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## ANNOUNCING: eSNAP ELECTRONIC SIMPLIFIED NON-COMPETING AWARD PROCESS

NIH is in the process of moving towards an electronic environment for submitting and managing grants through the NIH COMMONS system. WFUHS has been given the opportunity to participate in NIH's eSNAP pilot program. eSNAP will allow the investigator and the Office of Research to electronically create, manage, and submit Type 5 (Non-Competing Continuations) via the internet. WFUHS will begin participating in the pilot program with the October deadline. This system will be fully implemented within the next year.

Within the next few weeks, all faculty members will receive an email from NIH informing them of the establishment of a NIH Commons account. The Office of Research will assign a user name (the same user name as your WFUHS Outlook account) and establish an affiliation with the institution. This account will enable you to access your existing grants, pending grants, and a variety of other items.

The email from NIH will contain instructions as to how to log on and access the account. Prior to initiating an electronic Type 5, each faculty member will be asked to complete a Personal Profile File (PPF). The PPF is similar to the biographical sketch and is a required element. The system will not allow the initiation of online submissions without this element. It is imperative that all faculty members begin the process of completing their PPF. The good news is that once a PPF is created, it is saved in the system and can be edited for future submissions.

If desired, faculty members may assign certain rights to departmental administrators, including the ability to access and create the PPF.

We will be offering training for both faculty members and departmental administrators.

Please feel free to contact the Office of Research with any questions or concerns.

Link to the eCOMMONS website:

<http://www.commoners.nih.gov/commons/>

**CONCERN LINES**

ANIMAL CARE & USE -  
716-5899  
RESEARCH CONDUCT -  
716-0338  
COMPLIANCE -  
1-877-880-7888

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**REGULATORY COMMITTEE  
DEADLINES**

ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE -  
JULY 3 AND AUGUST 1, 2003

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD -  
NOON - FRIDAYS

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**INTRAMURAL RESEARCH  
SUPPORT COMMITTEE  
DEADLINES**

\*REGULAR AND INTERIM -  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

\* Clinical studies or other  
research involving humans  
are encouraged

**FEATURED SCIENTIST**

The Industry Relations Office is currently updating their website. A new element of the website will be a monthly "Featured Scientist" section. The purpose of this section will be to emphasize the outstanding industry-sponsored research that takes place at Wake Forest and the researchers that contribute to our many areas of research. We are currently accepting nominations for faculty members whose research efforts are supported by industry sponsored projects. The Featured Scientist will be chosen by a committee from nominations submitted to the Office of Research. Please make your nominations by sending a short paragraph of the scientist's accomplishments and recent photograph via email to Tina Page, Office of Research, Industry Relations Section. Email address: [tpage@wfubmc.edu](mailto:tpage@wfubmc.edu).

**FUNDASCIENTIST.COM WEBSITE MATCHES RESEARCH PROPOSALS  
WITH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Scientists seeking financial support for research proposals now have a simple way to find possible sources of funding with the launch of a new website, [www.fundascientist.com](http://www.fundascientist.com).

FundAScientist.com was launched by retired Navy medical officer George Kurzon. Both scientists and funders can register on the site, and funders are notified if the keywords they have entered match the keywords in scientists' proposals. Interested funders can then contact scientists about their projects. A small panel, which includes Kurzon, reviews scientists' proposals. In order to protect privacy and intellectual property rights, the database of scientists and funders is not posted on the website. There is no charge for using the site, which is funded by Kurzon.

**GRANT AND CONTRACT PROPOSAL WATCH**

	<b>This Fiscal Year July - Apr.</b>	<b>Last Fiscal Year July - Apr.</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Proposals Submitted	825	822	0.4
Dollars Requested	\$441,570,954	\$379,844,070	16.3

## DEAR DR. OR

Dear Dr. OR:

I am in the process of completing a Type 5 Non-Competing Continuation for a faculty member who is currently out of town. Since the progress report is due within the next few days, can I send down the Type 5 application with just the SNAP questions answered?

Sincerely,  
I.N. Arush

Dear I.N. Arush:

In order for the Office of Research to properly review the Non-Competing Continuation, we must see the entire document. We cannot sign off on the application without reviewing the Progress Report Summary (Sections A-F). By signing the Type 5 application, we are validating the report and binding the institution to the information contained in the Progress Report.

Dear Dr. OR:

I am thinking about submitting a grant application to NSF. Can you tell me the types of projects supported by NSF?

Signed,  
Searching for Sponsor

Dear Searching:

NSF does not normally support technical assistance, research requiring security classification, the development of products for commercial marketing, or market research for a particular project or invention. Research with disease-related goals, including work on the etiology, diagnosis or treatment of physical or mental disease, abnormality, or malfunction in human beings or animals, is normally not supported. Animal models of such conditions or the development or testing of drugs or other procedures for their treatment also are not eligible for support. Research in bioengineering, with diagnosis or treatment-related goals, however, that applies engineering principles to problems in biology and medicine while advancing engineering knowledge is eligible for support. Bioengineering research to aid persons with disabilities also is eligible.

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Questions for Dr. OR should be submitted in writing to Amy Comer, Office of Research, or by e-mail: [acomer@wfubmc.edu](mailto:acomer@wfubmc.edu)

## SEEKING POSITION

THE HYPERTENSION AND VASCULAR DISEASE CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTER IS SEEKING A LPN OR RN WITH CLINICAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE TO ASSIST IN THE VIOs STUDY. THIS IS A PART-TIME POSITION OF 20 HOURS /WEEK; 5 HRS/ DAY MONDAY - THURSDAY FROM NOW UNTIL LATE OCTOBER FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING ENROLLMENT IN THE STUDY. PLEASE CONTACT MS JOYCE BYERS, RN, CCRC AT 69522 OR DR RON SMITH AT 63512.



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

*For upcoming conferences and lectures, visit  
our calendar website at  
[www.wfubmc.edu/women](http://www.wfubmc.edu/women)*

### EXCELLENCE TRIATHLON A BIG SUCCESS AGAIN!

The 2003 Excellence Triathlon took place May 31 on the Wake Forest University campus. Once more, all 350 participant slots sold out before the event! The swimmers, bikers, and runners had soggy weather at first, but the sun shone by the time most runners crossed the finish line. Big thanks to our generous sponsors and donors, our hard-working volunteers, and most of all our dedicated Triathlon Director, Kristin Kidd. All Triathlon proceeds benefit programs and research to defeat domestic violence in our community. For photos of the event, go to the Women's Center web site at [http://www.wfubmc.edu/women/wc\\_t\\_triathlon%202003\\_pics.htm](http://www.wfubmc.edu/women/wc_t_triathlon%202003_pics.htm).

### AND SPEAKING OF THE RESEARCH SUPPORT CORE...

It's never too early (or too late!) to consult our Research Support Core with regard to a grant application that's underway - whether it's for the NIH, a foundation, or intramural. The Core assists women researchers and faculty who do women's health research. We can help by clarifying hypotheses and study design, budget preparation, editing the text, prioritization of tasks, and answering those myriad questions that can arise while preparing an application. Contact the Research Support Core Director, Dr. Janeen Manuel ([jmanuel@wfubmc.edu](mailto:jmanuel@wfubmc.edu)) to learn more. Remember, the Core's services are free of charge!

### MORE RESEARCH WORKSHOPS IN THE FALL!

Watch this space for the new schedule of Research Workshops in the fall. You can find out more in this column later this summer, and we will post brochures and registration information on our web site when they are available ([www.wfubmc.edu/women](http://www.wfubmc.edu/women)). We expect to fill the slots quickly, so be sure to register promptly.

### REPORT FROM THE NATIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN WOMEN'S HEALTH SECOND NATIONAL FORUM

Our own Women's Health Center of Excellence was featured at the National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health Second National Forum, held on May 13-14 in Vienna, VA. The Forum was entitled "Understanding Health Differences and Disparities in Women - Closing the Gap." Our abstract entitled "Model of an Academic Research Support Core for Women's Health Researchers" was selected as an oral presentation in one of the abstracts sessions. Karen Klein outlined how our Research Support Core could serve as a model for other academic medical centers seeking to provide grant assistance to their faculty.

Overall, the Forum sought to expand the definition of "women's health" to include not just health issues unique to women, but differences and disparities in education, research, and treatment related to all aspects of health for all women. Presenters described successful programs in areas ranging from substance abuse, to person-centered cancer patients' care, to fostering advancement of women faculty at various institutions, as well as the economic and administrative challenges faced by academic and community health centers everywhere. There was also an emphasis on partnering, both within the Centers of Excellence and within Federal grant-giving agencies interested in tapping into the established models as an efficient way to conduct research.

The Forum was an intriguing snapshot of current women's health programs across the nation, and provided an opportunity to be inspired by the energy and new ideas generated by our colleagues at other Centers.

### 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING - NORTH AMERICAN MENOPAUSE SOCIETY - SEPTEMBER 17-20, MIAMI, FL

The Scientific Committee for this year's meeting includes two of WFUSM's own, Drs. Thomas Clarkson and David Herrington. Register before July 31 for a reduced fee. For more information, go to [www.menopause.org](http://www.menopause.org).

## CONTROLLER'S CORNER - GRANTS MANAGEMENT

### **Procedures for Setup of New Grant Accounts:**

When a grant is awarded, the Grants Management Section of the Controllers Office will set up a new account. Job Change Requests (JCRs) must be processed within the proper payroll period to ensure appropriate account activity. Please process JCRs at the time new accounts are set up or account numbers are changed. This will reduce the time spent doing retroactive changes (retros) and allow accounts to be closed out in a timely manner. A reminder to make these adjustments is sent when the account is set up and another one will be sent within a month.

### **Local telephones:**

Local telephone charges are allowable on federal funds only under extraordinary circumstances. Normally, local telephone charges are part of indirect (institutional) costs. Please check with Grants Management before attempting to assign such costs to a federal project.

### **Publication charges on sponsored grants:**

When charging publication costs to a sponsored project, please submit a copy of the acknowledgment page of the publication that shows the sponsored project was properly credited for funding the research. You may fax this document to your grant accountant.



### **FYI.....Controllers Office Standard Operating Procedures**

**Requisitions & JCRs:** Are normally processed every morning, thus most are completed within 24 hours.

**Account closure:** Accounts are to be closed within 90 days of the end date as per agreement requirements.

**Month end:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> day of each month are set aside to "close out" the books, including processing internal service department charges and completing outstanding journal entries. During this peak time, some routine items may not be completed within 24 hours as usual.

We appreciate your patience and please remember if you have something urgent, please call or email your grant accountant. We are here to assist you whenever possible.



# Research Funding Opportunities

For all funding information contact Angela Horton, Office of Research, 62382, unless noted otherwise in the funding announcement

## AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

**POSITION:** Research Grants

**DESCRIPTION:** The following awards are available from the Association. Applicants for each award must hold a doctoral degree, faculty appointment and have completed two years of post-doctoral research training. Established investigators or investigators holding large grant awards (e.g., NIH-R01) are not eligible.

**Clinical Research Grant** - The objective of this award is to support investigators working in patient-focused research. The areas of research may include the disciplines of health services research, behavioral research, epidemiology, pharmacology, and medical ethics. The outcome of these research activities is to develop new insights into clinical, social, behavioral, and biological factors that affect the manifestation of lung health and disease. Awards are for up to \$35,000 per year for up to two years.

**Research Grant** - The objective of this award is to provide support to investigators whose research is related to pathogenic mechanisms or lung biology. Awards are for up to \$35,000 per year for up to two years.

**Career Investigator** - This award provides stable salary and/or project support for investigators making the transition from junior to mid-level faculty. Awards are for up to \$50,000 for up to three years.

**Dalsemer Research Grant** - This award is an endowment established by the John A. Hartford Foundation, the Wheelabrator Foundation and Mr. Leonard Dalsemer, all of which support research in interstitial lung disease. Awards are for up to \$35,000 per year for up to two years.

**ALA/LAM Foundation Research Grant** - The objective of this award is to provide seed money to investigators seeking to understand the abnormal smooth muscle proliferation that occurs in Lymphangiomyomatosis (LAM). The award supports clinical, laboratory, epidemiological, or any other kind of research that directly relates to LAM. Awards are for up to \$35,000 per year for up to two years.

**ALA/LAM Foundation Career Investigator Award** - This award provides stable salary and/or project support for lymphangiomyomatosis research. Awards are intended for investigators making the transition from junior to mid-level faculty. Awards are for \$50,000 for up to three years.

**ALA/Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Research Grant** - The primary mission of the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation is to improve the quality of life of those affected by this terrible disease. This award is to provide seed money to investigators seeking to understand pulmonary fibrosis. Areas of interest are studies in pathogenesis, genetics, novel therapies and epidemiological investigation. Awards are for up to \$35,000 per year for up to two years.

**ALA/LUNGevery Research Grant** - This award provide seed monies for investigators working in the field of lung cancer. Awards are for up to \$35,000 per year for up to two years.

Electronic submission is required. Additional information can be found at <http://www.lungusa.org/research/>.

**DEADLINE:** September 2, 2003

## FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER (FIC)

## ELLISON MEDICAL FOUNDATION

**POSITION:** Fellowships in Global Health and Clinical Research

**DESCRIPTION:** The Fogarty International Center, NIH and the Ellison Medical Foundation is offering a one year clinical research training experience for graduate level U.S. students in the health professions. This is an opportunity for highly motivated individuals to experience mentored research training at top-ranked NIH-funded research centers in developing countries. For additional information including a list of fellowship sites see <http://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/overseasfellowship>, information regarding how to apply and deadlines is also available on this site.

## NIA

**POSITION:** Frailty in Old Age: Pathophysiology and Interventions - PAS-03-122

**DESCRIPTION:** The aim of this program is to foster biomedical research that will enhance our understanding of the complex biology and pathophysiology underlying the geriatric syndrome of frailty. A second goal is to foster development and testing of novel interventions targeting pathways believed to play an important mechanistic role in the development and progression of frailty. This PA is intended to foster clinical research, including integrative biomedical research, some of which will incorporate the tools of molecular and cellular biology in the study of function and clinical outcome, and studies in appropriate animal models. A long-time goal is to provide the groundwork for the possible prevention of frailty in older persons. This PA will use the NIH research project grant (R01) and the exploratory/developmental research project (R21) award mechanism.

**DEADLINES:** October 1, 2003, February 1 and June 1, 2004

## NIA

**POSITION:** Genetics, Behavior, and Aging - PAS-03-128

**DESCRIPTION:** This PA solicits novel research integrating genetics, behavior and aging. Human and non-human studies are needed to advance our understanding of the genetic and environmental influences and processes affecting variability in behavior to health, functional competence, and quality of life of older adults. This PA is framed around two broad categories of questions: gene-to-behavior questions concerning the nature and role of genetic influences on behaviors at older ages, and how these genetic effects vary with age; and questions about dynamic processes including gene-environment interactions, gene-environment covariation, age-related genetic effects, and how behaviors interact with and affect genetic expression. The behaviors that are eligible for study under this PA should be critical to quality of life among the aged, either as outcomes or as mediators of physical or cognitive health and function. This PA is intended to stimulate methodologically rigorous research integrating genetics, other biological sciences, and the behavioral and social sciences. This PA will use the NIH research project grant (R01) award mechanism.

**DEADLINES:** October 1, 2003, February 1 and June 1, 2004

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## REMINDER

### "THREE DAY RULE" FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications must be submitted for review and institutional signature not less than three days prior to the agency deadline.

#### KEY FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**(DHHS) INSTITUTES - (<http://www.nih.gov/icd/>)**

**AHRQ** - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

**NCCAM** - National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

**NCI** - National Cancer Institute

**NCNR** - National Center of Nursing Research

**NCRR** - National Center for Research Resources

**NEI** - National Eye Institute

**NHLBI** - National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute

**NHGRI** - National Human Genome Research Institute

**NIAAA** - National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

**NIA** - National Institute on Aging

**NIAID** - National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

**NIAMS** - National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

**NIBIB** - National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering

**NICHD** - National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

**NIDA** - National Institute on Drug Abuse

**NIDCD** - National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

**NIDDK** - National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

**NIDCR** - National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

**NIEHS** - National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

**NIGMS** - National Institute of General Medical Sciences

**NIMH** - National Institute of Mental Health

**NINDS** - National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

**NLM** - National Library of Medicine

**ORWH** - Office of Research on Women's Health

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