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SPARK Innovation Competition 2018

SPARK is a 24-hour think-tank style competition giving you the chance to solve real-world problems alongside professional engineers, scientists and industry representatives. The competition is open to all Drexel, Villanova, Temple, and Penn undergraduate and master-level students of all disciplines interested in creating solutions to energy, water and environmental issues. Space is limited and the selection process is competitive. This year's competition will be held at Villanova University the evening of Nov. 8 and all day Nov. 9. For more information and to apply, visit the SPARK Innovation Competition webpage. **Deadline to apply is Sunday, October 28, 2018.**

Resignation of Leading Cancer Researcher Highlights Importance of Disclosing Conflicts of Interest

The recent, highly publicized case of Jose Baselga, MD, PhD, is an important reminder of the need for faculty to disclose institutional and financial conflicts of interest. Baselga, a world-renowned oncologist and researcher, was forced to resign his position as chief medical officer of New York's Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center after failing to disclose payments from pharmaceutical and health care companies. Conflicts themselves are not prohibited, and most conflicts, once disclosed, can be mitigated or eliminated through the installation of a conflict management plan. It is the failure to disclose known conflicts that can result in ethical violations. Learn more about how conflicts of interest are managed at Drexel.

News & Announcements

Revision of NSF Award Terms and Conditions

A number of National Science Foundation (NSF) Award Terms and Conditions have been revised, and important changes include: revision of the Micro-purchase and Simplified Acquisition Thresholds (Procurement Standards) article, and implementation of the "Notification Requirements Regarding Sexual Harassment, Other Forms of Harassment, or Sexual Assault" award term and condition. The revised Terms and Conditions will apply to all new NSF awards and funding amendments to existing NSF awards made on or after October 22, 2018. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the DIAS Policy Office at policy@nsf.gov.

NIH Loan Repayment Programs: A Lifeline for Biomedical and Bio-behavioral Researchers

Established by Congress, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) are designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals into biomedical or biobehavioral research careers by alleviating early-career researchers' financial pressure by repaying up to $35,000 annually ($70,000 over a two-year contract) of a researcher's qualifying educational debt in return for a commitment to engage in research areas important to the mission of NIH. On average, nearly 50% of all new LRP applications are funded, and these awards are competitively renewable (for a one or two-year period) until all educational debt is repaid. The application cycle is open from Sept 1 – Nov 15, 2018, so NOW is the time to learn more about the five extramural NIH LRPs and apply for your lifeline today.

Human Research Protection Update

In preparation for the January compliance date for the revised COMMON RULE, please utilize the revised consent template, located in the Documents and Forms section of our website, for all new submissions and continuing reviews.

Update on NIH Extension Policy for Early Stage Investigators

The NIH remains strongly committed to the Next Generation Researchers Initiative (NGRI) policy to fund more early career investigators and to enhance biomedical research workforce diversity. NIH defines an Early Stage Investigator (ESI) as a Program Director / Principal Investigator (PD/PI) who has completed her/his terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, whichever date is later, within the past 10 years and who has not previously competed successfully as PD/PI for a substantial NIH independent research award. NIH considers requests for extension of the ESI period for various reasons, including medical concerns, disability, extended periods of clinical training, natural disasters, active duty military service. Each of these requests is reviewed on a case by case basis. Because close to 50% of the ESI extension requests are related to childbirth, effective immediately, NIH will approve an ESI extension of one year for childbirth within the ESI period. PDs/PIs must provide the child's date of birth in the extension request justification on the NIH Extension portal.

NSF Fall Grants Conference Webcast

Experience the Fall 2018 National Science Foundation (NSF) Grants Conference virtually! The plenary sessions for the upcoming conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, on November 8-9, 2018, will be webcast live to the research community. View the plenary sessions to gain key insights into a wide range of current issues at NSF including: the state of current funding, new and current policies and procedures, and pertinent administrative issues. Visit the conference website to view the agenda and to register.

New NIH Peer Review Videos for Applicants

The NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) has released two new videos for grant applicants, their mentors, and grant management officials. What Happens to Your NIH Grant Application showcases one of the most popular outreach presentations, giving viewers insights into how their applications are reviewed so they can better navigate the NIH peer review process. Top 10 Peer Review Q&As for NIH Applicants presents 10 experts from the CSR to answer the top 10 questions about the submission and review of NIH grant applications. Applicants with more questions are encouraged to visit CSR's new webpage that presents the top 100 NIH peer review Q&As, which are part of a larger collection of NIH peer review videos and can be viewed and downloaded for later playback.

Funding Opportunity Resources

Spotlighted External Funding Opportunities

NIH Lymphatics in Health and Disease in the Digestive System

NIH Diabetes Research Centers (P30)

NSF Energy, Power, Control, and Networks (EPCN)

NSF Humans, Disasters, and the Built Environment (HDBE)

PCORI Engagement Award: Conference Support

Burroughs Wellcome Fund Physician-Scientist Institutional Awards

Extramural Funding

University Libraries

Internal Funding and Limited Submissions

Drexel University Funding Portal

Events & Education

The Office of Research regularly offers a wide variety of workshops. Upcoming workshops include:

DATE	WORKSHOP TITLE
October 30	Banner Effort Reporting for Certifiers
November 7	The Single IRB: Letters of Reliance
November 13	Banner Effort Reporting for Pre-Reviewers
November 15	Final Invoices, Final Financial Reports and Closeouts
November 20	Final Rule: Human Subjects
November 28	AAHRPP Accreditation

December 4   The ABCs of Setting Up an Award

Locations vary and seats are limited, so sign up through Career Pathway today. We look forward to seeing you!

- Visit DrexelOne.
- Log in to DrexelOne and select the Employee tab
- Select Career Pathway under the "Development and Certifications" header
- Use the Events Calendar under the Learning tab to find a session or select "Workplace Skills" from the left menu to narrow the search
- Select the Request button to register

The Office of Research will also create personalized presentations for faculty, support staff, students and anyone involved in the administration or conduct of research at Drexel. For more information about developing a session tailored to the needs and location of your group, please contact us.

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