



# Office of Research & Innovation Newsletter · August 2021

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## A Note from the Executive Vice Provost for Research & Innovation



Dear Colleagues,

The new academic year is upon us and I, for one, am looking forward to being on campus, seeing colleagues, students, and friends in three dimensions. While COVID-19 challenges remain, let me take a moment to reflect on the incredible 18 months we've been through. Last academic year, we safely ramped up our on-campus research activity from its abrupt March 2020 ramp down. We are now in Phase 3 of the research ramp up, also known as the "new normal." There are no density restrictions and masks are required indoors.

Last academic year we also completed work on the University's new strategic plan "Drexel 2030: Designing the Future." Expanding Drexel's research impact is one of the six imperatives that shape our aspirations in the plan. We use the word "research" as shorthand to indicate all of the different types of research, scholarly and creative activities that our community pursues. We use the word "impact" to indicate the varied ways our scholarly pursuits have positive impacts. Implementation of the new

strategic plan kicked off over the summer and is gaining momentum. Improving research administration support is one of the twelve initial initiatives that are being pursued. More information on the strategic plan and its implementation can be found here<sup>1</sup>. The strategic plan will serve as the "north star" that will guide ORI's programming.

We look forward to engaging the entire scholarly community as we begin strategic plan implementation.

Sincerely,

Aleister Saunders, Ph.D.

Executive Vice Provost for Research & Innovation

## News and Announcements



### Updated Clinical Trials Indirect Rate

In a recent memo from the VP of Research, Dr. Schultheis highlighted the changes in the Indirect Rate for Clinical Trials. The Office of Research in coordination with College of Medicine and Research Accounting Services has agreed upon a 35% rate for indirect costs for all industry sponsored clinical

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<sup>1</sup><https://drexel.edu/strategicPlan/>

trials/research. This change is retroactively effective to April 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact members of the senior staff, Dr. Maria Schultheis and Dr. Aleister Saunders, directly. The full memo can be viewed here<sup>2</sup>.



## AAALAC Returns to Drexel this Fall

**On October 6-7, 2021**, visitors from the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, International (AAALAC)<sup>3</sup> will be conducting a site visit of the Drexel Animal Care and Use program. AAALAC International is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes the humane treatment of animals in science through voluntary accreditation. In 2015, AAALAC celebrated its 50th year of accrediting animal research programs. More than 1,000 companies, universities, hospitals, government agencies and other research institutions in 49 countries have earned AAALAC accreditation, demonstrating their commitment to responsible animal care and use. The animal care and use program at Drexel has been accredited by AAALAC since 1982.

The AAALAC site visit will include tours of the animal housing facilities, laboratories where animal research is conducted, meetings with administrative officials, researchers, veterinary staff and the IACUC, and document review.

The Drexel animal care and use program is overseen by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee<sup>4</sup> (IACUC). The IACUC reviews every proposed project including the use of vertebrate animals to assure that the use of animals is justified by furthering science and benefitting society; that research animals are spared unnecessary pain and distress; and that all research involving animals is conducted in full compliance with federal and state laws and regulations.

<sup>2</sup><https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:626c967d-4a6e-402c-bd4b-9b7d32097bed>

<sup>3</sup><http://aaalac.org/>

<sup>4</sup><http://drexel.edu/research/animal-research/IACUC/>

University Laboratory Animal Resources (ULAR)<sup>5</sup> ensures the daily care, health and well-being, with the emphasis on the minimization of discomfort, distress and pain, of animals used for research and education at Drexel University. The ULAR staff provides support, training and educational opportunities to meet the needs of researchers working with animals in their research, and serves the public by ensuring observance of all legal and ethical standards pertaining to the use of animals for research and education at Drexel University.

Drexel looks forward to hosting our AAALAC site visitors who will verify the strengths of the program and provide suggestions of items which can improve our program of animal care and use. Over the next two months, we will be organizing presentations for researchers, their staff and students regarding preparation for the visit.



### HRP Summer Updates

In June, the AAHRPP, provided its official approval of our HRPP accreditation and we just received the official certificate. Drexel has held accreditation since 2013. Great job and many thanks to all involved! This month, the IRB launched a new Turn Around Time (TAT)<sup>6</sup> feature on its webpage. It is updated on a regular basis to provide estimated review times for submissions. We strongly encourage researchers to contact the IRB directly if there are any deadlines related to the submission (funding, academic progress, timing of project). Overall, the TAT has been shortened by several weeks and this trend is expected to continue.

### Mentor Spotlight: Shintaro Kaido

Our very own Shintaro Kaido was the featured mentor in UNY I-corps August issue<sup>7</sup>. Shintaro is the Vice Provost for Innovation, and the Executive Director of Applied Innovation. As Vice Provost for Innovation, Shintaro works with Drexel's senior leadership and External Advisory Board on various campus-wide innovation initiatives to chart the future course of Drexel's innovation ecosystem.

Most recently, Shintaro contributed to the capital raise and the launch of a new seed fund<sup>8</sup> to invest in Philadelphia's underrepresented startup founders. As Executive Director of Drexel's Applied Innovation, Shintaro oversees a team of nine to deliver comprehensive technology transfer services to expand the impact of Drexel research. Drexel Applied Innovation consists of three pillars: intellectual property and licensing; industry engagement; and entrepreneurial development.

Prior to Drexel University, Shintaro was an early-stage venture investor with i2E in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Shintaro is a current member of the Kauffman Fellows, a global fellowship of 765 venture capital professionals founded by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in 1994, and is the first Fellow in the Fellowship's 26-year history to come from academic technology transfer.

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<sup>5</sup><http://www.drexelmed.edu/Home/Research/UniversityLaboratoryAnimalResourcesULAR.aspx>

<sup>6</sup><https://drexel.edu/research/compliance/human-research-protection-new/>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.unycorps.org/mentor-spotlight-shintaro-kaido/>

<sup>8</sup><https://drexel.edu/now/archive/2021/February/Raynier-Drexel-UCSC-entrepreneurship-fund/>

Click here<sup>9</sup> or on the image to read the full story!



## Drexel Sessions @ SXSW 2022

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SXSW<sup>10</sup> is an annual festival and conference held in Austin, TX, featuring a variety of tracks that focus on the most important breakthroughs in technology, film, culture, and music, SXSW "proves that the most unexpected discoveries happen when diverse topics and people come together".

In recent years, a number of Drexel faculty and affiliates have presented at SXSW (Interactive, Music, and Film) and SXSW EDU (Education). We hope to highlight any Drexel sessions at SXSW 2022 and are exploring a coordinated University presence at the Festival (March 11-20). If you are part of a session proposal for SXSW 2022 (including SXSW EDU) or have plans to attend the festival in person (March 11-20), please contact Dr. Youngmoo Kim, Director of the ExCITe Center, at [ykim@drexel.edu](mailto:ykim@drexel.edu)<sup>11</sup>.

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<sup>9</sup><https://www.unycorps.org/mentor-spotlight-shintaro-kaido/>

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<sup>11</sup><mailto:ykim@drexel.edu>

## Did you know?

eRA Commons is requiring all users to switch to login.gov credentials instead of the eRA username and password you've used to log in to eRA modules. This will impact how you log into the eRA systems. Please update your account using their three-step process by September 15, 2021 when their two-factor authentication requirement is implemented.

Navigate to this link <sup>12</sup>for instruction on updating your eRA account.

## Funding Opportunity Resources



Funding search tools:

Pivot-RP<sup>13</sup>

Funding Institutional<sup>14</sup>

Limited Submissions and Intramural Funding Portal<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>12</sup>[https://era.nih.gov/files/2FA\\_flyer.pdf](https://era.nih.gov/files/2FA_flyer.pdf)

<sup>13</sup>[https://pivot-proquest-com.ezproxy2.library.drexel.edu/funding\\_main](https://pivot-proquest-com.ezproxy2.library.drexel.edu/funding_main)

<sup>14</sup><https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fundinginstitutional.com%2F&data=04|01|cng45%40drexel.edu|62890f12584f43d7561f08d96ca3ee21|3664e6fa47bd45a696708c4f080f8ca6|0|0|637660273588061669|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoicjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=7D1NvmHylyoNp%2F4vyq96CU%2B7oLp7KIHBTRwdsK6zkzo%3D&reserved=0>

For access and the best user experience, sign in with your Drexel credentials and use Drexel VPN when not on campus.

Questions? Email [researchdevelopment@drexel.edu](mailto:researchdevelopment@drexel.edu)<sup>16</sup>

### **NSF 21-592: Community Facility Support: Synchrotron-based analytical capabilities advancing Earth and Environmental Sciences research and training**

#### **Summary:**

Interested applicants must submit an internal mandatory pre-proposal to the Office of Research. Pre-proposals should follow the template provided on the right side of this competition page. Along with the pre-proposal, please submit a current 2-page CV, Biosketch, or SciENCv for all personnel named on the pre-proposal.

**Click here for more details:** <https://drexel.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1846224>

**Deadline:** 9/3/2021

### **NIH PAR-21-238: Limited Competition: Development and Renovation of Research Space for HIV/AIDS Research at Institutions Serving Underrepresented Populations or Located in Institutional Development Award (IDeA)**

#### **Summary:**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from qualified research institutions to seek funds to develop or renovate research facilities that support HIV/AIDS research in areas of basic, translational, clinical, and social and behavioral science research. Targeted are institutions that serve underrepresented and underserved populations or that are in Institutional Development Award (IDeA) - eligible states. Research-intensive institutions are not eligible. The facilities must support research aligned with the NIH-established priorities for HIV/AIDS research. Any request must be justified by current and anticipated future research needs.

**Click here for more details:** <https://drexel.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1849564>

**Deadline:** 10/6/2021

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## B. PHL INNOVATION FEST

The 2021 B.PHL Innovation Festival<sup>20</sup> is **Sep. 29-Oct. 1**, featuring keynotes by CNN's Don Lemon and HGTV's Wendell Holland, with conference tracks on Collaboration + Partnerships, Diversity + Perspectives, and Rebound + Growth. The program also includes several Drexel presenters from the Close School, School of Education, and the College of Computing & Informatics, as well as a conversation with Drexel alum and renowned tech blogger, John Gruber. This year's festival will be a hybrid event, streamed online, but also in-person to a limited invitation-only audience. Drexel will receive a small number of in-person invites. If you are interested in attending at least one full day of the festival in person (proof of vaccination required), please contact ExCITE Center program manager, Jillian Reilly <jmreilly@drexel.edu<sup>21</sup>>.



1 - Register Now<sup>22</sup>

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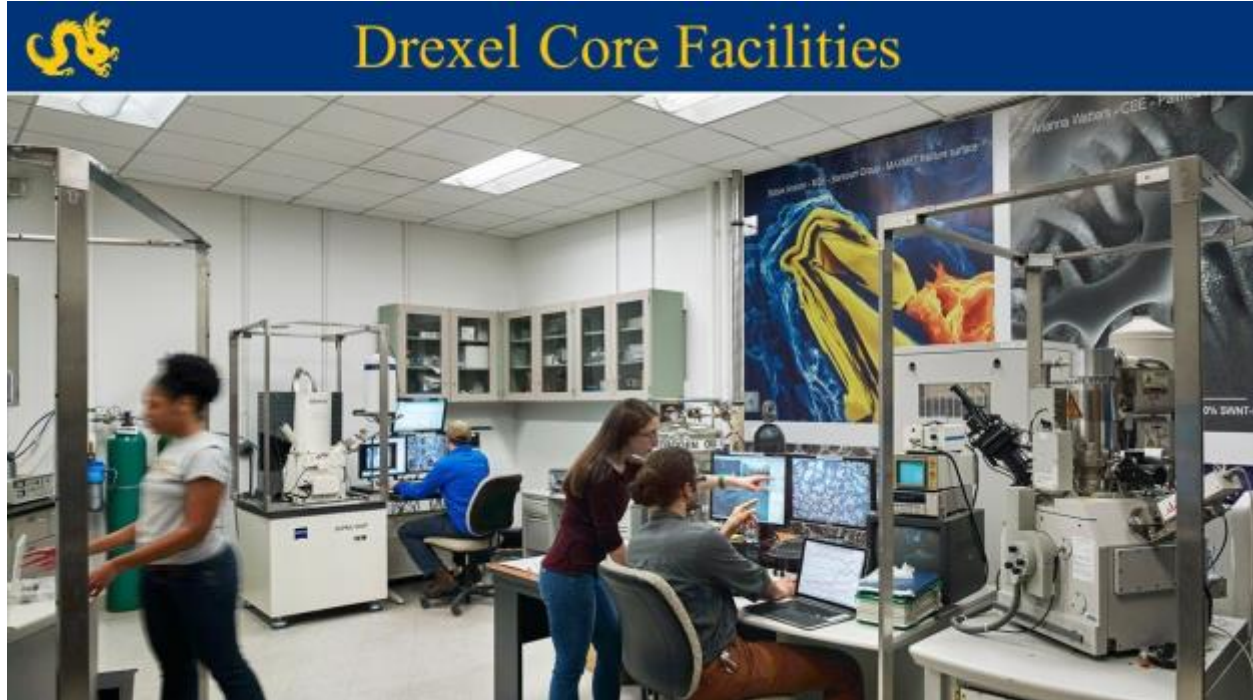
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<sup>21</sup><mailto:jmreilly@drexel.edu>

<sup>22</sup><https://www.bphlfest.com/event/a0063279-7aa6-42ae-9ccc-712577ada0f9/regPage:0a1e6940-7f87-4586-aba5-5535f302d558>

## Online Resources and Links



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- *Office of Research & Innovation*<sup>23</sup>
  - *Find Your Pre-Award Program Administrator*<sup>24</sup>
  - *Resources and Forms*<sup>25</sup>
  - *Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Research Ramp-Up Guidance*<sup>26</sup>
  - *Contact members of the Office of Research & Innovation*<sup>27</sup>
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<sup>23</sup><https://drexel.edu/research>

<sup>24</sup><https://drexel.edu/research/about/find-program-administrator/>

<sup>25</sup><https://drexel.edu/research/resources/documents-and-forms/>

<sup>26</sup><https://drexel.edu/research/resources/response-to-covid-19-pandemic/>

<sup>27</sup><https://drexel.edu/research/about/contact/>

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We Want To Hear From YOU! Let us know what you like (or don't like) about our newsletter and which research administration topics you'd like to learn more about. All feedback is welcome. Contact Us<sup>28</sup>.

To locate a resource contact in the Office of Research & Innovation visit this page<sup>29</sup>.

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