Fiscal Year End Cut-Off for New Award Set-Up

In consultation with Grants and Contracts Accounting (GCA) and the Controller’s Office, a “cut-off” date of April 11, 2014 has been established to ensure timely set-up and reporting of new sponsored awards received in this fiscal year. Thus, all new sponsored awards must be received in the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) on or before April 11 in order to be counted in the 2013-2014 (current) fiscal year.

OSP and GCA will work to ensure all new sponsored awards received in OSP on or before April 11 will be processed and reported in the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

To ensure timely set-up, OSP and/or GCA may require assistance from Principal Investigators (PIs) and their respective academic units to resolve award-related issues such as budget matters to process awards. Also, PI’s and their respective academic units should forward all new awards (if received directly from sponsors) to OSP for immediate processing.

All new awards received after April 11 will be processed in the order received but will be reported in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Please contact OSP or GCA with any questions you may have.
Introduction of Grant Forward

The Office of Sponsored Programs is pleased to present a brand new funding database called Grant Forward.

Grant Forward is a powerful and robust database that comprises a continuously growing inventory of foundation, federal and other funding sources. The modern and sleek interface provides a truly intuitive searching experience, and its flexible management tools allow users to easily track, customize and save funding opportunities effortlessly.

Grant Forward At-a-Glance:
- Basic searches can be conducted via free search by keywords OR from a list of pre-classified subject categories/disciplines
- Refine your search by applying specific filters such as sponsor type, deadline date, funding type, status, applicant type, etc.
- Funding opportunities can be annotated so that other users can see what important notes you have written on specific opportunities
- Users can submit opportunities to Grant Forward that are not in the database (i.e. internal funding opportunities)
- Build ‘Research Profiles’ based on publications and/or keywords associated with your research interests, and have related funding opportunities e-mailed to you on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis
- The number of automated saved searches is unlimited, and you can quickly aggregate which saved searches you want the customized email alert to retrieve opportunities from
- Conduct basic searches while connected to the AU network; and with an account, perform searches from anywhere

Because of the many benefits provided by Grant Forward, we have discontinued service with InfoEd Global (AKA SPINSMARTS). To help ease the transition for users with existing InfoEd Global accounts, we have automatically created accounts in Grant Forward for you to begin your search right away.

If you had an existing account with InfoEd Global, you should have received a separate email with credentials for accessing your new Grant Forward account. If you did not have an InfoEd Global account or simply just wish to sign up for an account with Grant Forward, sign up here.

Note: Grant Forward will be replacing InfoEd Global in our ongoing funding search information sessions. To view more information about the schedule and to see the remaining sessions left, please go here.

For more information regarding Grant Forward and our other funding resources, please visit our website.
A new version of the National Science Foundation Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG), (NSF 14-1) has been issued. The PAPPG is comprised of documents relating to the Foundation's proposal and award process and consists of the:

(a) Grant Proposal Guide (GPG) for guidance on the preparation and submission of proposals to NSF; and
(b) Award & Administration Guide (AAG) to guide, manage, and monitor the award and administration of grants and cooperative agreements made by the Foundation.

This new version of the PAPPG will be effective for proposals submitted, or due, on or after February 24, 2014.

Significant changes include:

- Addition to the certification regarding Conflict of Interest regarding the appropriate disclosure process;
- Reiteration that indirect costs are not allowed on participant support costs;
- Small-scale pilot of a new environmental impacts process with a few programs, prior to NSF-wide implementation;
- Updated process for program income reporting; and
- Numerous clarifications throughout the document.

A by-chapter summary of the changes is provided at the beginning of both the Grant Proposal Guide and the Award & Administration Guide to assist with identifying the changes.

Please go here for a comprehensive list of all changes.

As always, OSP pre-award staff will work with faculty to submit proposals in FastLane that are in compliance with the changes in the PAPPG. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.
The Foundation Center is providing free training workshops on the following topics to be held in Washington D.C. later this month:

**Grantseeking Basics—Gain an Introduction to the World of Foundation Fundraising**

Learn how to become a better grantseeker. In this class, they will cover: what you need to have in place before you seek a grant; the world of grantmakers; the grantseeking process; and available tools and resources.

**Event Details**  
**Date:** March 26, 2014  
**Time:** 10:30—12:00pm  
**Location:** The Foundation Center, 1627 K Street NW, 3rd Floor, Washington D.C. 20006

Space is limited. To register, [click here](#).

**Proposal Writing Basics—Learn the Key Components of a Proposal to a Foundation**

For those new to proposal writing, this class will cover:

- How the proposal fits into the overall grantseeking process
- What to include in a standard proposal to a foundation
- Tips for making each section of your proposal stronger
- What funders expect to see in your proposal and attachments
- Tips for communicating with funders during the grant process
- Additional resources on proposal writing, including sample proposals

**Event Details**  
**Date:** March 31, 2014  
**Time:** 10:00—11:30am  
**Location:** The Foundation Center, 1627 K Street NW, 3rd Floor, Washington D.C. 20006

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Research Matters

OSP SPOTLIGHT

Each month, OSP Monthly highlights a specific American University faculty/staff member for their contributions in providing cutting-edge research or a research related program that serves to create and advance knowledge, and enrich the resources of our educational community while answering and accelerating challenging issues we face today. This month, we are featuring Anastasia Snelling, Associate Dean in the School of Education, Teaching and Health.

Q&A with Anastasia Snelling

Q: Please tell us about what your research interests are:
Anastasia: As a health promotion and nutrition education scholar, I seek to better understand how health policy impacts the environments where people live, work, and lean, as well as to identify evidence-based programs that educate and empower individuals to live healthful and productive lives.

Q: In your own words, what is the main purpose/importance of your research?
Anastasia: My scholarship answers research questions to advance our nation’s ability to develop and implement health policies and education programs to promote societal health, improve quality of life, and to close the gap in health disparities among racial and socioeconomic groups.

Q: Currently, what type of research are you primarily focused on?
Anastasia: Because there is a critical need for school divisions across the country to measure the impact of local, state or federal policies focused on student health, the work I am currently leading to monitor and evaluate the high school advanced (HSA) will result in important contributions to inform school health policy across the country. This work, conducted in collaboration with school leaders and decision makers, has the ability to directly affect the well-being of tens of thousands of children, and through my published research—has the ability to positively influence the health of millions of children and adults.

Q: What are some of the ways to learn and find out about your research?
Anastasia: In addition to published articles, my research has been presented in numerous venues nationwide, including conferences that reach school health, public health, and health promotion professionals. Furthermore, I am recognized as an expert in the area of school health policy and have been asked to provide counsel and advice to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Arlington School Board, and DC Council as they advance school health initiatives.

Q: What inspired you to enter your field of research initially?
Anastasia: My educational background in clinical dietetics, health promotion, and counseling has provided me with an in-depth scientific knowledge of the nutrition and diet factors related to chronic disease, as well as the theories and models that assist individuals, communities, and society to modify health behaviors to reduce the risk factors associated with chronic conditions. My work is inspired by the students I teach and the community member I work with on a daily basis.

Q: How long have you been at American University?
Anastasia: I have been an American University faculty member since 1996. I have been a staff member from 1985-1994.
The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including NIH, is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 (H.J. Res. 106) signed by President Obama on January 15, 2014. This Act (CR) continues government operations through January 18, 2014 at the FY 2013 post-sequestration level.

Continuing the procedures identified under NOT-OD-14-012 and consistent with NIH practices during the CRs of FY 2006 - 2013, the NIH will issue non-competing research grant awards at a level below that indicated on the most recent Notice of Award (generally up to 90% of the previously committed level).

Upward adjustments to awarded levels will be considered after FY 2014 appropriations are enacted, but NIH expects institutions to monitor their expenditures carefully during this period. All legislative mandates that were in effect in FY 2013 (see NOT-OD-12-034 and NOT-OD-13-064) remain in effect under this CR including the salary limitation set at Executive Level II of the Federal Pay Scale.

It should be noted, that the Executive Level II was increased by 1 percent from $179,700 to $181,500 by Executive Order 13655 that became effective January 12, 2014.

Effective January 1, 2014, the standard mileage rates for a private automobile used for travel in the performance of a federal sponsored project is 0.56 or 56 cents per mile.
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 6: Financial Management II (Post-Award Procedures)**
  - March 20, 2014, 10:00-12:00 PM, Butler Board Room

- **Session 7: Systems Overview**
  - April 8, 2014, 10:00-12:00 PM, MGC 245

- **Session 8: Research Compliance Overview**
  - April 24, 2014, 10:00-12:00 PM, Abramson Family Founders Room, SIS

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:

- **General Overview: Open to all AU faculty & staff**
  - March 6, 2014, 10:30—12:00 PM, Butler Board Room
  - April 9, 2014, 10:30—12:00 PM, Butler Board Room

- **Unit/School Oriented:**
  - (School of Public Affairs): March 27, 2014, 10:00—12:00 PM, Butler Board Room—Open to SPA faculty & staff
  - (Washington College of Law): April 23, 2014, 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) Session
OSP and Grants and Contracts Accounting (GCA) would like to invite you to the next scheduled GAR session, where they will be discussing the following topics:

- **April 17, 2014, 10:00—11:30am, Butler Board Room**
  Topic: Proposal Budget Template & NCURA Peer Review Site Visit Recap

View more information about GAR and how to register here >>
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Sabre Holdings—Voluntourism Grant Contest
Travelocity Business' parent company, Sabre Holdings, is committed to the communities where our employees live and work. Travel for Good has teamed up with some of the top voluntourism organizations in the country to help you give back during your trip. Can't afford a volunteer vacation? Voluntourism grants are awarded to deserving travelers. Travel for Good is looking for born leaders to take these life-changing trips. Upload a video and spread the word about the mission. Share it on Facebook, Tweet about it, and email friends and family members.
Deadline: March 31, 2014

Kress Foundation—Fellowships at Art Museums
The purpose of the Kress Interpretive Fellowship at Art Museums program is to provide a new kind of mentored professional development opportunity within American art museums. The program is intended to encourage students to explore interpretive careers in art museums, whether as future museum educators or curators; to strengthen the profession of museum educator within the art museum community; to strengthen ties between museum educators and curators in the shared task of interpretive programming in art museums; and to expand the range of promising career options available to students of art history and related fields.
Deadline: April 1, 2014

Theatre Communications Group—Fox Foundation Fellowships
A fellowship for actors that supports their artistic and professional growth in collaboration with a TCG Member theatre through two initiatives: Extraordinary Potential and Distinguished Achievement. The goals of the Fox Foundation Resident Actor Fellowships are: to further an actor's artistic and professional development; to deepen and enrich his/her relationship with a not-for-profit theatre; ensure his/her continued professional commitment to live theatre; and to encourage actors to work outside their comfort zone.
Deadline: April 1, 2014

New Music USA—Project Grants
New Music USA's project grants will help our funded artists to promote themselves, and help us to promote all the projects we fund. Instead of filling out a grant application, you'll create a simple project page on this site with all of your work samples and project information. Pages will remain invisible to the public through the course of the review and decision process. If your project is awarded, we will make your project page public on our website. Once that happens, you'll be able to post updates as your project unfolds.
Deadline: April 1, 2014

National Endowment for the Humanities—Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan
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. Appropriate disciplines for the research include anthropology, economics, geography, history, international relations, linguistics, political science, psychology, public administration, and sociology. Awards usually result in articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources.
Deadline: May 1, 2014

International Center for Journalists—Knight International Fellowships
The Knight International Journalism Fellowships are designed to instill a culture of news innovation and experimentation worldwide. The goal is to seed new ideas and services that deepen coverage, expand news delivery and engage citizens in the editorial process. Fellows partner with newsrooms, startups and other organizations to help them adopt or invent technology that engages and informs the public. They will work in key areas such as mobile services, data mining, storytelling and social media. With the help of our Fellows, local journalists have improved environmental, business and health coverage, and uncovered corruption and mismanagement, improving living conditions in their societies. Each project is designed to ensure that the impacts and achievements last beyond the Fellowship.
Deadline: Rolling/Continuous
eWomen Network Foundation—Grants
The eWomenNetwork Foundation is accepting proposals from nonprofit organizations for projects designed to improve the emotional and financial well-being of women and children. The foundation awards individual grants of $6,000 to small, entrepreneurial organizations that address the health, wellness, or safety of needy women and children. Eligible organizations must have been in existence for over three years and have an annual budget of over $25,000 and under $1-million. Organizations affiliated with a national organization will not be considered for a grant. Additional guidelines are available on the foundation’s website.
Deadline: March 31, 2014

John Templeton Foundation—Grants
The John Templeton Foundation serves as a philanthropic catalyst for discoveries relating to the Big Questions of human purpose and ultimate reality. We support research on subjects ranging from complexity, evolution, and infinity to creativity, forgiveness, love, and free will. We encourage civil, informed dialogue among scientists, philosophers, and theologians and between such experts and the public at large, for the purposes of definitional clarity and new insights.
Deadline: April 1, 2014

US Mission to Pakistan—Entrepreneurship Programs
The U.S. Embassy is seeking program proposals between 12-24 months to foster a culture of entrepreneurship in Pakistan and to connect U.S. and Pakistani entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurship can create jobs, boost incomes, spur innovation, and expand economic opportunity. Proposals would provide training and mentoring to current and potential entrepreneurs, share and institutionalize lessons learned from successful entrepreneurs, and highlight and connect successful U.S. and Pakistani entrepreneurs.
Deadline: April 1, 2014

National Science Foundation—I-Corps Teams Program
This program targets NSF-funded researchers who can receive additional support in the form of mentoring, training and funding to engage in tech-transfer, explore commercialization, and attract third-party funding for innovative ideas, devices, processes and other artifacts that resulted from NSF funding. To be eligible, you must have been affiliated with a prior award from NSF (in a STEM field relevant to your proposed innovation.) The award should be currently active or have been active within the past five years.
Deadline: Next proposal deadline date is April 1, 2014—June 15, 2014

National Science Foundation—MacroSystems Biology
The MacroSystems Biology: Research on Biological Systems at Regional to Continental Scales will support quantitative, interdisciplinary, systems-oriented research on biosphere processes and their complex interactions with climate, land use, and invasive species at regional to continental scales as well as planning, training, and development activities to enable groups to conduct MacroSystems Biology Research.
Deadline: April 7, 2014

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health—Research on Research Integrity
The purpose of this grant program is to foster research on research integrity in areas that have been inadequately explored. Successful applications will propose projects that will evaluate existing paradigms critically, be developed around an innovative hypothesis, or address critical barriers in understanding the multiple factors that underlie deviation from integrity in research or, conversely, that promote research integrity. The applicant should address the societal, organizational, group, or individual factors that affect integrity in research, both positively and negatively.
Deadline: April 14, 2014

National Science Foundation—Antarctic Research
Scientific research, along with operational support of that research, is the principal activity of the US Antarctic Program in Antarctica. It fosters research on globally and regionally important scientific problems. In particular, this section supports research that expands fundamental knowledge of the region as well as research that relies on the unique characteristics of the Antarctic continent as a platform from which to support research. Antarctic fieldwork will only be supported for research that can only be performed or is best performed in Antarctica. This program strongly encourages research using existing samples, models, and data as well as research at the intersection between disciplines.
Deadline: April 15, 2014
**Google—Research Awards**
The intent of the Google Research Awards is to support cutting-edge research in Computer Science, Engineering, and related fields. We ask applicants to categorize their proposals into one of the following broad research areas of interest to Google: Economics and market algorithms, Geo/maps, Human-computer interaction, Information retrieval, extraction, and organization (including semantic graphs), Machine learning and data mining, Machine perception, Machine translation, Mobile, Natural language processing, Networking, Policy and standards, Privacy, Robotics, Security, Social networks, Software engineering, Speech, Structured data and database management and Systems (hardware and software).

**Deadline: April 15, 2014**

**Searle Freedom Trust—Grants in Public Policy**
The Searle Freedom Trust aims to foster research and encourage public policies that promote individual freedom and economic liberty while at the same time advancing a commitment to personal responsibility and a respect for traditional American values. One of the Foundation’s chief objectives is to help develop policies that advance liberty without encouraging license, and that demand personal responsibility without compromising freedom.

**Deadline: April 16, 2014**

**National Institutes of Health—U.S.—South Africa Program for Collaborative Biomedical Research**
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to establish a new U.S.-South Africa Program for Collaborative Biomedical Research. Research areas supported under this program include TB, HIV/AIDS biomedical and behavioral science, and HIV-related co-morbidities, including malignancies.

**Deadline: April 22, 2014**

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Drug-Free Communities Program**
DFC Mentoring grants were established as a component of the DFC Support Program when the program was reauthorized in 2001. This announcement addresses Healthy People 2020 Substance Abuse Topic Area HP 2020-SA. The primary goal of the Mentoring grant is to assist newly forming coalitions in becoming eligible to apply for DFC funding on their own. It is the intent of the DFC Mentoring Program that, at the end of the Mentoring grant, each Mentee coalition will meet all of the Statutory Eligibility Requirements of this DFC Support Program and will be fully prepared to compete for the DFC grant on their own.

**Deadline: April 23, 2014**

**The Lawrence Foundation—Environment Grant**
The Lawrence Foundation supports environmental, human services, disaster relief, and other causes. It makes both program and operating grants and does not have any geographic restrictions on its grant making. Nonprofit organizations that qualify for public charity status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or public schools and libraries are eligible to apply.

**Deadline: April 30, 2014**

**Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation—Anneliese Maier Research Award**
Nominations for the research award can be made for researchers from abroad from the fields of the humanities and social sciences whose scientific achievements have been internationally recognized in their research area and from whose research collaboration with specialist colleagues in Germany a sustainable contribution is expected towards the further internationalization of the humanities and social sciences in Germany.

**Deadline: April 30, 2014**

**Mali USAID-Bamako—Integrated Rural Program to Improve Nutrition and Hygiene in Mali**
This APS solicits applications that support the goal to improve nutritional status of women and children, with a special emphasis on building resilience through the prevention and treatment of under nutrition while targeting the first 1000 days of a child’s life (conception 24 months of age) through three main categories of intervention: 1: Increase access to and consumption of diverse and quality foods 2: Improve nutrition and hygiene-related behaviors 3: Increase utilization of high impact nutrition and WASH promotion and treatment services. The program will support the nutrition continuum of availability, access and utilization of diverse and high quality foods, associated care seeking and improved nutrition and hygiene practices, or fill gaps in this continuum in specific geographic locations (Food Security, Nutrition and WASH Clusters, and Resilience).

**Deadline: April 30, 2014**
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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH—NIH Funding Opportunities—Grants & Funding Page
(Search by keywords to narrow down your search to locate funding opportunities)

⇒ Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) Program—The AREA program supports small-scale research projects in the biomedical and behavioral sciences conducted by faculty and students at educational institutions that have not been major recipients of NIH research grant funds. These grants are intended to create a research opportunity for scientists and institutions otherwise unlikely to participate extensively in NIH programs. It is anticipated that investigators supported under AREA will:

- benefit from the opportunity to conduct independent research;
- that the grantee institution will benefit from a research environment strengthened through AREA grants and furthered by participation in the diverse extramural programs of the NIH;
- and that students at recipient institutions will benefit from exposure to and participation in scientific research in the biomedical and behavioral sciences.

The application should include plans to involve undergraduate or graduate students in the proposed research, however the AREA program is a research grant, not a training or fellowship program. The application should include plans to expose students to hands-on research and should not include training plans.

**Deadline: September 8, 2016**

You can view more information about the AREA program on the NIH website here.

⇒ World of Children Foundation—Children and Youth Nominations
World of Children awards provide funding and recognition to support life changing work for children by discovering and elevating only the most effective change-makers for children worldwide.

**Deadline: April 1, 2014**

⇒ Ruddie Memorial Youth Foundation—Innovation Program
Innovative programs or services are defined as "uncommon, untested or otherwise unconventional." In other words, RMYF funds programs or services that are outside of current customary practices. We support especially innovative programs or services that are designed to help underprivileged youth reach their full potential in new and different ways.

**Deadline: April 30, 2014**

⇒ Federal Business Funding Opportunities
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