

News Briefs

Kennesaw State University
Office of Research

Upcoming Training Opportunities



By Natasha Stark

The Office of Research offers a variety of training -- i.e., presentations, workshops, and Web-based resources -- to guide KSU faculty in their efforts to identify, secure, and manage external funds. The special topic sessions are offered throughout the semester on both the Kennesaw and Marietta campuses, and announced as scheduled through KSU Inform. Registration for these events will be administered directly by the Office of Research. If you have questions about a specific session, please notify the registration contact for that session.

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OFFICE OF RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

Overview of the Grant Application Process at Kennesaw State University

Synopsis: This workshop will outline KSU's policies for applying for external funding for research, creative, or scholarly projects. We will provide an overview of necessary approvals, training, and processes to be obtained/followed prior to submitting grant applications. Further, we will introduce the teams responsible for proposal preparation assistance and the institutional representatives authorized to submit proposals on behalf of the university.

Finding Grant Funding

Synopsis: This workshop will provide you with tools to find potential funding sources for your research and creative and outreach projects. You will gain insight and direction from grant research professionals and administrators who can show you what it takes to locate a viable funder. Presenters will demonstrate ways to access and uti-

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lize funding databases and other resources that are available to KSU faculty, staff, and students. Additionally, this course will address the importance of grant guidelines in determining a fit with potential funders.

Grant Budgeting

Synopsis: Developing a budget is one of the most challenging aspects of preparing a funding proposal. This workshop will offer insights into the budget planning process, including determining direct costs, indirect costs and cost sharing. Participants will also learn about cost-sharing and documentation, allowable costs, budgeting for participant costs and consultants, and sub-awards.

Writing Winning Grant Proposals

Synopsis: This workshop will show you how to best craft and write an effective proposal in accordance with funders' requirements, guidelines, and areas of interest. This workshop will provide you with valuable tools and information regarding how to structure and present your projects in a compelling way that tailors to the guidelines provided by a potential funding source.

Resubmit That Proposal

Synopsis: If you applied for a grant from NIH or NSF don't be discouraged if you do not get funded on the first try or even your third or fourth try! National funding is very difficult to achieve and it may take several tries. This workshop will show you how to best rework a proposal for resubmission either to the original sponsor or a different one.

Carolyn's Corner

By Carolyn Elliott-Farino

Welcome back to all who were off over the summer, and a warm welcome to new faculty and staff. We've been busy since we last sent out a newsletter, including hiring two new grants managers. Jan Morian joined our office at the beginning of the month and has already shown herself to be a tremendous asset. She will be managing projects primarily for some of the centers, as well as assisting with awards, while Kelli Godfrey, our other new hire, will work primarily with faculty on the Marietta campus. Kelli starts on September 28 and we will include a bio of her in our next issue. There is a bio of Jan in the corner below.

Part of what kept us busy these last few months was processing some exciting grants. Jonathan McMurry (Chemistry and Assoc Dean of Research, CSM) submitted an R25 proposal to NIH (National Institutes of Health) under the Bridges to the Doctorate program in 2014. NIH grants are scored as part of the review process and Jonathan's grant scored well, so much so that we thought it might be funded. Alas, it was not, but Jonathan received excellent feedback from the reviewers – one concern was that we were too ambitious in the number of students we wanted to fund! – and he resubmitted, addressing each of the reviewers' concerns, and the proposal was funded in June for \$1,045,701. The project will cover GRA stipends and provide training for up to eight underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students per year in the MSIB (Integrative Biology) and MSCB (Chemical Sciences) programs as they bridge to doctoral studies at KSU's three USG project partner institutions, UGA, GRU, and GA Tech.

Five NSF grants were awarded: i) \$296,395 for Neporcha Cone (Science Education) for a two year EAGER grant that will study an exploratory elementary teacher development model; ii) \$247,656 for a three year grant in support of Daniela Tapu's (Chemistry) research on challenging conventional models of chemical bonding and structure. Undergraduate and graduate students will receive training and mentoring in general principles of organic chemistry, organo-

metallics, synthesis and theory. iii) Wendy Sanchez (Mathematics and Mathematics Education) is hosting a conference of mathematics teacher educators in Atlanta at the end of September, funded by a \$99,192 grant. The conference will bring together researchers from three different theoretical perspectives (political/social, cognitive, and situated) to discuss important goals, activities, and practices for methods instructors. (iv) Nikolaos Kidonakis (Physics) received a \$150,000 three-year grant from NSF for his research in theoretical particle physics phenomenology. The grant includes funding for two undergraduate research assistants each year. (v) Randy Emert (Mechanical Engineering Technology) is part of a collaborative project with Athens Technical College that will train rural area machine tool instructors from the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and instructors from KSU in multi-axis computer numerical control (CNC) programming and machining at Vincennes University (VU) in Indiana. The work is supported by a \$55,581 grant.

The Department of State awarded \$239,719 to KSU as part of its FY 15 Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders from Southeast Asia. The project is led by Lance Askildson (Vice Provost for Global Affairs and Chief International Officer) and the Division of Global Affairs, as well as faculty from a number of KSU departments (Center for African and African Diaspora Studies; the Office of Community Engagement; and the Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics, and Character). KSU will host a five-week program for 22 undergraduate student leaders from ASEAN countries on civic engagement comprising a 4-week academic residency and a 1-week educational study tour examining civil and human rights through the lens of the U.S. civil rights movement.

Sabine Smith (German) obtained continued support from The Halle Foundation for the "German 4 GA" project, a four-way collaboration between KSU, the University of Paderborn in Germany (UPB), select German programs in Georgia, and

The Halle Foundation. The Halle Foundation has granted \$155,000 over three years to support collaborative exchanges of KSU and UPB faculty and students; year-round community engagement programming; an annual GA-statewide lecture tour, poetry contest, and German Studies Undergraduate Scholars' Symposium; and transnational seminars and performances.

If you received a grant and it wasn't mentioned here, please don't lose heart. We value all grants (and contracts) in the Office of Research, large and small. I selected a few to highlight to let you know the success our faculty are having in diverse areas. I write up bimonthly reports for KSU's Access publication, we include information about awards on our website, and we publish proposal and award reports on our website, as well. We are having some difficulty in finalizing the report format out of SmartGrant, but the proposal report has been completed and we are close on the award report, so you can expect to see monthly updates on the website about what your colleagues (and you) are doing in the way of external funding.

Welcome our New Grants Manager, Jan Morian!

Jan Morian enjoyed a 16 year career in the travel industry before making the leap to being an at-home parent to her three daughters. She then worked part time yet keep her skills up to date, yet keep her schedule flexible while her children were in school,. In 2007 she decided to pursue her lifelong dream of obtaining her college degree, graduating from KSU with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice in 2011. She worked as a research assistant to complete her internship and continued in that position following graduation, so she was able to gain a strong knowledge of research practice and procedure. She realized she loved KSU so much she wanted to stay, and worked in the Division of Global Affairs for three years before joining the Office of Research. Jan has been married for 28 years, enjoys spending time with family and friends, practicing yoga and other fitness activities, and reading a good book.

Upcoming Deadlines

Arts & Humanities

- Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation Grants.....Nov 15 (LOI)
<http://inasmuchfoundation.org/journalism-foundation/>
- NEA– Literature Fellowships: Translation Projects..... Dec 8
<http://arts.gov/grants-individuals/translation-projects>
- NEH – Collaborative Research Grants.....Dec 9
<http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/collaborative-research-grants>
- US-Japan Foundation – K-12 Education, Communication, Policy Studies.....Dec 15
<http://us-jf.org/programs/grants/>

Education & Community Development

- IMLS – National Leadership Grants for Libraries.....Oct 1 & Jan 15
<https://www.ims.gov/grants/available/national-leadership-grants-libraries?GrantId=14>
- Sprint Foundation – Youth Development.....Continuous
<http://goodworks.sprint.com/people/communities/sprint-foundation/>
- American Honda Foundation – STEM Education.....Nov 1 (limited)
<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Health

- NIH R03 – Small Grant Program.....Oct 16
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/r03.htm>
- NIH R21 – Exploratory/Developmental Research.....Oct 16
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/r21.htm>
- NIH R15 – Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA).....Oct 25
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/area.htm>
- Allen Foundation – Grants in Nutrition (Education, Training, Research).....Dec 31
<https://www.allenfoundation.org/commoninfo/aboutus.asp#requirements>

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)

- NSF Communications, Circuits, and Sensing-Systems (CCSS).....Nov 2
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13381
- NSF Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE).....Nov 3
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505082
- NSF Statistics.....Nov 7
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5556
- NSF Innovative Technology Experiences for Students & Teachers (ITEST).....Nov 13
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5467
- NSF Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB).....Nov 16
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503626
- NSF Computer and Network Systems (CNS).....Nov 18
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12765
- NSF Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Science Research (IBSS).....Dec 1
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504832
- NSF Archaeology and Archaeometry.....Dec 1 & 20
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=11690
- NSF Cyberlearning and Future Learning Technologies.....Dec 7-9
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504984
- NSF Discovery Research K-12 (DR-K12).....Dec 7
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=500047
- USDA Solid Waste Management Grant Program).....Dec 7
<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/solid-waste-management-grants>

Social Sciences

- Russell Sage Foundation Project and Presidential Awards.....Jan 5 (LOI)
<http://www.russellsage.org/how-to-apply/project-presidential-awards>
- NSF – Social Psychology.....Jan 15
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5712&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund
- NSF Sociology.....Jan 15
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5369

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