Addressing diversity– related issues
- Keys to success and common mistakes to avoid
- A step-by-step discussion of each section of the proposal and what it needs to tell the reviewers
- How to analyze reviews and decide whether to revise and resubmit “Questions and Answers”
Apply to be a Peer Reviewer

OVC is seeking reviewers from diverse backgrounds and regions to assess grant applications. Reviewers should have relevant crime victimization experience and expertise at the local, state, Federal or Tribal levels in areas such as but not limited to:

- Domestic violence and sexual assault
- Child and elder abuse
- Fraud & identity theft
- Human trafficking
- Ethics in victim services
- Victims’ rights
- Compassion fatigue/vicarious trauma
- Mass violence & crisis response
- Restitution
- Victim impact
- Victim compensation
- Underserved victim populations

All reviews are conducted remotely and, typically, reviewers score 5-10 applications within a two week period. Before beginning their work, reviewers must participate in an orientation telephone call, which covers the role and responsibilities of the reviewers and the background and purpose of the grant program under review. Reviewers must also enter their scores and comments to an automated data system, and usually will participate in a consensus call with all other reviewers. Participants receive $125 for each application reviewed. Federal employees are not eligible for payment. If you are interested in becoming a peer reviewer, please send an up-to-date resume or curriculum vitae, including a valid e-mail address, to OJP Peer Review. Include "For OVC" in the subject line. For more information please visit their website.
UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS & TRAINING SCHEDULE

Research Administration Certification (RAC) Program

RAC is a comprehensive training and certification program designed to assist AU departmental and school/college level staff with research administration and management responsibilities. This 8-session program provides vital information to enable participants to effectively manage sponsored awards.

The next instructor-led sessions are:

- **Session 8: Research Compliance Overview & Business Intelligence**
  - April 28, 2015, 10:00-12:00 PM, Mary Grayden Center Room 245

*Information on the online sessions can be obtained from the following link.*
[View more information about RAC and how to register for the instructor-led and online formats here >>](#)

Funding Search Information Sessions

OSP offers a series of informational sessions for those interested in independently searching for funding opportunities. The following sessions will provide training on how to use our current funding search databases, and will assist faculty and staff in developing user profiles to receive direct funding opportunity announcements related to their research/program interests:

- (WCL): April 23, 2015, 10:00—12:00 PM, TBD—**Open to WCL faculty & staff**

[View more information about the Funding Search Information sessions and how to register here >>](#)

Grant Administration Roundtable (GAR) Sessions

OSP and Grants and Contracts Accounting (GCA) would like to invite you to the next scheduled GAR sessions. We are currently soliciting topics. Please email ideas to Afelder@american.edu

- **April 16, 2015, 10:00—11:30 AM, Butler Conference Room**
  - Current Topics: *Proposal Budget Template Updates, Unit Collaboration Models*

[View more information about GAR and how to register here >>](#)
New PI?
Here is who to contact in the Office of Sponsored Programs.

**Abbreviation Key**
- CAS: College of Arts & Sciences
- WAMU: Radio Station
- SOC: School of Communication
- Library: University Library
- KSB: Kogod School of Business
- SPA: School of Public Affairs
- SPEX: School of Professional & Extended Studies
- SIS: School of International Service
- WCL: Washington College of Law
- CLALS: Center for Latin American & Latino Studies
Funding Opportunities Organized by School/Department

Note: Please note that these offerings are a sampling of what is available via our search funding tools and serve as examples for you to consider. If you have not attended a “search funding tool” training session, we encourage you to do so. Performing an individualized search, tailored to your unit or specific research interests will provide the most exhaustive means of locating resources. Please contact Afelder@american.edu with any questions related to our search funding tools.

College of Arts and Sciences

National Endowment for the Humanities - The Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants program awards relatively small grants to support the planning stages of innovative projects that promise to benefit the humanities. Proposals should be for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in any area of the humanities. To name a few, Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants may involve research that brings new approaches or documents best practices in the study of the digital humanities; and scholarship that focuses on the history, criticism, and philosophy of digital culture and its impact on society.

**Application deadline: September 16, 2015**

Black Success Foundation - This grant, $5,000.00, provides financial support to professionals who conduct research to study African American success, particularly in the area of education. It is offered to encourage the building of the science of African American success by studying those attitudes and behaviors that cause people to attain academic success. The research can focus upon early childhood education, student performance in the elementary, middle or high school years, as well as the attitudes and behaviors that help individuals finish college and graduate school. It can also focus upon parental behaviors that contribute to student success, as well as related home and community variables that promote excellence in educational performance.

**Application deadline: June 5, 2015**

The American Psychology Foundation - The Lizette Peterson Homer Memorial Injury Research Grant supports research into psychological and behavioral aspects of the prevention of injuries in children and adolescents as reflected in the activities and interests within pediatric psychology of the late Lizette Peterson-Homer and her commitment to improving the status of children in the face of the most significant threats to their health and development. This grant is open to students and faculty to support research related to the prevention of injuries in children and adolescents. Funding is available up to $5,000 and is sponsored jointly by the American Psychological Foundation and APA Div. 54.

**Application deadline: October 1, 2015**

American Chemistry Society - To recognize outstanding achievement in the field of organic chemistry, the significance of which has become apparent within the five years preceding the year in which the award will be considered. To recognize outstanding achievement in the field of organic chemistry, the significance of which has become apparent within the five years preceding the year in which the award will be considered.

**Application deadline: November 11, 2015**

The Riley Foundation - The Foundation’s purpose is to make grants to charitable and governmental organizations for charitable purposes and to provide financial resources and assistance for community-wide projects and programs in healthcare, education, and the betterment of cultural, environmental and economic conditions for the people of Meridian and Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

**Application deadline: May 10, 2015**

The American Psychology Foundation - The $20,000 grant supports “exceptional individuals working in the area of serious mental illness,” including but not limited to schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and paranoia (delusional disorder). The prize was established to honor the late Alexander Gralnick, MD, and to reflect the breadth of his accomplishments and contributions in the field of serious mental illness. Dr. Gralnick was a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, and he received the American Psychiatric Association’s Distinguished Service Award and the Service to the Mentally Ill Award of the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation.

**Application deadline: April 15, 2016**
TIAA-CREF Institute - Named in honor of Nobel Prize winner and former CREF trustee Paul A. Samuelson, this prestigious award is presented by the Institute annually to recognize an outstanding research publication that can help advance Americans’ lifelong financial wellbeing. The winner is chosen by an independent panel of judges – consisting of Institute Fellows and previous award winners – and receives a $10,000 cash prize.

Application deadline: September 11, 2015

American Accounting Association - The John T. Steed School of Accounting at the University of Oklahoma is soliciting submissions for the annual Glen McLaughlin Prize for research in accounting ethics. The prize includes a cash award for the best unpublished paper (at the time of submission) on ethics in any area of accounting. The development of the ethical concepts in the paper may be rooted in ethical philosophy, but authors should feel free to draw upon ethical insights from other disciplines such as sociology, psychology, biology, economics or humanities. The paper should be contributing to the understanding of ethical concepts.

Application deadline: December 01, 2015

School of Public Affairs

Shorenstein Center at Harvard’s Kennedy School - The annual Goldsmith Prize honors investigative reporting that best promotes more effective and ethical conduct of government, the making of public policy, or the practice of politics. While the subject can address issues of foreign policy, a submission qualifies only if it has an impact on public policy in the United States at the national, regional or local level. The winner receives $25,000, and five finalists receive $10,000. Broadcast or publication must have occurred between January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014.

Application deadline: December 31, 2015

Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism - START is dedicated to working with graduate students and junior scholars in the behavioral and social sciences who are interested in issues related to terrorism and providing them with professional development opportunities. The Terrorism Research Award (TRA) (formerly known as the START Pre- and Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program) is available to graduate students and to scholars who have completed a PhD program within the last five years. Those selected as TRA winners receive $5,000 in funds to dedicate towards research expenses and professional development experiences to support their work in the area of terrorism studies.

Application deadline: May 01, 2015

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Up to nine studies may be selected to receive funding of up to $350,000 to support projects of up to 24 months in duration. Projects may seek to: 1) elucidate the health and economic value of public health activities; 2) understand how elements of the public health system influence the effective implementation of evidence-based public health strategies and/or strategies for collaboration between the public health and clinical health care delivery systems; and/or 3) test the impact of alternative strategies for delivering evidence-based public health services and/or collaborative approaches aimed at community health improvement between the public health and clinical health care delivery systems.

Application deadline: June 23, 2015
Funding Opportunities Organized by School/Department

School of Communication

**Mass Communication and Society** - Mass Communication & Society awards outstanding research proposals focused on some aspect of mass communication research. Recipients are given $10,000 to complete the proposed research project. $5,000 will be presented to the recipients(s) at this year’s conference award ceremony. The remaining $5,000 will be given after the authors submit their paper to our division journal, Mass Communication & Society. Any topic that advances mass communication research, especially at the societal or macrosocial level, is eligible for the award. Proposals must emphasize the interaction with society and fit with the division’s mission. Finally, any member of the Mass Communication & Society division who is currently teaching, researching or studying mass communication full time is eligible.

**Application deadline: May 02, 2015**

**Aviation Space Writers Foundation Award** - The National Air and Space Museum is offering a grant of $5,000, to be awarded in even-numbered years (2012, 2014, 2016 etc.), to support research on aerospace topics. The product created as a result of the grant must be in any form suitable for potential public dissemination in print, electronic, broadcast, or other visual medium, including, but not limited to, a book manuscript, a video, or film script, or monograph. Potential topics might be contemporary aviation or space events that are of interest to the general public; significant persons, historical events or trends that illuminate the history of human flight in air and space; records; or compendia of aerospace source material.

**Application deadline: January 15, 2016**

**National Institutes of Health** - Implications of New Digital Media Use for Underage Drinking, Drinking-Related Behaviors, and Prevention Research (R01). This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages R01 research grant applications from organizations that propose to investigate whether, and how, heavy involvement in new digital media usage, particularly social media and social networking sites, may influence adolescent alcohol use and drinking patterns, as well as drinking-related problems. This FOA also encourages applications proposing to explore the ways in which new digital media may be utilized as platforms for preventive interventions aimed at underage drinking and related problems. Additional guidelines are available on the website.

**Application deadline: July 5, 2016**

**Kodak Film Grants** - Each year, Film Independent awards a limited number of grants of Kodak film stock to qualified filmmakers who are in production on their feature films. To be eligible for these grants, one must be an alumnus of one or more of FIND’s Talent Development programs – the Filmmaker Labs, Project: Involve Fast Track, or the cash grants given out at the Spirit Awards and the festival. Below are some of the projects that Film Independent has supported with Kodak Film grants. Additional guidelines are available on the website.

**Application deadline: Rolling**

**National Endowment for the Humanities** - Media Projects: Development Grant programs support activities that engage millions of Americans in understanding significant humanities works and ideas. At the center of every NEH-funded public humanities project is a core set of humanities ideas developed by scholars, matched to imaginative formats that bring those ideas to life for people of all ages and all walks of life. NEH is a national funding agency, so the projects we support must demonstrate the potential to attract a broad, general audience. Media Projects grants support the following formats: film and television projects; and radio projects. Additional guidelines are available on the website.

**Application deadline: August 12, 2015**
Funding Opportunities Organized by School/Department

School of International Service

National Institutes of Health - Research to Characterize and Reduce Stigma to Improve Health (R01) This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages research grant applications to characterize the role of stigma in health, life course development, and aging, both in the U.S. and globally, and to test interventions to prevent or reduce the impact of stigma at the individual, community, health care system, and policy levels. The goal of this FOA is to promote research addressing the health-related aspects of stigma, including the etiology and perpetuation of stigma; its impact on physical and mental health, well-being, life course development, and aging; its influence on health behaviors and on use, access to, and quality of received healthcare services; its contribution to health disparities affecting vulnerable demographic groups; and intervention strategies to reduce health-related stigma and/or the negative health and life course developmental impacts of stigma.

Application deadline: June 5, 2015

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations - The William Appleman Williams Junior Faculty Research Grants are intended to promote scholarly research in U.S. foreign relations by untenured college and university faculty and others who are within six years of the Ph.D. and who are working as professional historians. Grants are limited to scholars working on the first research monograph. A limited number of grants of varying amounts (generally, up to $2,000) will be awarded annually to help defray the costs of domestic or international travel necessary to conduct research on significant scholarly projects. The award is announced formally at the SHAFR luncheon held during the annual meeting of the American Historical Association. Membership in SHAFR is required.

Application deadline: October 1, 2015

The National Endowment of the Humanities - The Fellowship Program for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan is a joint activity of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC) and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Awards support research on modern Japanese society and political economy, Japan's international relations, and U.S.-Japan relations. The program encourages innovative research that puts these subjects in wider regional and global contexts and is comparative and contemporary in nature. Research should contribute to scholarly knowledge or to the general public's understanding of issues of concern to Japan and the United States.

Application deadline: April 30, 2015 for Projects Beginning January 2016

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission - The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) was created as an independent agency by Congress in 1974 to enable the nation to safely use radioactive materials for beneficial civilian purposes while ensuring that people and the environment are protected. The NRC regulates the nation’s civilian use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety, to promote the common defense and security, and to protect the environment. The NRC’s Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) furthers the agency’s regulatory mission by providing technical advice, technical tools and information for identifying and resolving safety issues, making regulatory decisions, and promulgating regulations and guidance. A conference is defined as an open gathering, symposium, seminar, workshop or any other organized, formal meeting where persons assemble to coordinate, exchange, and disseminate information and/or explore or clarify a defined subject, problem, or area of knowledge.

Application deadline: May 19, 2015
Equal Justice Works - Each year the Equal Justice Works fellowship competition selects qualified and passionate lawyers who have developed new and innovative legal projects that can impact lives and serve communities in desperate need of legal assistance. Equal Justice Works considers a wide variety of issue areas. Preference will be given to projects that are designed to impact a large number of people, create programs that can be replicated in other communities, and create lasting institutions or programs. Fellows receive a competitive salary up to $41,000 a year.

Application deadline: September 17, 2015

The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation - At present, the Foundation aims to encourage projects that focus on cultivating a renewed, healthier, and more vigorous sense of citizenship among the American people, and among peoples of other nations, as well. The free society so central to the convictions and success of the Bradley brothers rests upon and is intended to nurture a solid foundation of competent, self-governing citizens, who are understood to be fully capable of and personally responsible for making the major political, economic, and moral decisions that shape their own lives, and the lives of their children. Such decisions are made on the basis of common sense, received wisdom, traditional values, and everyday moral understandings, which are in turn nurtured and passed on to future generations by healthy families, churches, neighborhoods, voluntary associations, schools, and other value-generating "mediating structures."

Application deadline: May 1, 2015

The Law School Admission Council - The Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Research Grant Program funds research on a wide variety of topics related to the mission of LSAC. Specifically included in the program's scope are projects investigating precursors to legal training, selection into law schools, legal education, and the legal profession. To be eligible for funding, a research project must inform either the process of selecting law students or legal education itself in a demonstrable way. Projects will be funded for amounts up to $200,000. The program welcomes proposals for research proceeding from any of a variety of methodologies, a potentially broad range of topics, and varying time frames.

Application deadline: August 15, 2015

National Institutes of Health

NIH Funding Opportunities—Grants & Funding Page

(Search by keywords to narrow down your search to locate funding opportunities)

Federal Contracts

Federal Business Funding Opportunities

(Search by keywords to narrow down your search to locate funding opportunities)
In the spirit of creating a more collaborative research culture, we are currently seeking content producers:

- Do you have tips and expertise on empowering faculty to become more competitive for external funding?
- Do you have an innovative research project success story that you’d like to share with the campus community?
- Have you attended a conference, workshop or used a particular form of technology that would be beneficial to funded researchers?

Content must be approved, should not have already been covered in a previous newsletter and can be submitted to Afelder@american.edu. Placement is not guaranteed.

What to expect in next month’s OSP Monthly:

- Vice Provost’s Corner
- GAR Recap
- Funding Opportunities

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