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## A Note From the Executive Vice Provost

Dear Colleagues,

The end of the year is a time for reflection and promise. As we reflect on the previous year, our research enterprise reached new levels as demonstrated with our Carnegie R1 ranking. That ranking reflects the accomplishments of the student, staff and faculty that carry out, and support, Drexel's research, scholarly and creative activities. With this in mind, I would like to take a moment to recognize several of our own Drexel researchers. Michael Waring, Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering [challenged our perceptions of house plants and air purification](#). Christian Sell, Ph.D., Ibiyonu Lawrence, MD, and associates from the College of Medicine are investigating how [Rapamycin may slow the skin aging process](#). Led by Genevieve Dion, the [Center for Functional Fabrics and the Fabric Discovery Center](#) opened a new facility in Schuylkill Yards this year, where they are creating the next generation of textile devices. Finally, Tom Quinn of the Westphal College of Media Arts and Design whose [film "Colewell" is meeting with critical acclaim](#).

There are so many more of you in our research community who have truly raised the bar, and I wish I could recognize each of you individually. It is all of you that make our research community vibrant and make our Drexel Community what it is today.

Wishing you abundance, happiness and peace in the new year.

Happy Holidays,

## News & Announcements

### College of Medicine Seeking Research Opportunities for Medical Students

The College of Medicine is hoping to increase the number and types of research opportunities available to Drexel medical students. These opportunities could come from investigators with ongoing projects or from those with an idea who are willing to mentor students to carry out the project. Drexel faculty members who have such a project are invited to submit the information online at [Medical Student Research Opportunities](#). Thank you for your consideration. Questions? Please contact [Marie Hartman](#).

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### Tech TakeOver: Center for Functional Fabrics/ PA Fabric Discovery Center

Check out the Center for Functional Fabrics/ Pa Discovery Center's latest feature by PBS where they tour our 10,000-square-foot smart fabrics laboratory here at Drexel University. The space opened this year with a \$1.5 million state grant. [\[Read more\]](#)

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### HRPP Launching New IRB Webpage

The office of Human Research Protection is excited to announce that they will be launching a new IRB webpage. The page will be going live in January of 2020. The changes to the webpage include greater transparency of regulatory documents and outlines tools and processes associated with IRB review. The HRPP team hopes these changes will improve the ease of use and clarity of the content for the research community. Training sessions are in the development stage and will be available in-person and online for your ease of use. Have questions? Please feel free to reach out to the [HRPP team](#).

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### New Hires to the Office of Research & Innovation

The Office of Research and Innovation is glad to welcome new team members to Drexel. As you may know, our team members serve in various capacities to help facilitate the research enterprise. It is a pleasure to welcome them to the team. In Human Research Protection, we welcome **Alexander Vogel** as an IRB Project Coordinator II. Alexander comes to us from ICON Plc, in Utica where he served as a Quality Control Analyst. Alexander has his Masters of Science in Biomedical Engineering from Drexel University. In Pre-Award, we welcome two new members to the team, **Scott Krefetz**, and **Kia Haslam**. Scott comes to us from Cheyney University of Pennsylvania where he served as a Project Manager for the Finance and Administration Office. Scott has his B.S. in Business Management from Towson University. Kia comes to us from the American Reading Company where she served as an Accounts Payable Manager, Kia has her Bachelors of Science in Accounting from Peirce College. Finally, in the Research Operations and Compliance team, we welcome **Kerry Bolen**, as the Shared Services Coordinator. Kerry served as a Unit Representative at the Saint Barnabas Medical Center and is currently completing her Bachelor's of Science in Public Health at Rutgers.

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### ExCITe Center Young Dragon Proposals

**A new call for proposals** for one-week STEAM activities for the 2020 Young Dragons program is now open until 5:00 P.M. EST on January 17, 2020. Young Dragons is a unique 6 week summer camp offered to middle school students in the West Philadelphia Promise Zone, developed by the ExCITe Center in partnership with The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation. Selected proposals will receive \$5-10K to provide a week of STEAM activities for Young Dragons students in Summer 2020. [Click here](#) for more information and the application form.

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### Kaufman Foundation Letter of Intent Deadline is January 24

The Charles E. Kaufman Foundation of The Pittsburgh Foundation will award annual research grants in 2020 to researchers at Pennsylvania colleges/universities to carry out fundamental research in the areas of biology, chemistry, and physics. Guidelines can be found on the website: <http://kaufman.pittsburghfoundation.org>.

Grant programs include:

- **New Investigator Research Grants** – Up to six awards at a maximum of \$150,000 for two years (\$75,000 per year).
- **New Initiative Research Grants** – Up to four awards at a maximum of \$300,000 for two years (\$150,000 per year).

The deadline for submission of the Letter of Intent is Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, by 11:59 pm. through the online form. Please forward any questions to [kaufmanapps@pghfdn.org](mailto:kaufmanapps@pghfdn.org) or 412-394-2617.

[SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTENT](#)

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### Join the ExCITe Center for T3

Every Third Thursday of the month at Three Pm (T3) The ExCite Center offers an event that features a range of speakers offering five-minute lightning talks about ideas, innovations, and ongoing research within various disciplines. The next ExCITe event is Thursday, January 16, 2020 [\[Read more\]](#)

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### Fiscal Year 2019 - 2023 Facilities and Administration (F&A) Rates for Sponsored Projects Finalized

The office of the Comptroller is pleased to announce that Drexel University has finalized its Facilities and Administrative (F&A), or also known as, Indirect Cost rate negotiation with the Department of Health and Human Services' Cost Allocation Services. The table below outlines the new rates. This information has also been posted on the [Comptroller's Office website](#) along with the [actual PDF](#) of the rate agreement and the rate componentization. Please note that these rates are strictly applicable to awards made directly to Drexel University. Awards for the Academy of Natural Sciences are subject to their specific rate agreement. The Academy of Natural Sciences' rates for FY 2020 are being finalized and we will communicate their rates separately when finalized.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH & INNOVATION AND RESEARCH ACCOUNTING SERVICES**



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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## Funding Opportunity Resources

### Spotlighted External Funding Opportunities

[Biology Integration Institutes \(BII\)](#)

[Cyberlearning for Work at the Human-Technology Frontier](#)

[The Science of Learning and Augmented Intelligence Program \(SL\)](#)

[Training-based Workforce Development for Advanced Cyberinfrastructure \(CyberTraining\)](#)

### Extramural Funding

[University Libraries](#)

### Internal Funding and Limited Submissions

[Drexel University Funding Portal](#)

## Events & Education

In collaboration with various Drexel administrative units, the Office of Research offers a full series of in-person workshops every spring and fall, covering a wide range of research administration topics including eRA, pre-award, post-award, compliance, human research protection and sponsor-specific topics (NIH, NSF, etc.). Dates for our Fall 2019 Workshop Series will be published later this year. We 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](#).

### 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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