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New HRPP Director



We are pleased to [announce](#) that after an almost year-long search, Gabrielle Rebillard has been appointed the new Director of the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) in the Office of Research, effective March 18, 2019. Gabrielle joins us from Temple University, where she served their Human Research Protection Program, and boasts extensive experience in IRB support, human research training and outreach, and compliance procedures. Over the next few weeks and months, we will be reaching out to many of you to schedule preliminary meetings with Gabrielle to continue fostering a dynamic research community. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Gabrielle. She is located on the 7th floor of Bellet with the rest of our Human Research Protection team.

News & Announcements

Guidance on Salary Limitation and Cooperative Agreements FY 2019

Since 1990, Congress has legislatively mandated a limitation on direct salary for individuals under National Institutes of Health (NIH) awards. The Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019, restricts the amount of direct salary to Executive Level II of the Federal Executive pay scale. The Office of Personnel Management has recently released new salary levels for the Executive Pay Scale. [Effective January 6, 2019, the salary limitation for Executive Level II is \\$192,300.](#) For awards issued in those years that were restricted to Executive Level II (see [historical record of salary cap](#)), including competing awards already issued in FY2019, if adequate funds are available in active awards, and if the salary cap increase is consistent with the institutional base salary, grantees may re-budget funds to accommodate the current Executive Level II salary level. However, no additional funds will be provided to these grant awards.

[Social Science Research Committee sponsored by the Office of Research](#)

For the past six years, the Office of Research has sponsored a group of faculty to help spur social sciences research at the university. Originally named the Social Sciences Initiatives, we have recently renamed this group the Social Sciences Research Committee (SSRC). The mission of the SSRC is to advance social science scholarship of Drexel University through an engaging and sustainable research community. Social science is broadly defined as the study of society and/or the relationships among people, groups, or institutions within societies. The accomplishment of this mission requires mechanisms that facilitate communication among social scientists, promote a strong collective identity, enhance the awareness of social science research aligned with the University's strategic initiatives, provide opportunities for social scientists to develop methodological expertise, support efforts to acquire external funding, identify and encourage collaboration among social scientists and between social scientists and scholars in other disciplines, and increase students' understanding of—and participation in—social science research. If you consider yourself a social scientist or your research is related to social science, you are welcome to [join the Social Science Research Community Group](#) (formerly Social Science Initiative mailing list). SSRC will [use several tools and organize a series of activities](#) to build a social science research community, including their "Tuesdays at 2" events. [Registration](#) is now open for these upcoming sessions:

- May 7 (Primer on Qualitative Research)
- May 14 (Publishing Qualitative Research)
- May 21 (Mixture Models for Longitudinal Analysis Webinar)

The Office of Research thanks SSRC members for their diligent work and encourages social scientists from across campus to participate in SSRC activities!

New Protocol Template for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Involving Humans

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) [has announced](#) the release of a clinical trial protocol template with instructional and example text for NIH funded investigators to use in writing protocols for behavioral and social sciences clinical trials. This template was developed in response to changes in NIH policies that expanded the requirements associated with clinical trials beyond FDA-regulated clinical trials to those studies including behavioral or social interventions. Use of the template is recommended, but not required. The protocol template is an effective resource for communicating the science, methods, and operations of a clinical trial, to guide training and accountability of study staff, to allow for efficient review by peers and oversight bodies, and to ensure adherence to the International Conference on Harmonisation (ICH) E6 Good Clinical Practice guidelines, and to guide replication studies.

Drexel's 4th Annual Research Showcase

With over 100 partnerships around the world, Drexel research is happening on every continent and is enhancing our global impact. The Interim Vice Provost for Global Engagement invites the Drexel

community to join us as we showcase and celebrate international research on Monday, May 20, 2019, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Geri C. LeBow Hall. The research showcase will conclude with an end of year Global Engagement Reception as we recognize faculty and student's commitment to enhancing Drexel's global impact. Faculty and students who are involved in international research (research on an international topic or with international collaborators) are invited to present their work to the campus community. Submissions to present are due by May 3 at 5 p.m. [Register today!](#)

SRA International Delaware Valley Chapter Meeting

Join your colleagues at the [SRAI Delaware Valley Chapter](#) meeting on May 13th at the University of Pennsylvania's Houston Hall. This year's meeting will provide something for everyone, with concurrent sessions that include developing leadership skills, preparing for institutional audits, clinical trial registration and result reporting, award preparation for post award success, departmental administration, all designed to help develop your skills and knowledge in the profession of research administration, and much more. Register today!

ExCITE Center's Seed Fund

Since 2012, the ExCITE Center's Annual Seed Fund has supported transdisciplinary research and innovation across the University. [Each year](#), the program awards grants to 3 novel, transdisciplinary, and collaborative projects, with awardees receiving up to \$5,000 for their projects. At least one member of the applying team should be Drexel faculty or professional staff, and proposals should be no longer than three pages (plus a budget). The deadline for applications is June 1, 2019. Submit questions and/or applications to Ashley Kole at akole@drexel.edu.

Scientific Misconduct In The News

Recently, both the [Department of Justice](#) and The Chronicle of Higher Education have highlighted a Scientific-Misconduct lawsuit levied against Duke University. The issue? An allegation of submitting falsified data to obtain \$200 million dollars in federal research grants. The lawsuit also alleged that Duke was complicit in covering up the fraud. This case ended with a \$112.M settlement, the retraction of 12 scientific papers, the reimbursement of 30 federal grants received by the institution and additional oversight required for grants which are less than \$250,000. While Duke released a statement outlining the actions taken against the research technician accused as well as interventions put in place to prevent this from happening again, the fact that it occurred is troubling, to say the least. This event sends a strong message regarding the importance of research integrity at research institutions. Much like the Department of Justice, who joined the lawsuit, here at Drexel, "scientific misconduct, fraud, and dishonesty will not be tolerated," in the research and research funding process. This was echoed in recent debriefs with federal sponsors at the FBI Headquarters here in Philadelphia. Drexel is committed to upholding the highest standards of ethics, honesty, and integrity in research and for that reason have [several resources](#) at your disposal. For any questions or inquiries, please feel free to

contact the Research Integrity Officer, Kairi D. Williams at kdw38@drexel.edu or researchintegrity@drexel.edu.

Human Research Misconduct In The News

For a year, the University of Illinois at Chicago has played down its shortcomings in overseeing the work of a [prominent child psychiatrist who violated research protocols](#) and put vulnerable children with bipolar disorder at risk. However, documents newly obtained by ProPublica Illinois show that the university acknowledged to federal officials that it had missed several warning signs that Mani Pavuluri's clinical trial on lithium had gone off track, eventually requiring the university to pay a [then unprecedented \\$3.1M penalty](#) to the federal government.

Twitter Thread about the NIH Specific Aims Page

For a fun and informative take on the NIH Specific Aims Page, which the author states “is THE most important document in your [application] package,” scroll through [these tweets](#), which faculty and trainees might find both helpful and entertaining. Thanks to Dr. Elias Spiliotis from CoAS' Department of Biology for sharing this interesting read!

Westphal College Research & Creative Works Showcase

On April 5th, the [Westphal College of Media Arts and Design](#) welcomed the Drexel Community to hear Westphal faculty present on their research and creative work. One faculty member from each of the College's seven departments – Architecture, Design & Urbanism; Art & Art History; Art & Entertainment Enterprise; Cinema & Television; Design; Digital Media; and Performing Arts – gave brief but riveting presentations on their research and creative work. Westphal is a diverse College with stellar faculty and the occasion was a unique opportunity to see some of the spectacular work their faculty produces.

Funding Opportunity Resources

Spotlighted External Funding Opportunities

[American Urological Association: 2019 Rising Stars in Urology Research Award](#)

[DOD CDMRP FY19 Bone Marrow Failure Research Program \(BMFRP\)](#)

[DOD CDMRP FY19 Multiple Sclerosis Research Program \(MSRP\)](#)

[NIH BRAIN Initiative: Tools to Facilitate High-Throughput Microconnectivity Analysis \(R01\)](#)

[NIH Focused Technology Research and Development \(R01\)](#)

[NSF Centers for Chemical Innovation \(CCI\)](#)

[NSF EHR Core Research: Production Engineering Education and Research \(ECR: PEER\)](#)

[Scleroderma Foundation Peer-Review Grant Program](#)

Extramural Funding

[University Libraries](#)

Internal Funding and Limited Submissions

[Drexel University Funding Portal](#)

Events & Education

The Office of Research cordially welcomes your attendance at our Spring 2019 Workshop Series.

The lineup is as follows:

DATE	WORKSHOP TITLE
April 30	Optimizing the Contracting Process
May 1	The Single IRB: Letters of Reliance
May 8	Banner Effort Reporting for Pre-Reviewers
May 14	Revisions to the Common Rule (aka the Final Rule)
May 16	Final Invoices, Final Financial Reports and Closeouts
May 23	Pre-Award Workflow: From Idea to Award

Locations vary and seats are limited so sign up through Career Pathway starting March 6th.

- 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
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- Select the Request button to register

Additionally, the Office of Research can create personalized presentations for faculty, support staff, students and others 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](#).

We look forward to seeing you!

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.

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