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## **A Note From the Executive Vice Provost**

Dear Colleagues,

As you may know, we are currently in the midst of replacing COEUS here at the University. COEUS has been a workhorse for our research enterprise for over 10 years. With funding secured and a vetted project plan, we are now launching the public phase of the COEUS replacement project. You can read more on the COEUS replacement project update [here](#), and view a PowerPoint Deck

outlining the current project status [here](#). Here is a quick summary of imminent project goals:

- We are finalizing the system selection and will make the final decision by March 31, 2020.
- We are finalizing our governance team who will be responsible for defining the project scope, executing oversight, project performance and outcomes.
- We are building our program communications model to ensure transparency, clarity, and timeliness.

This replacement will touch many aspects of the research enterprise, from IRB and IACUC protocols submission and review, proposal submission, and sponsored project management. The COEUS replacement team, led by Doug Stay, has done some great work developing an implementation project plan to make this process as easy and painless for all of us that utilize COEUS. We thank everyone who has been involved up to this point for their assistance, and input.

Best,  
Aleister

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aleister J. Saunders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Aleister  
Executive Vice Provost for Research and Innovation

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Ph.D.

## News & Announcements

### Volunteers Needed for AAHRPP Accreditation Work Group

The HRPP will be submitting its Step 1 Application for reaccreditation on **June 15, 2020**. A small workgroup is needed to help complete the HRPP Self-Assessment which involves a review of the HRPP's documents, policies, and procedures to ensure compliance with AAHRPP standards. Representatives of the IRB, legal,

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COI, contracts and researcher communities are urgently needed as the Self-Assessment process will begin in March. For more information or to volunteer, please email the HRPP Director, [Gabrielle Rebillard](mailto:Gabrielle.Rebillard@drexel.edu) at [gmr59@drexel.edu](mailto:gmr59@drexel.edu)

### **Symposium on Addressing the Underrepresentation of Women in STEMM**

The National Academies Committee on Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine is holding a [Symposium on Addressing the Underrepresentation of Women in STEMM](#) on **March 19th** in the Kavli Auditorium at the National Academy of Sciences building.

The day's event will feature presentations of the latest research and in-depth discussion with experts and leaders on the state of knowledge on the range of issues addressed in a soon-to-be-released study. Among the key issues the report will address are:

- How women's participation and leadership varies across scientific, engineering, and medical disciplines
- How the intersection of race and gender affects women of color in science, engineering, and medicine
- Which interventions can produce sustained improvements in the representation and leadership of women in science, engineering, and medicine
- Why effective interventions haven't been scaled up or adopted at more institutions

More information on confirmed speakers for the event are available through the registration page. If you have questions about the event, please contact Alex Helman at [ahelman@nas.edu](mailto:ahelman@nas.edu).

### **Request for Information: Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications**

Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), and the National Science and Technology Council's (NSTC) Subcommittee on Open Science (SOS), are engaged in ongoing efforts to facilitate implementation and compliance with the 2013 memorandum *Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research* and to address recommended actions made by the Government Accountability Office in a November 2019 report.

OSTP and the SOS continue to explore opportunities to increase access to unclassified published research, digital scientific data, and code supported by the U.S. Government. This RFI aims to provide all interested individuals and organizations with the opportunity to provide recommendations on approaches for ensuring broad public access to the peer-reviewed scholarly publications, data, and code that result from federally funded scientific research. Comments submitted in response to this notice may be submitted online to Lisa Nichols, Assistant Director for Academic Engagement, OSTP, at [publicaccess@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:publicaccess@ostp.eop.gov) [\[Read More...\]](#)

### **8th Annual Autism Public Health Lecture**

Join the A.J. Drexel Autism Institute for the [Eighth Annual Autism Public Health Lecture](#) on **Wednesday, March 18, 2020, from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** in Behrakis Grand Hall.

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Julia Bascom will provide an overview of the autistic self- advocacy movement, and describe the purpose, process, and ethical necessity of participatory policymaking and research. Drawing on ASAN's work, she will lay out what a policy and research agenda informed by autistic people themselves would entail, and how to get there.

Introductory remarks from the office of Senator Bob Casey, Jr. and Mayor Jim Kenney.  
Please see flyer below for more information.

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Autism Institute



**Julia Bascom** serves as Executive Director at the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN). ASAN is a national grassroots disability rights organization run by and for autistic adults, advocating for systems change and ensuring that the voices of autistic people are heard in policy debates and the halls of power. ASAN believes that the goal of autism advocacy should be a world in which autistic people enjoy equal access, rights, and opportunities. Before joining ASAN, Julia served on the DD council in her home state of New Hampshire and co-led an inter-agency team to revitalize self-advocacy within the state. Julia edited *Loud Hands: Autistic People, Speaking*, an anthology of writings by autistic people, and currently serves on the advisory board of Felicity House, the board of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, and the board of Allies For Independence.



## THE EIGHTH ANNUAL AUTISM PUBLIC HEALTH LECTURE

### Nothing About Us Without Us: Autistic People Shaping Research and Policy About Our Lives

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

*Continental Breakfast provided 8:30 am – 9:00 AM*

Behrakis Grand Hall  
3210 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Register for the event here

*For more information contact*

*AutismInstitute@drexel.edu*

[drexel.edu/AutismInstitute/events](http://drexel.edu/AutismInstitute/events)

## ExCITe Center @ SXSW

In June 2018, the team at the ExCITe Center released the [Making Culture report](#), an in-depth nationwide examination of K-12 makerspaces. The report revealed substantial implicit bias and gaps in inclusion within maker education. Building upon these findings, we are developing community-based, inclusive-by-design, maker learning programs in the West Philadelphia Promise Zone and partnering with researchers in other locations on similar efforts. The ExCITe Center team of Dr. Kareem Edouard (Drexel University - School of Education), Dr. Youngmoo Kim (Director of the ExCITe Center), and Dr. Christopher Wright (Drexel University - School of Education) [will present program designs and preliminary findings](#), focusing on middle and high school age students to the audience at SXSW EDU 2020 this March. [Stay tuned by following the team on Twitter.](#)

## Drexel Emerging Graduate Scholars Conference

The Graduate Student Association (GSA), in partnership with the Graduate College and Office of Research & Innovation, hosts the annual **Drexel Emerging Graduate Scholars (DEGS) Conference**, a free, student-run, University-wide conference highlighting Drexel's most impactful graduate student research.

### **The 2020 Drexel Emerging Graduate Scholars Conference**

*Wednesday, April 22 & Thursday, April 23, 2020*

Bossone Research Enterprise Center

3126 Market Street

Philadelphia, PA 19104

The conference provides opportunities for graduate students to participate in pre-conference professional development workshops, showcase their research (at any level) to those outside of their academic discipline, network with student peers, postdocs, alumni, faculty and professional staff from across the University and compete for monetary awards.

The Drexel Emerging Graduate Scholars Conference also offers the University community the opportunity to learn more about graduate research that aims to solve global challenges through creative, innovative and cutting edge methods. Student participants are selected for their great promise and potential to impact positive change.

[Learn More Here](#)

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# DREXEL UNIVERSITY EMERGING GRADUATE SCHOLARS

Designing Research that Improves Practice



## GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

April 22-23, 2020

Bossone Research Enterprise Center

[www.drexel.edu/graduatecollege/degsc](http://www.drexel.edu/graduatecollege/degsc)

### **National Institutes of Health Salary Cap Increase**

Effective January 5, 2020, the NIH salary limitation (cap) for Executive Level II has been increased to \$197,300. Salaries above the \$197,300 limit must be allocated to the impacted grant's cost share fund. All COEUS records should reflect the actual salary listed in Banner. However, the NIH application should have the Salary Limitation Cap entered as the salary. This is so that cost-sharing is accurately reflected in the COEUS record. [\[Read More...\]](#)

### **Important National Science Foundation Updates**

The NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 20-1) has released significant changes and clarifications, which will be effective June 1, 2020. Please pay special attention to: Biosketch

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update requirements, Data Deposit Cost/ Data Curation Cost, Synergistic Activities, and Intellectual Merit Changes. You can read the document in its entirety [here](#).

Additionally, NSF requires information on all current and pending support for ongoing projects and proposals. Detailed information about the content is available in the [Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide \(PAPPG\), Chapter, II.C.2.h](#). A set of frequently asked questions related to current and pending support also is available.

Use of an NSF-approved format for current and pending support will be required upon implementation of the PAPPG (NSF 20-1), for all proposals submitted or due on or after June 1, 2020. [\[Read More...\]](#)

### Drexel Administrative Professionals Networking Event

Drexel's Administrative Professionals Learning Community (DAPLC) is a wide community of professionals dedicated to a shared learning environment that promotes integrity, intention, and inclusion, and contributes to the growth and success of every member through providing resources, sharing knowledge, and fostering community at Drexel. As a research administrator, you may benefit greatly from being a part of this community, and we encourage you to come check us out. We hold regular events and have an online learning community, and our group is open to anyone with an interest in learning, collaborating, networking, sharing knowledge, and of course having fun!

Come check out one of our events! We hold a networking event for all DAPLC members every quarter that includes informal networking time as well as more structured seminars on topics relevant to our professional development. Our next event is coming up on **March 12th**, and we hope you'll sign up in Career Pathway and come join us in University City to learn more about diversity, equity, and inclusion, and their importance to all of our professional lives and job functions.

If you would like to learn more about the DAPLC or how you can benefit from joining our community, please reach out to Christine Chacko ([cchacko@drexel.edu](mailto:cchacko@drexel.edu)). Looking forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to the learning community!

### Strategic Plan Survey Seeks Faculty & Professional Staff Input

The Executive Planning Committee (EPC), has been working on the development of a new strategic plan to guide Drexel University over the course of the next decade. They are now at a point where they would like to gain additional insight from the Drexel community to aid in this important work. To do so, you are invited to participate in a brief, confidential survey: [Strategic Plan Survey](#)

Your input will be helpful to the EPC as it develops a draft institutional vision, charter statement and strategic priorities to take us through 2030.

Updates on the strategic planning process, including a list of EPC members, can be found at the [plan website](#).

Funding Opportunity Resources

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## Spotlighted External Funding Opportunities

[Dimensions of Biodiversity](#)

[Navigating the New Arctic Community Office \(NNA-CO\)](#)

[Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering \(CDS&E\)](#)

[Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases \(EEID\)](#)

[Social Psychology](#)

## 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 & Innovation offers a full series of in-person workshops every spring and fall, covering a wide range of research administration topics including COEUS, pre-award, post-award, compliance, human research protection, and sponsor-specific topics (NIH, NSF, etc.). Dates for our next 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.

This message sent via Drexel Announcement Mail was approved by  
Aleister J. Saunders, PhD, Executive Vice Provost for Research and Innovation

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