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Reorganization to Sustain Drexel as a Top Research University

Drexel's recent attainment of coveted R1 research status in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education puts this University in a strong position, and having reached a ranking for the highest research activity - one that is held by just 37 private universities - we want to make sure we maintain this distinction and achieve even more. Effective immediately, the Office of Corporate Relations and Economic Development will be renamed **Drexel Applied Innovation**, and report to the Provost's Office under the direction of [Aleister J. Saunders, Ph.D.](#), whose title will change to Executive Vice Provost for Research and Innovation. Drexel Ventures and the Office of Technology Commercialization will be part of Drexel Applied Innovation. The reorganization is an acknowledgment of the considerable amount of synergy between the Office of Research and the services provided by the corporate relations and economic development office. [Read more.](#)

Fiscal Year 2020 Approved Fringe Benefit Rates for Sponsored Projects

Drexel University has finalized the negotiations of the fiscal year 2020 fringe benefits rates for sponsored projects with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The finalized rates are for full-time employees have decreased from 31.9% to 31.7% from the proposed rate. Part-time and DUCOM Highly Compensated Faculty rates remain the same as the proposed rates. Coeus and Banner have both been updated to reflect the new rates effective July 1, 2019. For fiscal year 2020, the Academy of Natural Sciences (ANS) will revert to using their non-sponsored fringe benefit rates. Proposal submissions for ANS should utilize these rates for any salary and wages after July 1, 2019. Coeus and Banner have also been updated to reflect this change. [Read more.](#)

New Subaward Administrator on Pre-Award Grants Team

We are pleased to announce the establishment of a new position and process in the Office of Research (OR) for issuing subawards, subcontracts and the associated modifications. Karen Rogers, who initially joined OR this past February as a Grant Administrator, will now take over processing all incoming and outgoing non-clinical subaward agreements, associated modifications, FFATA reporting and the subrecipient monitoring tasks that fall under the purview of the Pre-Award team. We are confident that having one person handle the various subaward procedures will result in timelier and more uniform issuance of documents as well as decrease customer confusion around the subaward process. Feel free to [reach out](#) to Karen directly with subaward-related questions or requests - or just to say hello!

News & Announcements

U.S.- Egypt Science and Technology Joint Fund

The U.S. - Egypt Science & Technology Joint Fund Cycle 20 request for Collaborative Research and Junior Scientist Development Visit Grant proposals is now open. Collaborative Research Grants foster research collaboration between Egyptian and U.S. scientists, with up to \$200,000 USD available for each country's research team. Junior Scientist Development Visit Grants provide up to \$30,000 USD for short-term research training visits for Egyptian researchers to go to U.S. institutions. **The deadline to apply is September 5, 2019 at 11:59 Cairo, Egypt time.** Applications will be accepted in the areas of energy, health, water, agriculture, and machine learning/artificial intelligence applications. Researchers from U.S. and Egyptian scientific institutes, universities, research centers, and governmental agencies are eligible to apply. U.S. researchers from private sector companies are also eligible to apply. For more information and to apply, please visit [the National Academies' website](#).

Breaches of Peer Review Integrity

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) defines a breach of review integrity as any violation of a core value of NIH peer review. It is their priority to engage with the community about what constitutes a breach of NIH peer review integrity – including, but not limited to: a reviewer sending grant applications to their postdocs to write their critiques; someone revealing that they reviewed a particular application; a reviewer disclosing how another reviewer scored an application; a principal investigator (PI) approaching a reviewer at a scientific conference to discuss her/his institution's application in which s/he is designated as PI. Yes, each of these constitutes a breach of NIH peer review integrity. Potential consequences of breaches of review integrity include terminating the review or Council member's service in peer review, pursuing a referral for suspension or debarment, or other possibilities that could result in criminal penalties. [Read more.](#)

Update from NSTC Joint Committee on Research Environments

On July 9, 2019, the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), with management guidance from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), hosted a meeting of the NSTC Joint Committee on the Research Environment (or NSTC J-CORE). Led by senior government officials who chair the NSTC Committee on Science and the NSTC Committee on the S&T Enterprise, J-CORE is composed of four independent sub-committees each tackling a key issue critical to the future health and well-being of the American R&D ecosystem: the Subcommittee on Safe and Inclusive Research Environments; the Subcommittee on Rigor and Integrity in Research; the Subcommittee on Research Security; the Subcommittee on Reducing Administrative Burdens. The [meeting summary](#) is available to the public.

2019 Sixth National CIRTL Forum

The Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL) invites registrants for their 6th National Forum to be held **October 13-15, 2019** at Drexel University. CIRTL seeks to enhance excellence in STEM undergraduate education through the development of a national faculty committed to implementing and advancing evidence-based teaching practices for diverse learners. The annual forum offers attendees opportunities to interact with visionary thought-leaders in higher education, gain perspectives from current and future faculty, and enjoy rich discussions and innovative programming. [Register today!](#)

NSF Dear Colleague Letter: Research Protection

France Córdoba, Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF), has penned a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) about a sensitive and important challenge facing the entire science and engineering community, the importance of international collaboration, and the steps the NSF is taking to respond to evolving risks in order to protect the vital endeavors of dedicated researchers. Dr. Cordova asks for your input and support so that we can work with the NSF to develop solutions that are needed to promote the progress of science, to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare, and to secure the national defense, even if it means making changes to long-standing policies and practices.

FAQs Posted for "Responsibilities of Recipient Institutions in Communicating Misconduct to the NIH"

In October of 2018, the NIH published [NOT-OD-19-020](#), or "Responsibilities of Recipient Institutions in Communicating Misconduct to the NIH," which detailed efforts partner institutions must take to maintain the integrity of NIH-funded research. On July 23, 2019, NIH published additional [FAQs](#) to provide guidance for recipient institutions.

Understanding NIH/AHRQ Resubmission Rules

Submitting an application can be stressful. Re-submitting an application can be downright confusing. The NIH and AHRQ have published and revised specific rules around resubmission applications. To help alleviate confusion, they offer the following "basics" of the resubmission rules:

- Only a single [resubmission \(A1\)](#) of a competing [new](#), [revision](#) or [renewal](#) application ([A0](#)) will be accepted.
- Following an unsuccessful [resubmission \(A1\)](#) application, applicants may submit the same idea as a [new \(A0\)](#) application for the next appropriate [new](#) application due date (see [NOT-OD-18-197](#) for exceptions).
- Resubmissions (A1s) must be submitted within 37 months of the last competing [new](#), [revision](#), or [renewal \(A0\)](#) application.

For more details on the policy and specific examples, please review the [full notice](#).

Funding Opportunity Resources

Spotlighted External Funding Opportunities

[DOD CDMRP Defense Medical Research and Development Program](#)

[DOD CDMRP Clinical and Rehabilitative Medicine Research Program](#)

[Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Research Funding Opportunities](#)

[Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Infection Research Initiative Awards](#)

[NIH Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence \(COBRE\) Phase 1 \(P20 - Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

[NIH Loan Repayment Program](#)

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

[NSF Critical Aspects of Sustainability \(CNS\)](#)

[Supplemental Funding: Support for Student Design Projects Directly Related to NSF Research](#)

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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