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New Effort Reporting Policy Now in Effect

A new effort policy went into effect on 8/1/2008. WFUHS, as a recipient of significant sponsored research funds, must assure federal and other sponsors that the assignment of time and associated salary to projects they sponsor is fair, consistent and timely. Effort Certification Reports are completed every six months for monthly paid staff, for bi-weekly staff the reports are prepared every four weeks and cover two pay periods. This policy applies to all forms of sponsored project activity, including industry sponsored projects and clinical trials. Faculty are expected to commit some level of effort (greater than 0%) on projects in which they are listed as Principal Investigator or key personnel. Committed effort is required for all federal and non-federal sponsored projects, including industry clinical trials and research agreements. Departments are asked to review their respective industry-sponsored studies and make adjustments in PeopleSoft to ensure all faculty have some level of salary support on all currently active studies. Adding PI salary distribution not only represents a true cost, but it should assist in ensuring accurate effort on all active studies, as this will automatically appear on their effort report when you add the distribution. Other key elements of the policy include: 1) Guidelines for maximum levels of sponsored research funding for faculty with high administrative responsibilities; 2) Mandatory annual reviews of faculty effort distribution by department chairs, and 3) Required training and education for new faculty appointed 7/1/08. The new policy can be found at http://infinet.wfubmc.edu/depts/wfuhs_control/index.htm.

Revised Travel Policy

Since travel is a closely budgeted item in grants, a summary of the new WFUHS travel policy is appropriate. The new travel policy (at http://infinet.wfubmc.edu/depts/wfuhs_control/index.htm) is necessary to correlate more strongly with IRS regulations. This allows WFUHS business travel to remain in compliance with the accountable plan rules, and therefore, our travel plan remains nontaxable.

The 3 primary revisions are:

1. The allowance for meals and incidentals has changed from \$35 per meal to \$39 per day in the US. Receipts are not required if the \$39 per day is used, except for foreign travel. Given the fluctuations in meal allowances and exchange rates, receipts are required for all foreign meals.
2. Detailed receipts are required for everything except when the \$39 per day is used (in the US).
3. A formal notification process has been established for delinquent travel expense vouchers (TEVs) and cash advances. WFUHS requires all TEV's within 10 business days upon return. In the unlikely event the TEV is not submitted within 60 days upon return, per IRS regulations, all cash advances/prepaid expenses will be reported to the IRS as taxable income. The Controller's Office will remind travelers to submit their TEV's on time.

In The Spotlight

Dwayne W. Godwin, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy, has been appointed an Assistant Dean in the WFU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Godwin is the founding director of the newly established Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, and will interact with postdoctoral fellows on both the Bowman Gray and Reynolda Campuses.



Kathi Kemper, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Pediatrics, was named as the founder and first chair of the Section for Complementary and Integrative Medicine of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Kemper holds the Caryl J. Guth Chair for Holistic and Integrative Medicine and is a Professor of Pediatrics at WFUHS.



Mark O. Lively, Ph.D., Professor of Biochemistry, is the current President-Elect of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB). He represents the Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities, one of the component organizations within FASEB. Most recently, Dr. Lively served as the FASEB Vice President for Science Policy.



New Procedure for Non-Industry Re-budgeting Requests

Effective immediately, requests to re-budget funds on **non-industry** sponsored research projects in which the total amount to be re-budgeted (even if it involves multiple categories) is \$1,000 or less will no longer need to be routed through the Office of Research for approval. These requests can be sent straight to your Grant Accountant in the Controller's Office. If you are not sure who your Grant Accountant is in the Controller's Office go to http://infinet.wfubmc.edu/depts/wfuhs_control/FSSponsoredSpecialFunds.html. Please continue to route requests exceeding \$1,000 through the Office of Research.

Research Administrators Sessions Resuming Soon

The monthly Research Administrators Sessions will resume on September 11, 2008 at 10:00 in Commons 2 & 3. The purpose of these monthly sessions is to communicate and educate the research community on policy and procedures related to research. The session in September will include an InfoEd Update, information regarding grant proposal deadlines as well as other updates from the Office of Research. Please mark your calendar to attend. These sessions take place the 2nd Thursday of every month at 10:00 am in Commons 2 & 3.

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CONCERN LINES

WFUBMC Compliance Hotline Confidential and Anonymous
1-877-880-7888 or
www.tnvinc.com/reportline/international
24 hours a day 7 days a week

ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE DEADLINES

October 3, 2008, November 7, 2008, December 5, 2008, January 2, 2009, February 6, 2009, March 6, 2009, April 3, 2009, May 1, 2009, June 5, 2009

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD DEADLINES NOON ON FRIDAYS

INTRAMURAL RESEARCH SUPPORT COMMITTEE DEADLINES

DECEMBER 15, 2008 (R) (I)
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MARCH 6, 2009 (C)
APRIL 15, 2009 (R) (I)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST REVIEW COMMITTEE DEADLINES

MANAGEMENT PLANS
2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

CIRC MEETINGS
4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS SESSIONS

ALL SESSIONS ARE HELD THE 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 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.

September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11, 2008

Animal Activism and WFUHS

Our institution, like many others, is concerned about the rise of animal activism and personal targeting by extremists of investigators who use animals in research. With the wholehearted support of senior administration, WFUHS has created an integrated team to prepare for and respond to these issues; the team includes members of the Office of Research, Public Relations and Marketing, and Security. A standing group within the Office of Research assesses situations on a case-by-case basis, and with the team can put into effect the guidelines and protocols that have already been established to respond to inquiries from animal activist groups, demonstrations and break-ins, and other disruptive activities. An important part of our defense of animal research is the ongoing monitoring and oversight carried out by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and the Animal Resources Program, both of which consistently receive the highest marks from national accreditation organizations. The team is currently developing guidelines for responses to Freedom of Information Act requests (we have gotten 10 from animal activists within the past month or so), working with local government to enhance protection from harassment, and is creating a University position statement supporting animal research. Most importantly, if you feel you are being targeted or have any questions about issues related to animal research, please contact either Dr. David Friedman or Dr. David Lyons in the Office of Research.

Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma Announced

The new Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma, www.childresspediatrictrauma.com, was recently announced at WFUHS. The Richard Childress family has donated \$5 million to begin the Institute, which will be in place by the end of this year. Additional fundraising is continuing, which is projected to add a planned \$20 million for the project. Dr. J. Wayne Meredith, chief of the Division of Surgical Sciences, will serve as interim director of the Institute.

Traumatic injury is the top cause of death in children, and the Institute's vision includes plans for research, education, treatment, and prevention.

Its goal is to become the most comprehensive pediatric trauma research center in the nation.

An important part of the Institute will be the Pediatric Emergency Department. In addition, four fellowships in pediatric trauma are planned to train a new cadre of highly skilled surgeons in this specialty.

"There is no one in the country presently studying this issue in a comprehensive manner as this institute is targeted to do," said Meredith. The Institute plans to share its findings with national research groups, so that its innovative work can benefit the greatest number of children.

Name Change for Maya Angelou Center

The Maya Angelou Research Center on Minority Health has now changed its name to the **Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity** (MACHE). According to Dr. Ronny Bell, Professor of Public Health Sciences (Epidemiology and Prevention) and Director of the MACHE, the name change came about for two reasons. One is the Center's increasing focus on all populations suffering from inequities in health and health care. The other reason is to better align the name with what the Center does. The Center has three program areas: Research and Evaluation, directed by Dr. Alain Bertoni, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Public Health Sciences (Epidemiology and Prevention); Community Outreach, co-directed by Dr. Melicia Whitt-Glover, Associate Professor of Public Health Sciences (Epidemiology

and Prevention), and Dr. David Mount, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine; and Faculty and Student Development, co-directed by Dr. Jorge Calles, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine (Endocrinology), and Dr. Brenda Latham-Sadler, Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine and Assistant Dean of Student Services. The Center will soon roll out a new initiative focusing on "Increasing Life Expectancy and Improving Quality of Life." Through this initiative, MACHE will identify and target research and community outreach activities on populations and health conditions where life expectancy and quality of life are most greatly affected. While the MACHE focuses much of its efforts locally, they are also looking for national and international partnerships to enhance its missions.

Info Ed News



Mark your calendars! The September 11th Research Administrators group discussion will include an update on the InfoEd electronic proposal preparation system. Please be sure to attend this very important update session.

Please remember the requirement of having the full proposal available for review at least 5 full business days prior to the deadline. Upcoming NIH deadlines for October and November are as follows:

Sponsor Deadline	OR Deadline
October 5th	September 29th
October 16th	October 9th
November 5th	October 29th
November 16th	November 10th

InfoEd 101 is an introductory session for individuals with no or little experience with the system.

InfoEd 102 will provide more advanced training for individuals who have completed InfoEd 101 or have submitted a grant electronically. This session will focus more specifically on budgetary issues and attendees may be asked to bring examples or work on materials prior to the class. We recommend that an individual take InfoEd 101 first, before registering for InfoEd 102.

InfoEd 101

9/9 - 1-3 pm
 9/18 - 9-11 am
 10/7 - 9-11 am
 10/21 - 9-11 am
 11/6 - 1-3 pm
 11/20 - 9-11 am
 12/2 - 9-11 am
 12/16 - 9-11 am

InfoEd 102

9/16 - 9-11 am
 9/30 - 9-11 am
 10/14 - 1-3 pm
 10/28 - 9-11 am
 11/11 - 1-3 pm
 12/9 - 9-11 am

Please visit the Educational Outreach section of the Office of Research web site for registration. Registration is required, as space is limited. All sessions are held in Classroom B of Carpenter Library. If fewer than 5 participants are registered, the session may be cancelled. You will be notified of any cancellations.

Controller's Corner

We would like to welcome April Poteat to our team. April has been with the Controller's Office in our Accounts Payable department for several years, but will now be assisting Public Health Sciences. Nancy McCaffrey will now be assisting Genomics, Anesthesiology, Radiological Sciences and Biochemistry.

In August, we unveiled our new website for [Wake Forest University Health Sciences Financial Services](#). We believe the new layout is more visually appealing, user-friendly, and allows for easier identification of items of interest. In addition, the website incorporates Purchasing, Systems Development and select functions of Financial Administration.

New Staff in the Office of Research

Anne Watterson has joined the Research Support Core as a Program Manager. Anne had been the Managing Editor at *Anesthesiology* and previously worked in both the Continuing Medical Education office and the Department of Neurology. Anne will manage the educational outreach program for the Office of Research, and will oversee our faculty research mentoring program.

Kathy Walker has joined the IRB as a Protocol Analyst. Previously, she was a Project Manager in the Department of Family and Community Medicine, where she worked on both industry-sponsored clinical trials and grant-funded research projects. Kathy has worked at WFUHS since May 2000, and her expertise and experience will be a tremendous asset to the IRB.

Dear Dr. OR



Dear Dr. OR:

I reduced my effort on my NIH grant and was planning on addressing it in my progress report in lieu of waiting on prior approval from NIH. Is this OK?

Signed,
Need to Reduce

Dear Need:

NIH Grants Policy states that “The grantee is required to notify the GMO in writing if the PI or key personnel specifically named in the NGA will withdraw from the project entirely, be absent from the project during any continuous period of 3 months or more, or reduce time devoted to the project by 25 percent or more from the level that was approved at the time of award (for example, a proposed change from 40 percent effort to 30 percent or less effort).” NIH must approve this reduction prior to it going into effect. Thus, addressing it in the progress report would not be acceptable.

Dear Dr. OR:

I read somewhere that as of April 2008, all publications reporting NIH-supported research had to be deposited in the PubMed Central archive. Doesn't the journal need to agree to this first? Does this affect my rights as an author? And just how do I access this system, anyway?

Signed,
Puzzled by PubMed

Dear Puzzled:

Our colleagues at the Carpenter Library have created a very detailed web page entitled “NIH Public Access Policy Resources” at <http://www1.wfubmc.edu/Library/Research+Publishing+Resources/nihpublicaccess.htm> that will answer all of your questions. Briefly, it's the corresponding author's task to inform the journal at the time of submission that the article reports research funded in part or wholly by the NIH. If your article is accepted, some journals will deposit it for you in PubMed Central, some won't – see the web site above for a handy list of journals that will do so. The Library also provides suggested language to adapt the standard copyright forms, to ensure

that the journal recognizes the authors' obligation to archive in PubMed Central if their work is NIH supported. Authors have 12 months after an article's publication to post their work in the archive.

Two important things to consider:

(1) The law mandates that publications cited in grant applications and progress reports must include the PubMed Central reference number (PMCID) for articles that fall under the Policy. This will be a way that the NIH can monitor whether PIs are complying with the new rules. The prudent PI will take care of this in a timely fashion.

(2) At this point in time, publishers' responses to this legal requirement are in flux. Some will clearly tell you in their “Instructions for Authors” how they have adapted to the requirements, and others are still working on their processes. When in doubt, contact the journal editorial office and ask for clarification.

We recommend contacting Molly Keener in the Library (6-4203) for further guidance. Also, keep an eye out for occasional workshops on this topic given by the Carpenter Library staff.

Dear Dr. OR:

I recently brought a grant application and Route Form to the Office of Research for review but was told that it could not be accepted until all of the co-investigators signed the route form. I don't understand – why can't I just send in the co-investigators' signatures at a later time?

Signed,
Not All There

Dear Not:

The Office of Research recently implemented a policy that all Route Forms must have all necessary signatures. Collecting the signatures after the fact was becoming cumbersome, and we were receiving many incomplete Route Forms. The co-investigators' signatures on the Route Form alerts us of any potential conflicts of interest, and informs us that investigators have agreed to participate in the project. This policy also pertains to Department Chair or Section Head signatures.

WFU Translational Science Institute

The TSI leadership and staff are gearing up for the next CTSA grant submission due October 21. Much has happened in the TSI since the last submission, including funding for three additional Team Science and Team Development awards, launching the first TSI Synergy Symposium on Inflammation and Innate Immunity as well as completion of the first Team Science Training, and the first classes for the Translational Science and Molecular Medicine PhD program and the Clinical and Population Translational Science MS program. For a more complete view of TSI activities visit our web site at <http://www1.wfubmc.edu/tsi> and for more information on the CTSA initiatives, including a link to the RFA, visit the national Web site at <http://www.ctsaweb.org/>.

The TSI has now launched the **Research Ethics Consultation Program (RECP)** to provide fast, user-friendly assistance to investigators, students, and IRB members to help them identify and address ethical issues promptly. RECP provides consultation on ethical or policy issues in the design and conduct of translational studies of all types, as well research ethics education, literature searches, and policy development. RECP can also help to anticipate issues that may arise as a translational line of inquiry develops. The RECP service is advisory only, and all discussions will be confidential within the limits permitted by law. The RECP is part of the TSI Program in Bioethics, Health and Society, led by Nancy King, Mark Hall, and Christine Coughlin. For more information go to <http://www1.wfubmc.edu/tsi/programs/>.

Despite the potential of the electronic health record (EHR) and efforts at wider deployment, a July 3, 2008, *New England Journal of Medicine* report found that just 4% of U.S. physicians surveyed had a fully functional electronic-records system, while 13% had a basic system. To address the current status of the EHR and its future, the **Wake Forest University Translational Science Institute will host a conference on "The Electronic Health Record: Best Practices and New Horizons," October 1-3, 2008, at the Graylyn International Conference Center in Winston-Salem.** The conference will focus on early experiences with Electronic Health Records (EHR), new tools to bridge the existing medical health record, research and public health surveillance systems, and new approaches and data to incorporate into health record system design.

Clement J. McDonald, MD, Director of the Lister Medical Center for Biomedical Communications at the National Library of Medicine, and previously the developer of the Regenstrief Medical Record system, will be the keynote speaker. Joining him on the program are presenters with significant experience in key facets of the electronic health record, representing medical centers, industry, military health, government, law, ethics, and regional health care.

The conference focuses on early experiences with the electronic health record, new tools to bridge the existing medical health record, research and public health surveillance systems, as well as new approaches and data to incorporate into health record system design. The event is designed for clinicians, healthcare administrators, health information officers, and health outcomes researchers. Attendees will have ample opportunity to interact with speakers throughout the conference. Industry sponsors are IBM, Microsoft, and SAS.

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE
CONFERENCE ON HEALTH ANALYTICS 2008

The Electronic Health Record: Best Practices and New Horizons

October 1-3, 2008


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Can the current evolutionary course of the Electronic Health Record support the full promise of a personalized, efficient, evidence-based, portable medical record to consolidate the fragmented US Healthcare delivery system?

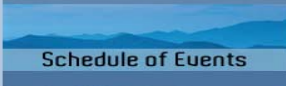
The Wake Forest University Translational Science Institute Conference on Health Analytics 2008 will focus on the experiences of early adopters of EHRs; new tools to bridge existing medical record, research, and public health surveillance systems; and new approaches and data to incorporate into health record system design. Join us for a one-and-a-half-day dialogue focused on bringing the full potential of an EHR to reality.

This conference is designed for clinicians, healthcare administrators, health information officers, and health outcomes researchers.

Keynote Speaker: Clement J. McDonald, MD, Director of the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications at the National Library of Medicine



Check back frequently for conference updates!



Schedule of Events



Conference Registration



Speakers



Graylyn Conference Center

For more information and to register, please visit: <http://www1.wfubmc.edu/school/custom/health2008>, or contact Lesia Collins: lcollins@wfubmc.edu, 713-7670.

Industry Relations

Research Contract Aging

Industry Relations has historically tracked research contract aging from Route Form receipt through final contract execution, which typically occurs after IRB approval. Current average aging is 140 days. As of January 1, 2007, we started tracking research contract negotiation aging from first submission of revisions to finalization of contract terms. Current average negotiation aging is 70 days. This includes all contracts in the research agreement category—basic, clinical trial, registry, and services.

We look at the difference between execution and negotiation aging but currently are not able to electronically track the key factors accounting for the difference. The ability to provide this information will be part of the implementation of InfoEd for use by Industry Relations. We do know that the following activities play a role in prolonging contract completion: receipt of incomplete routing packages, sponsor/CRO delays in negotiation, projects being put on hold, timing of submission of studies to the IRB, budget finalization and the contract execution

process. Departments can help with the reduction in the overall aging.

Things to think about....

- 50% of routing packages received on research agreements from March to June had to be returned due to incomplete or incorrect information
- Budgets are coming in without start-up costs, missing the IRB renewal fee, and do not include F&A on all fees that are required (e.g., patient stipends)
- Projects with multiple support sources are being submitted on one route form instead of one for each source of support (whether funding or drug/device)
- Documentation is not being submitted when a subcontract is required in addition to the prime contract
- Review and negotiation cannot be initiated until the required documents are received, which specifically includes a complete, signed Route Form.

How can you help?

- Double check your routing packages for completion prior to submission.

- Make sure the entire Route Form is completed and signatures obtained.
- Make sure budgets are complete and include all expenses, fees and applicable F&A.
- If you are unclear what F&A rate is applicable to your project, contact Industry Relations.
- If two companies support a project, a routing package for each company is required.
- If we are subcontracting out under a prime contract, a routing package is needed for both the prime contract and the subcontract.
- Refer to the study reference (e.g., GTS #) in your communications to expedite your inquiries.
- Track your contracts to know when the terms expire—contact Industry Relations if an amendment to extend the terms is needed.
- Check out Industry Relations web site for information about routing processes and to access required forms.

Monitoring and Oversight

The Monitoring and Oversight group in the Office of Research has this reminder about how to use needles and syringes safely. OSHA policy is that recapping of needles, in general, is not appropriate. In situations where recapping is considered necessary, use these safe techniques.

Never move an exposed needle tip towards an unprotected hand.

Single-Handed Scooping: Lay the cap on a flat surface and scoop it onto the tip of a syringe held in one hand. Keep the free hand away from the sheath and well behind the exposed needle ([demonstration](#)).

Recapping Devices: Several devices are available for recapping needles safely. The preferred devices are those that permit single-handed recapping by parking a needle cap on a flat surface. One example is the [Needlesafe II](#).

OSHA and AAALAC require that secondary containers be labeled with contents and dose. Label all syringes that are used multiple times (e.g., to flush catheters).

If you have any questions about the best procedures to employ in these situations, contact Colleen Bennett at cobennet@wfubmc.edu.

Office of Research 2008 Workshop Schedule

Interpreting Grant and Contract Award Documents

Awards come in all shapes and sizes. Whether it is a grant or contract, it is important to know the critical elements of the award so it will be administered appropriately. This workshop will include a discussion of award elements, such as terms and conditions, fiscal responsibility, restrictions and exclusions, responsible parties and deliverables. The workshop will include discussion of sample awards and review of language and terms. Special situations, such as transferring awards, will also be discussed.

Date: September 15, 2008
Time: 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Location: Commons 1 & 2
Presenters: Paula Means & Janice Grace

Meet the Office of Research

Come learn about the sections of the Office of Research and the many ways in which we support the research mission of Wake Forest University Health Sciences. A panel of Office of Research staff will provide a brief overview of their sections' responsibilities, and answer your questions about grants, human or animal subjects protocols, regulatory issues, and more. (*Registration is not required.*)

Date: September 29, 2008
Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Location: Commons 1 & 2
Presenters: Panel of Office of Research staff (ACUC, Animal Resources Program, Environmental Health and Safety, Grants Administration, Industry Relations, IRB, Research Support Core)

Nitty Gritty of NIH Grants

This workshop is geared toward less experienced grant writers, as well as people who want to learn more about the whole grant submission process. The goal is to make the grant-application experience less harried and more likely to succeed. Because of their importance and complexity, the focus will be on NIH-style applications, although the concepts covered will be helpful for all types of applications. We will cover insider tips that can make all the difference in today's highly competitive grants environment. Discussion of the review process at NIH is included.

Date: November 4, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Location: Commons 1 & 2
Presenter: Karen Klein

Funding Opportunities through the North Carolina Biotechnology Center

The North Carolina Biotechnology Center (NCBC) is a state-funded economic development non-profit organization established in 1984. Since its creation, it has made more than \$200 million in awards through its funding programs in research, business, and education. In the last 10 years, NCBC has awarded over 2 million dollars to WFUHS. This presentation will provide potential applicants with in-depth information on research grant programs, including the Biotechnology Research Grants, the Multidisciplinary Research Grants, the Collaborative Funding Grants, the Institutional Development Grants, and the Oliver Smithies Faculty Recruitment Grants. Grant programs for education and commercialization will also be briefly discussed.

Date: October 23, 2008
Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Location: Commons 1 & 2
Presenter: Cynthia J. Sollod, Ph.D., Science & Technology Development Programs Manager, North Carolina Biotechnology Center

Fundamentals of Successful Grant Writing: Tips from a Funding Agency Perspective

Bring your lunch and join the NCBC staff as they provide an overview of the grant process from the point of view of a funding agency. In addition to offering tips on the fundamentals of good grantsmanship, they will share valuable insights on what makes a successful grant proposal from the perspectives of the NCBC and proposal reviewers. This workshop also includes activities that allow participants to explore strategies for improving their success.

Date: October 23, 2008
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Commons 1 & 2
Presenter: Deborah De, Statewide Programs Manager, North Carolina Biotechnology Center

Who Should Attend Both Events: Faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students are encouraged to attend these workshops.

“Mini-Study Sections” are Available

Investigators who plan to resubmit NIH applications for the November deadlines are reminded that the Research Support Core (RSC) offers “mini-study sections”. The RSC will convene panels of 3 to 4 WFUHS faculty who are study section veterans, to advise Principal Investigators on how best to respond to reviewers’ critiques. Panels are a friendly and constructive way to focus on a proposal’s strengths, make it more likely that the proposal is judged responsive, and in general improve the chances of success for a revised application. The two most recent proposals reviewed by a “mini-study section” were funded on their final try.

To request a “mini-study section” panel, complete the brief request form at <http://www1.wfubmc.edu/OR/Research+Support+Core/>. Please contact us 6 to 8 weeks before your planned resubmission, to allow sufficient time to revise your application after the panel meets. For details, contact Karen Klein at kklein@wfubmc.edu.

AHRQ News



Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) NOT-HS-08-012

This notice is to reaffirm AHRQ’s policy of not accepting unsolicited additional grant application materials after the receipt date during the initial application peer review stage. AHRQ does not follow the NIH Policy on Submission of Additional Grant Application Materials – NOT-OD-08-082. More information on this notice can be found at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HS-08-012.html>.

Funding Opportunities



RFA GM 09-008: Exceptional, Unconventional Research Enabling Knowledge Acceleration (EUREKA)

Letters of Intent Deadline: September 29, 2008

Application Deadline: October 28, 2008

This FOA solicits Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations proposing exceptionally innovative research on novel hypotheses or difficult problems, solutions to which would have an extremely high impact on biomedical or biobehavioral research that is germane to the mission of one or more participating NIH Institutes. This FOA is for support of new projects only, and not pilot projects. NIGMS (\$6 million, 18-22 awards), NCI (\$750,000, 2-3 awards), NIA (\$1 million, 2-3 awards), NIAAA

(\$600,000, 2 awards), NIDCR (\$750,000, 2-3 awards), NIDA (\$1 million, 3-4 awards), NIMH (\$3 million, 8-12 awards), NINDS (\$2 million, 6 awards), and NLM (\$985,000, 3 awards) are participating. Support may be requested for up to \$800,000 in direct costs (excluding consortium Facilities and Administrative [F&A] costs) over 4 years, prorated for shorter terms (\$600,000 for three years, \$400,000 for two years). Regardless of the term of support, direct costs (excluding consortium Facilities and Administrative [F&A] costs) may not exceed \$250,000 in any one year. Applicants may submit more than one application to this FOA, provided each one is scientifically distinct. The full RFA is at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-GM-09-008.html>.

Funding Opportunities



North Carolina Biotechnology Center

Institutional Development Grants (IDG)

The purpose of the Institutional Development Grant Program is to provide research equipment or core facilities that serve multiple investigators.

Deadline: September 10, 2008 at noon

Biotechnology Research Grants

This program supports novel research projects in targeted areas related to biotechnology at universities and non-profit institutions. Pre-proposals are required.

Pre-proposal Deadline - October 1, 2008 at noon

Additional information can be found at: <http://www.ncbiotech.org>

Susan G. Komen for the Cure

Promise Grants

These grants provide up to \$1.5M annually over five years to support programs with collaborative and cross-disciplinary research projects that provide integrated approaches to solving critical challenges to the rapid translation of scientific discoveries into new or enhanced clinical tools and applications that have the greatest potential to significantly reduce breast cancer incidence and/or mortality within the next decade. Integrated programs of research projects addressing critical challenges in population disparities in breast cancer outcomes and triple negative breast cancer are of special interest and may receive funding priority. Pre-applications are required prior to starting a full application. Detailed information is available at <http://www.komen.org/grants>.

Pre-Application Due - September 25, 2008

Full Application Due - December 4, 2008

HRSA Offers \$15 million in Rural Health Grants

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program

The Office of Rural Health Policy's Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program encourages the

development of new and innovative health care delivery systems in rural communities that lack essential health care services. The emphasis of this grant program is on service delivery through collaboration, requiring the lead applicant organization to form a consortium with at least two additional partners. The community being served must be involved in the development and ongoing operations of the program, to appropriately address the needs of the population. Programs funded have varied greatly and have brought care that would not otherwise have been available to at least two million rural citizens across the country. Through consortia of local providers and others, rural communities have managed to provide services such as hospice, dental care for children, and prenatal care in many remote areas. Award Amount - This program will provide funding for Federal fiscal years 2009-2011 with an anticipated budget period from May 1 - April 30 for each year. Approximately \$13,500,000 is expected to be available to make approximately 90 awards.

Deadline - October 16, 2008

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program

The major focus of the Network Planning Grant Program is to provide support to rural entities in the development of formal health care networks. The emphasis of this grant is to provide support to entities that need assistance to plan, organize and develop a health care network. The support from the Network Planning Grant Program may be sufficient to jumpstart a network into becoming operational and developing strategies for becoming sustainable. To be eligible for this program, the grant recipient must be a public or nonprofit private entity and must be located in a designated rural county, a rural census tract within an urban county, provide services exclusively to migrant and seasonal farm workers in rural areas, or is a Tribal Government or Tribal Health Organization that provides services on reservations or federally recognized Tribal service areas. Award Amount - The approximate amount of funding anticipated is \$1,150,000. It is anticipated that 20 awards will be made. Individual awards are limited to between \$25,000 and \$85,000.

Deadline - September 15, 2008

Financial Research Compliance Workshops 2008

Financial Research Compliance for Faculty

Provides a look into the financial administration and management of sponsored research grants. Focuses on the areas of financial compliance for which researchers are responsible and will provide a general awareness of the rules governing sponsored research grants. All classes are held in the Comprehensive Cancer Center, Room 2A.

To register, or for more information, please contact Laura Hemrick at lhemrick@wfubmc.edu.

September 11, 2008	2:00 pm – 4:00 p.m.	October 9, 2008	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
September 17, 2008	9:00 am – 11:00 a.m.	February 11, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Standard Sessions for Staff

September 25, 2008	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
November 12, 2008	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.


**WOMEN'S
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Research Seminar Kickoff

On September 5, we will launch our annual Research Seminar series with: "HPV Vaccination" by Brigitte Miller, MD, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology. Noon in the Sticht Center Auditorium; lunch provided.

Announcements

The newest creation of the [NIH Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers](#) is an e-Newsletter that provides a brief overview of NIH initiatives and programs, as well as links to pertinent background information, news articles, and reports on issues relevant to women in science and engineering research careers. Subscribe to the e-newsletter to receive the latest editions of NIH Updates on Women in Science. <http://nexus.od.nih.gov/nexus/nexus.aspx?ID=110&Month=7&Year=2008>

Research Strategy Workshop Series

This series of workshops has been developed for faculty, and are designed to enhance research skills. **They are scheduled from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. the Cancer Center, rooms 2A & 2B with lunch provided.**

Our next workshop is:

"Tricks of the Trade: Things No One Ever Told You about Applying for a Grant"

Learn what to say in a cover letter, key agency contacts, what happens behind the scenes at NIH, what review committees are looking for and other important, yet unwritten rules to help get your grant funded.

Date: September 22, 2008
Facilitators: Linda Porrino, PhD, Mark Wolfson, PhD

Visit our Research Program page for details on events and current women's health funding opportunities:

<http://www1.wfubmc.edu/whcoe/Research/index.htm>.

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