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RESEARCH INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FACULTY RESEARCH RETREAT BEING PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 20, 2006

There will be a research retreat on Friday, October 20, 2006, at the Hawthorne Inn, for faculty interested in research. Watch the Office of Research website for further information including information about how to register. Space will be limited.

The overall retreat mission/theme is: "Wake Forest University School of Medicine: maintaining and enhancing successful research."

Retreat Objectives

- Increase among faculty members their understanding, communication, and shared interest and responsibility for the research agenda at WFUSM
- Energize faculty and let them take ownership in the future
- Set priorities for the next three-five years

A planning committee has convened to organize the event, and 7 working groups comprised of faculty, planning committee members and staff have formed and are already meeting to "flesh out" key components prior to the retreat. Each working group is chaired by a faculty member. Office of Research personnel attend as ex-officio members and as staff support.

The 7 working groups are developing white papers to be presented at the retreat. Working groups will have breakout sessions during the day-long retreat to consider additional input and to further develop the white papers.

The 7 working/break out groups are:

- 1) Develop strategies that foster scientific collaborations
- 2) Discuss and make recommendations to improve recruiting individuals to WFUSM
- 3) Assess key administrative infrastructure components of the research community at WFUSM (Office of Research, Controllers Office, Financial Admin., Public Relations & Marketing, space, etc)
- 4) Discuss the relationship between and integration of clinical, basic, translational, community, and population research at WFUSM
- 5) Assess national influences and trends on scientific directions and funding, including, but not limited to NIH, and discuss ways WFUSM can position itself for the future
- 6) Evaluate graduate and postdoc programs at WFUSM
- 7) Identify/Discuss/Define programmatic themes (existing and future)

There will be a special panel of speakers in the afternoon, and a "social" beginning around 5:30pm to wrap-up the day's events.

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ANIMAL CARE & USE - 716-5899
RESEARCH CONDUCT - 716-0338

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24 hours a day 7 days a week

REGULATORY COMMITTEE
DEADLINES

ANIMAL CARE AND USE

COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 1 AND OCTOBER 6,
2006

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD -

NOON - FRIDAYS

INTRAMURAL RESEARCH
SUPPORT COMMITTEE
DEADLINES

*REGULAR AND INTERIM - AUGUST 18,
2006

* CLINICAL STUDIES OR OTHER
RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMANS
ARE ENCOURAGED

RESEARCH
ADMINISTRATORS
SESSIONS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2006 - UPDATE
FROM GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

ALL SESSIONS ARE HELD AT 10:00 AM IN
COMMONS CONFERENCE ROOMS 2&3.

PLEASE E-MAIL AMY COMER

(ACOMER@WFUBMC.EDU) TO BE ADDED
TO THE EMAIL LIST.

DESIGN AND ANALYSIS UNIT IS UNVEILED

The Office of Research is pleased to announce the creation of the Design and Analysis Unit (DAU). The DAU will be part of the existing Research Support Core, and is a collaboration between OR and the Department of Biostatistical Sciences, Division of Public Health Sciences. The DAU will be directed by Walter Ambrosius, Ph.D., and Gregory Russell, M.S., and will include other faculty and staff from the Department of Biostatistical Sciences.

DAU services will include both pre- and post-award work, and will be tailored to the investigators' needs. Pre-award work may include assistance with hypothesis development, choice of statistical methods, sample size estimation, and writing the statistical sections of applications. Post-award work may include data entry and management, data analysis, interpretation, and preparation of results for publication and presentation. These tasks would be done to support small projects, or those for which a sustained collaborative relationship is not required.

As in the past, pre-award work for grants that include the DAU in the budget will be free. During the pre-award phase, we will work with investigators to determine whether their project's data management and data analysis needs require FTE-based collaboration with faculty and staff from the Department of Biostatistical Sciences, or whether the DAU post-award services are a better fit. Included in these discussions will be a scope of work and the estimated number of hours.

Post-award work performed by the DAU will be charged at an hourly rate, and should be built into the budgets of submitted proposals. Internal hourly rates for the 2006-2007 fiscal year will be \$165 for faculty, \$105 for master's-level biostatisticians, \$85 for programmers, and \$50 for data entry personnel. These rates cover salary, fringe, and computing expenses. Hourly rates for external clients (for companies and investigators outside the medical center) will be \$210, \$130, \$110, and \$65, respectively. Rates will be adjusted annually, and projects will be charged the current rates in effect when work is performed.

The fee-for-service consulting previously done within the Department of Biostatistical Sciences has been closed, and ongoing projects will be transferred to the DAU. Billing will be done at the current DAU rates. Investigators who previously utilized those fee-for-service consulting operations can use the DAU for any future work.

Faculty and staff of the Department of Biostatistical Sciences will continue to collaborate (with percent effort) on existing grants, contracts, and centers, and will continue to develop individual and collaborative extramural support. The new services of the DAU are designed to target researchers without established biostatistical collaborations, and to provide an additional avenue for obtaining statistical support during busy times or for short-term projects.

To request collaboration with the DAU, please visit <http://www1.wfubmc.edu/OR/Research+Support+Core/> and complete the "Request for Assistance" form. We ask that you request assistance at least 60 days before submission. We look forward to working with you!

WE ARE MOVING!!

OFFICE OF RESEARCH LOCATION UPDATES

The Office of Research is moving some of its staff during the month of August. The Industry Relations and Oversight & Monitoring staffs are moving the week of August 8th to 140 Lockland Avenue, next to the student parking lot. Telephone numbers for staff in these two sections will remain the same. The new fax number will be distributed once it is in place. Several additional moves are happening the week of August 15, 2006. The Research Support Core is moving to E floor, Hanes Building, in office space outside of Babcock Auditorium. David Lyons, Assistant Director of Animal Care and Use Committee, and Teresa Anderson, Assistant Director of Conflict of Interest, are moving to the main Office of Research suite location (E floor, Gray Building) the week of August 15th. The telephone and fax numbers for David Lyons, Teresa Anderson, and the Research Support Core staff will remain the same. If you are unable to reach any of these staff members during this transition, please contact the Office of Research at 6-4548 to leave a message.

INDUSTRY RELATIONS TOWN HALL MEETING HELD

On April 24, 2006, a panel of individuals including, Dr. William Applegate, Senior VP and Dean; Dr. Sally Shumaker, Associate Dean for Research; Ms. Janice Grace, Director of Industry Relations; and Dr. Michael Batalia, Director of the Office of Technology Asset Management were available to respond to questions related to the activities of the Section of Industry Relations, within the Office of Research, and the Office of Technology Asset Management (OTAM). Dr. Steve Block, Associate Dean for Faculty Services, facilitated the session and fielded questions. Dr. Block opened the session by asking Ms. Grace and Dr. Batalia to each provide a brief overview of the distinction between Industry Relations and OTAM highlighting some of the key activities which set the two offices apart. A variety of questions were posed by faculty covering topics such as "How are patent decisions made?", to, "What is the current proportion of industry funding within our external funding portfolio?" Ms. Grace commented that Industry funding makes up approximately 20% of our total funding, but added that a 10-13% increase in contract activity is anticipated by year end. For a full copy of the minutes and questions from this Town Hall Meeting go to <http://www1.wfubmc.edu/or/> or <http://www1.wfubmc.edu/OR/Industry+Relations/>.

INDUSTRY RELATIONS ACTIVITY FY06

Industry Relations experienced a 14% growth in the number of agreements reviewed by the office over last year, with significant growth occurring in the number of material transfer (18%) and confidentiality (42%) agreements. The office also increased their percentage of files completed by 21%. Contracts with funding executed through Industry Relations reflect anticipated dollars of \$23.8 million or an increase of 30% over last year.

RESEARCH, ANIMAL AND COMPLIANCE CONCERN LINES

Animal Care and Use Concern Line - 716-5899, this line is available to anonymously express comments, questions, or other concerns about animals used in research on any campus. Calls are monitored daily and followed-up by the Chairman of the Animal Care and Use Committee and OR. Since caller identification is not necessary, the caller may not know that action has been taken to review the reported situation. However, all calls are taken seriously and appropriate action will be undertaken.

Research Concern Line - 716-0338, this line is available to anonymously express concerns about research practices which may be in question by the caller. The line is monitored daily, and all calls are taken seriously. To register a formal allegation of scientific misconduct, please refer to the Operations and Policy Handbook, Section IV, "Ethical Standards in Research."

Compliance Hotline - 1-877-880-7888, this hotline is your source for reporting suspected violations of laws, regulations, rules, policies, procedures, ethics, or any other information you feel uncomfortable reporting to a supervisor or faculty administrator. When you call the Hotline, you may remain anonymous. Calls will not be traced and no effort will be made to identify the caller. The Hotline operator, who is not an employee of the University or Medical Center and is located off-site, will discuss your concerns with you. Information gathered from this call will be reported directly to the University Compliance Office. Appropriate response regarding your call may be available through a later call to the Hotline.



ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION NEWS: UPDATED FORMS FOR ESUBMISSION ARE NOW AVAILABLE: GRANTS.GOV AND NIH UPDATE SF424 (R&R) AND AGENCY-SPECIFIC FORMS

Grants.gov and NIH recently updated the standard form SF424 (R&R) and agency-specific PHS 398 electronic grant application form components used for electronic submission of grant applications. The changes provide greater standardization among application forms and incorporate new policy requirements. All new NIH Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) will use the revised application form. Over the next few months, NIH will update existing FOAs that use the older forms to reference the new application.

New grant opportunity announcements will reference the revised application, and old announcements will be revised to reflect the new application form.

Grants.gov will maintain and support the old and new application packages and their associated application instructions until they are sure that all applications approved to use the old form set have been received and processed.

What the new application form means for applicants:

- New FOAs will be posted citing the revised application packages. No special action needs to be taken.
- FOAs issued before June 15, 2006 that expire on or before December 31, 2006, will be allowed to close naturally without issuing any revised application form. No special action needs to be taken.
- For older FOAs with multiple future receipt dates, NIH will update the FOA to expire the old application form and reflect the revised application. Once the new application form is in place for a particular FOA, the old application will no longer be accepted by Grants.gov. Any application "in the works" will need to be moved to the new form package (i.e., download new forms and cut-and-paste content from one form to the other). Older FOAs will be updated as follows:
 - New forms were in place July 18 for the following grant programs: R03, R15, R21, R21/33, R33 and R34
 - New forms will be in place by September 15 for the following grant programs: R41, R42, R43, R44, R13/U13
- To differentiate between the old and new application, the new application will be labeled Version 2 Forms in the Competition ID field.
- There will be a short period of time when both the old and new application packages will be available to download. Whenever there is a choice, the package labeled Version 2 Forms in the Competition ID field should be used.
- The existing and revised application guides will be labeled Version 1 and Version 2 on the cover page and within the footers. The FOA will continue to link you to the appropriate application guide.

For more information, visit the eSubmission Frequently Asked Questions Web page at **http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/faq_prepare_app.htm#2a**.

SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES TO THE SF424-R&R FORM SET

Grants.gov performed this upgrade in order to make the SF424-R&R data items consistent wherever possible, with identical items that are also collected on the base SF424 forms (discretionary, mandatory, individual, and short). These changes include the addition of a few new fields, updates to the help text, and several modifications to the lists of values that are presented in drop-down lists.

Many of the Grants.gov changes affect all components with detailed address fields. Address changes include the addition of a separate field for Province, and a modification to all State fields to now include US Possessions, territories and Military Codes.

Other changes of note to specific components are included:

SF424 (R&R) Cover

5. Type of Applicant: An expanded list of values has been incorporated.
6. Employer Identification: The agency-specific instruction has been modified to now instruct applicants to use the entire 12-digit EIN if one has been established.
14. Congressional District: Instructions have been modified to provide more specific details including a specific format; e.g., CA-012.
21. Additional Project Congressional Districts: This is a new data field and is an attachment option for those projects needing to provide more information than what can be entered in Item 14.

PHS398 Research Plan Component

Four new sections of the Research Plan have been added: Inclusion Enrollment Report and Progress Report Publication List are now separate attachments. These were previously part of section 4. Preliminary Studies/Progress Report. They have been separated out to avoid being counted in the page limit validations. In addition, new distinct sections have been added for Select Agent Research and Multiple PI Leadership Plan. Some of the previous sections have been renumbered accordingly.

The other change to the Research Plan Component eliminates the separate section for Data and Safety Monitoring. This is now incorporated as a subtopic within section 8. Protection of Human Subjects.

PHS398 Checklist Component

This component has been modified to remove the itemized list of policies, assurances, and certifications that appeared on the form. Instead, applicants are instructed to consult a specific website.

General Text Edits

Throughout Version 2 text has also been edited to provide additional clarity and guidance.

- All references to the eRA Commons verification steps for the PD/PI and AOR have been changed to now reflect the 2-day period to view an application.
- Additional agency-specific instructions have been included in 4.7 R&R Budget Component for Person Months, Requested Salary, Consultants, Subawards/Consortium, Patient Care Costs, Joint University/VA Appointments, Budget Justification and Supplemental/Revision Applications.

Part I: Instructions for Preparing and Submitting an Application Version 2 - I-1 PHS SF424 (R&R) Application Guide

- Instruction text throughout *Part II. Supplemental Instructions for Preparing the Human Subjects Section of the Research Plan* has been revised to reflect the revised sections of the PHS398 Research Plan component.
- A number of text edits have been made to the instruction text of specific R&R data elements so that it reflects revised text used by Grants.gov in the actual forms.



Women's Health
Educational and Research
Opportunities for Clinicians
and Scientists

For upcoming conferences and lectures, visit our calendar at
<http://www1.wfubmc.edu/whcoe/>

SAVE THE DATES!

2nd Annual Women's Health Research Day

The Research Program of the Women's Health Center of Excellence for Research, Leadership, Education will be hosting its *2nd Annual Women's Health Research Day* on Tuesday, March 13, 2007. Our keynote speaker will be Walter Willett, MD, MPH, Dr.P.H., Fredrick John Stare Professor of Epidemiology & Nutrition at the Harvard University School of Public Health. Stay tuned for more about additional speakers, poster awards and other details as they become finalized.

11th Annual Graylyn Conference on Women's Cognitive Health

The next Graylyn Conference will be held on Wednesday, October 24 – Friday, October 26, 2007. We will, once again, be inviting a diverse and exciting group of the leading researchers in the field of cognitive health to present their cutting edge research. The topic of this conference is *"Continuing the Dialogue on Translational Research"*. More information will follow.

WOMEN'S HEALTH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG)/American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF) Scholarships

sponsor: American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF)
<http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/95222>

Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Women

sponsor: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)National Institutes of Health (NIH) - <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/88458>

Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Women - NINR

sponsor: National Institutes of Health National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) - <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/88464>

Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Women - NICHD

sponsor: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
<http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/88465>

Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Women - ORWH

sponsor: National Institutes of Health, Office of the Director (OD)
<http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/88466>

Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Women - NIDA

sponsor: National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) - <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/88468>

Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards

sponsor: LAM Foundation - <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/58558>

Established Investigator Awards

sponsor: LAM Foundation - <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/58565>

Population Specific Research Projects

sponsor: Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation - <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/28098>

CONTROLLER'S CORNER - GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Effort Reporting:

Departmental Administrators are reminded that the monthly effort certifications were released 07/14/06 and are due 08/14/06. Please confirm that all employees in your department have completed these certifications, and follow up with all employees who have not completed. Timely collection of all certifications is a critical part of the Federal effort certification requirements.

Please remember, if you are reporting effort for retired or terminated people, the department chair can sign off on the effort and send this information to Genie Livengood for input into the system.

There is an audit of effort reporting underway and it is imperative that you complete this by the due date.

Variance reports from departmental administrators are due to the Controller's Office no later than 08/31/06. Thank you for your help in maintaining our institutions compliance with this important Federal requirement.

Travel authorizations:

Please remember to sign **and print** the name of the person authorizing the travel on the travel authorization form. The Controller's Office is responsible for ensuring that the traveler's department/section head or immediate superior have approved the travel and signatures are often illegible. If we are not able to verify the signature the processing of your travel may be delayed. Also please remember, foreign travel must have the prior approval of the traveler's department chairman and the School's Dean and granting agency, if charged to a sponsored project.

Please refer to the travel handbook that can be found on the Controller's Office webpage or at the following link:

http://infinet.wfubmc.edu/depts/wfuchs_control/POLICY-TRAVEL%20AND%20ENTERTAINMENT%20EXPENSE.pdf

Abstract reimbursements/reprint charges:

Please remember that abstract reimbursements and reprint charges require documentation of the acknowledgement page (i.e. specifically acknowledging the project sponsor and grant number.) If you are doing an on-line requisition, please put in your comments that you are faxing a copy of this page and/ or email your grant accountant as this will expedite the approval process.

ANNOUNCING: ONE-STOP SHOPPING FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS!

The Office of Research has a new structure for all of its workshops and training, to centralize information on our educational offerings. Our web site now has a page called "**Educational Outreach**" that describes current and future workshops. A feature that's already popular is the ability to register for classes and workshops online, for as many different sessions as you wish.

Very shortly, we'll be announcing our new fall schedule of workshops and educational sessions. We'll continue our Grants.gov training, eIRB, and grant and manuscript writing sessions. We'll also unveil new offerings on topics such as Conflict of Interest, ACUC protocols, and Material Transfer Agreements.

A brand-new addition will be a "brown bag" midday session held each month, in the Sticht Center Auditorium. These interactive and informal sessions will feature a different research-related topic each month. Visit the "Educational Outreach" page for new topics and frequent updates.

Please check out our new web page at **<http://www1.wfubmc.edu/OR/Educational+Outreach/>**. We will also list upcoming workshops on the back page of Pursuit. We welcome your ideas on how to expand and improve our offerings. For questions or comments, contact Rachel Williams at rawillia@wfubmc.edu or 713-7162.

WHO IS A NEW INVESTIGATOR?

For the purpose of review and funding, applicants are considered New Investigators if they have not previously served as the Principal Investigator (PI) on any Public Health Service-supported research project other than a small grant (R03), an Academic Research Enhancement Award (R15), an exploratory/developmental grant (R21), or certain research career awards directed principally to physicians, dentists, or veterinarians at the beginning of their research career (K01, K08, K12, K22, K23, K25 and K99/R00). Current or past recipients of Independent Scientist and other non-mentored career awards (K02, K05, K24, and K26) are not considered New Investigators. Subproject Directors on multi-project grants remain eligible to become New Investigators when they apply for independent funding. Over the years, special programs to assist New Investigators in obtaining independent research funding have been created. When the Multiple Principal Investigators option is selected for a grant application, all PIs must meet the definition of New Investigator in order for the application to receive special consideration in the review and funding process.

Additional information is available at the New Investigators Program Web site (http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/index.htm).

STREAMLINED REVIEW PROCESS TO BE USED FOR RUTH L. KIRSCHSTEIN NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARDS (NRSA) POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS (F32) - NOT-OD-06-077

Beginning with grant applications submitted for the August 5, 2006, receipt date, all study sections will use the NIH's streamlined review process for the review of Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) Postdoctoral Fellowship applications (F32). The streamlined review process allows reviewers more time to discuss applications likely to be supported. Reviewers will designate approximately 40% of the F32 applications as "non-competitive" which means they will not be scored. A designation of "non-competitive" requires unanimous agreement of the study section; if one reviewer disagrees, the application will be discussed by the review group. Reviewers will be instructed that the "non-competitive" designation is to be used for any application judged to be qualitatively in the lower 40% of F32 fellowship applications normally reviewed by that study section. As with all applications, those determined to be "non-competitive" will be reviewed and will receive summary statements with written critiques. "Non-competitive" applications will not receive full discussion at the study section meeting and thus will not have a "Resume and Summary of Discussion" paragraph. "Non-competitive" applications will not routinely be taken to the second level of review by the NIH Institutes and Centers. Information on peer review outcomes and Summary Statements will be available on the eRA Commons <https://commons.era.nih.gov/commons/>. Please note that all Fellowship applications will be required to use the SF424 (R&R) form and Grants.gov for submission beginning August 5, 2007.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASES (NIDDK)

NIDDK is instituting a change to its Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research Training Grant (T32) programs. Beginning with applications for funding in FY2008, NIDDK will only accept new, resubmission/amended and renewal/competing continuation T32 grant applications on the May 10 submission date. Competing NIDDK T32 applications will no longer be accepted for the September 10 and January 10 submission dates. Thus, after the September 10, 2006 submission date, the next opportunity to submit a T32 application intended for NIDDK is May 10, 2007.

For additional information about NIDDK NRSA research training grant programs, see: <http://www.niddk.nih.gov/fund/training/training.htm#NRSA>.

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON HEALTH & SOCIETY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program, a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is designed to build the United States' capacity for research, leadership, and action to address the broad range of factors that affect health.

The program's goal is to improve health by training scholars to 1) rigorously investigate the connections among biological, behavioral, environmental, economic, and social determinants of health; and 2) develop, evaluate, and disseminate knowledge and interventions based upon integration of these determinants. The program is intended to produce leaders who will change the questions asked, the methods employed to analyze problems, and the range of solutions offered to reduce population health disparities and improve the health of all Americans. To be eligible, scholars must have completed doctoral training by the time of entry into the program (August or September 2007) in one of a variety of disciplines, ranging from the behavioral and social sciences to the biological and natural sciences and health professions; have significant research experience; clearly connect their research interests to substantive population health concerns; and be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. Up to eighteen scholars will be selected for two-year appointments that will begin in the fall semester of 2007. Scholars will receive an annual stipend of \$80,000 in year one and \$83,000 in year two. Individuals must apply online through the program's Web site. Visit the program's Web site for the complete Call for Applications. [http://](http://www.healthandsocietyscholars.org/)

www.healthandsocietyscholars.org/.

Deadline: October 13, 2006

BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND

Position: Career Awards for Medical Scientists Program

Description: The Burroughs Wellcome Fund's Career Awards for Medical Scientists is the result of the reformulation of the Career Awards in the Biomedical Sciences program, which was instituted by the Burroughs Wellcome Fund in 1995 and ran through the 2006 award year. In response to the NIH's K99/R00 Pathway to Independence awards, the BWF has shifted focus to address the ongoing problem of increasing the number of physician scientists and keeping them in research. BWF believes that this bridging award, supporting the last year(s) of a mentored position in addition to supporting the beginning years of an independent position, will facilitate the transition to a career in research and buy time from service commitments.

The program provides \$700,000 over five years to bridge advanced postdoctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty service.

Candidates should have an M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., or equivalent clinical degree. Proposals must be in the area of basic biomedical, disease oriented, translational, or molecular, genetic, or pharmacological epidemiology research. Candidates with proposals in the area of epidemiology should contact BWF to determine the eligibility of the proposal. Proposals in health services research or involving large-scale clinical trials are ineligible.

During the postdoctoral/fellowship period, awardees may train at degree-granting institutions in the United States or Canada. All faculty positions must be taken at U.S. or Canadian degree-granting institutions. During the award period, at least 75 percent of the awardee's time must be devoted to research-related activities.

Visit the BWF Web site <http://www.bwffund.org/programs/CAMS/index.html> for complete program details and application procedures.

Deadline: October 2, 2006

Research Funding Opportunities

For all funding information contact Angela Horton, Office of Research, 60780, unless noted otherwise in the funding announcement

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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Position: Research Grants and Fellowships

Electronic submission is required for all applications. Information can be accessed at <http://www.cancer.org>, click on "Professionals", then "Research Programs and Funding".

Research Scholar Grants in Basic, Preclinical, Clinical and Epidemiology Research - these grants support investigator-initiated research projects. Awards are for up to four years and for up to \$200,000 per year.

Research Scholar Grants in Psychosocial, Behavioral and Cancer Control Research - these grants support investigator-initiated research projects. Awards are for up to five years and for up to \$200,000 per year. Independent investigators at any state of their research careers are eligible to apply. However, senior investigators are strongly encouraged to include as co-investigator a faculty member at an early stage in his/her career.

Research Scholar Grants in Health Services and Health Policy Research - these grants support investigator-initiated research projects. Awards are for up to four years and for up to \$200,000 per year. Independent investigators at any state of their research careers are eligible to apply. However, senior investigators are strongly encouraged to include as co-investigator a faculty member at an early stage in his/her career.

Postdoctoral Fellowships - this award is to support the training of researchers who have just received their doctorate to enable them to qualify for an independent career in cancer research (including basic, preclinical, clinical, psychosocial, behavioral, and epidemiologic research). Awards are made for one to three years with progressive stipends of \$40,000, \$42,000 and \$44,000 per year, plus a \$4,000 per year institutional allowance.

Mentored Research Scholar Grant in Applied and Clinical Research - these grants support mentored research by junior faculty within the first four years of their faculty appointment to become independent investigators in clinical, cancer control, epidemiologic, psychosocial, behavioral, health services, or health policy outcomes research. Awards are for up to five years and for up to \$135,000 per year.

Cancer Control Career Development Awards for Primary Care Physicians - this award is made to support primary care physicians with a rank of instructor or assistant professor who are pursuing an academic career with an emphasis on cancer control. Awards are made for three years with progressive stipends of \$50,000, \$55,000 and \$60,000 per year. The grant also provides up to \$10,000 additional funds per year for support of a mentor.

Deadline: October 15, 2006

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

Position: Research Grants

The ALA research program fosters basic, clinical and behavioral research designed to find cures and to prevent and relieve the suffering associated with lung disease. The following grants and awards are available:

Biomedical Research Grants – these grants provide seed monies for investigators researching the mechanisms of lung disease and general lung biology. Awards are for up to \$40,000 per year for up to two years.

Clinical Patient Care Research Grant – these grants provide seed monies for investigators working on traditional clinical studies examining methods for improving patient care and treatment for lung disease. Awards are for up to \$40,000 for up to two years.

Social-Behavioral Research Grant – these grants provide seed monies for investigators working on epidemiological and behavioral studies examining risk factors affecting lung health. This grant includes studies concerning the ethical, legal, and economic aspects of health services and policies. Awards are for up to \$40,000 for up to two years.

Career Investigator – this award is intended to support the career development of established independent investigators who show great promise for a national leadership role in investigative work related to lung disease biology, traditional clinical studies related to patient care and behavioral and psychosocial matters relevant to lung disease. Awards are for up to \$60,000 per year for up to three years.

Lung Health Dissertation Grant – these grants provide pre-doctoral support for students with an academic career focus and/or nurses pursuing a doctoral degree. Research areas of particular interest to the ALA are: psychosocial, behavioral, health services, health policy, epidemiological, biostatistical and educational matters related to lung disease. Awards are for \$21,000 per year for up to three years.

Senior Research Training Fellowship – these fellowships are for MDs or PhDs entering the 4th and 5th years of their research fellowship seeking further academic training as scientific investigators. Research areas of particular interest to the American Lung Association are: adult pulmonary medicine, pediatric pulmonary medicine and lung biology. Awards are for \$32,500 per year for up to two years.

Additional information on the programs is available at <http://www.lungusa.org>.

Deadline: September 1, 2006

GRANT AND CONTRACT PROPOSAL WATCH

	Fiscal Year 06 July - May	Fiscal Year 05 July - May	% Change
Proposals Submitted	1201	1068	12.5
Dollars Requested	\$756,523,675	\$679,427,365	11.3

Research Funding Opportunities
 For all funding information contact Angela Horton, Office of Research, 60780, unless noted otherwise in the funding announcement

IMPORTANT NOTICE - FINANCIAL RESEARCH COMPLIANCE WORKSHOPS BECOME MANDATORY

As a recipient of federal funding, WFUHS is held accountable to sponsors for financial compliance with all appropriate agency regulations. A key component of a strong compliance program includes training of staff on, among other topics, grant-related financial responsibilities. In order to reduce the potential risks to the institution, including financial penalties, and loss of funding, the Financial Research Compliance (FRC) workshops have been developed. Completion of these workshops is now a prerequisite for signature authority on any sponsored project. All staff to be newly added to this list must complete an FRC workshop before signature authority is approved. For those currently listed as an authorized approver, completion of an FRC workshop by December 31, 2007 is necessary for signature authority as of January 1, 2008. Workshops have been scheduled at least monthly through December, 2007 in order to provide enough opportunities for completion by all staff currently listed as having signature authority, as well as any others who might benefit from this workshop. All questions regarding workshop scheduling should be directed to either Laura Hemrick, Research Compliance Officer, at 6-4403, or Mary Truell, Compliance Education Officer at 6-5262.

"Financial Research Compliance"

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Thursday, October 26, 2006

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

Thursday, December 14, 2006

Presenters—Laura Hemrick, Mary Truell, Donna Simonds

Description – Training class

Target Audience – Anyone with signing authority on a grant.

Location – Cancer Center, Room 2A-2B

Laura Hemrick (lherrick@wfubmc.edu) or Mary Truell (mtruell@wfubmc.edu)

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