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A Note From the Executive Vice Provost

Dear Colleagues,

This past summer, President Fry sent a university-wide message re-iterating the university's commitment to our international education and research partnerships at a time when federal agencies and policymakers have expressed concerns that foreign entities are trying to use academic research institutions to compromise national security and economic competitiveness. Federal agencies assert that some foreign entities are mounting systematic programs that inappropriately influence researchers to divert intellectual property, share confidential information, and provide substantial resources that are not disclosed to the researcher's home institution. While we must remain

alert and take steps to guard against any attempt to compromise our research enterprise, we are committed to protecting our academic freedom and ensuring that international students and scholars continue to enrich our classrooms, research, and scholarly & creative activities.

Since this summer's message, we've seen an increase in these concerns being highlighted in the news. Federal law enforcement agencies, as well as federal research sponsors, have increased their awareness activities by reaching out to University leadership. Recently, the Association of Public Land Grant Universities ([APLU](#)), the Association of American Universities ([AAU](#)) with assistance from the American Council on Education ([ACE](#)) and the Council on Governmental Relations ([COGR](#)) created and shared best practices that universities should employ to ensure academic freedom while maintaining the security of research, protecting against intellectual property theft and academic espionage, and preventing actions or activities by foreign governments and/or other entities that seek to exert undue foreign influence or which infringe on core academic values (e.g. free speech, scientific integrity, etc.).

Our office along with the Offices of the General Counsel, Compliance, Privacy & Internal Audit, we have reviewed these best practices and have concluded that Drexel's existing compliance infrastructure materially addresses these new concerns. However, given these evolving risks and potential national security concerns and increased attention on this topic we will be collaborating with faculty and administrators to reassess our current systems, policies, procedures, and processes to ensure that these are in line with best practices and evolving risks.

As the Executive Vice Provost for Research and Innovation, I want to reiterate that Drexel University is committed to international scholarship and collaborative research. With current and past partnerships and projects in over 30 countries, our track record of collaborative research and education coupled with strong individual research groups has kept Drexel globally competitive and provided us opportunities critical to creating new knowledge and to solving society's most pressing issues. The quality and more importantly, the integrity of our researchers and students make Drexel a growing leader in funding, quality and impact.

Stand by for more news and updates on this important topic.



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Executive Vice Provost for Research and Innovation

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News & Announcements

Call For Applications & Nominations

As a means of supporting the ongoing development of our research, scholarship, and creative activities, as well as recognizing excellence in teaching, scholarship, and professional service, the Office of Research and Innovation and the Office of Faculty Affairs are pleased to announce the 2019-2020 Research, Scholarship and Creativity Awards, and the 2019-2020 Provost Awards for Teaching, Scholarship, and Professional Service.

Below you will find a listing of the individual awards with hyperlinks and brief descriptions. Please click on the links for more information about each of the categories and to apply.

[Faculty Summer Research Award](#), February 28, 2020. This award provides tenured and tenure-track faculty members with the opportunity to pursue research activities that will enhance recipient careers as well as increase their contributions to Drexel.

[Provost Award for Outstanding Scholarly Productivity](#), February 14, 2020. This award recognizes tenured faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to their scholarly field and have demonstrated leadership in this respect. Additional eligibility criteria apply.

[Faculty Scholarly and Creative Activity Awards](#), February 28, 2020. These awards, open to all faculty members (preference given to tenured and tenure-track applicants), support scholarly and creative activities of faculty in fields and on projects where limited external funding is available.

[Faculty Bridge Funding Awards](#), February 28, 2020. These awards provide tenured and tenure-track faculty members with the opportunity to apply for gap funding for their research programs when all other sources of funding are exhausted.

[Scholarly Materials and Research Equipment Awards](#), February 28, 2020. These awards, open to all tenured and tenure-track faculty members, are for the acquisition of materials, equipment, software, systems, library collections or other non-personnel items that will enhance the research enterprise. Additional eligibility criteria apply.

[Adjunct Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence](#), February 28, 2020. This award recognizes an adjunct faculty member who exemplifies the highest quality of teaching and mentorship of students.

[Allen Rothwarf Award for Teaching Excellence](#), February 28, 2020. This award recognizes a tenure-track junior faculty member with at least two years of service who exemplifies and coordinates high standards of teaching while developing research in their areas of expertise.

[Barbara G. Hornum Award for Teaching Excellence](#), February 28, 2020. This award recognizes a teaching/clinical faculty member who exemplifies the highest quality of teaching, pedagogical innovation and rigor.

[Evidence-Based Teaching Award in Undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education \(STEM\)](#), February 28, 2020. This award, open to all full-time tenure track or teaching faculty members, recognizes the use of pedagogical strategies that have been shown in the literature to be effective, or the development of innovative approaches being evaluating in the applicant's own classrooms.

[Harold Myers Award for Distinguished Service](#), February 28, 2020. This award recognizes an administrator, member of the professional staff, or full-time or part-time faculty member who has engaged in service work that has been recognized to be truly significant to the University.

[Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching](#), February 28, 2020. This award recognizes outstanding teaching by full-time members of the Drexel University faculty. Additional eligibility criteria apply.

[University Award for Pedagogy and Assessment](#), February 28, 2020. The Pedagogy and Assessment Award recognizes an individual or team who has worked to promote the use of assessment for quality improvement at Drexel University.

[Outstanding New Advisor Award](#), February 28, 2020. The Outstanding New Advisor award recognizes the extraordinary contributions of advisors who guide student progress through their academic paths across the University. This annual award is awarded to an employee Drexel University whose primary role is to serve as an academic advisor.

[Outstanding Professional Advisor Award](#), February 28, 2020. The Outstanding Professional Advisor award recognizes the extraordinary contributions of advisors who guide student progress through their academic paths across the University. This annual award is awarded to an employee Drexel University whose primary role is to serve as an academic advisor.

Questions regarding these awards should be directed to ofaawards@drexel.edu.

SciENCv Resources

[SciENCv](#) (Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae) is a free tool you can use to generate an NIH and NSF biosketch using information in your [My Bibliography](#) account and [eRA Commons](#) account. NCBI's SciENCv integrates with My Bibliography, eRA Commons, and other resources to help you generate a compliant biosketch for applications and progress reports. NIH/NSF encourages investigators to use it but it is not required at this time. In the future it will be required NSF/ NIH to submit proposals.

[Drexel has Libraries pages for SciENCv](#) and [ORCID iD](#). There are written instructions (and a video tutorial for SciENCv) on both pages, as well as links to NCBI and/or Drexel Libraries help (via "Contact your Liaison Librarian").

COEUS Records

- Please ensure box # 8 in COEUS under export controls has the location at Drexel University where the work is being performed., with a physical address.
 - FCIO (financial conflict of interest forms-need to be included for **Principle Investigators (Pi's)/ Key Persons** named in a COEUS record.
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- Please be sure to complete the credit split section in the COUES record, if you have 1 or more Investigators.

As of 02/01/2019 we will reject /recall any record that does not have the items listed above completed.

Request for Participants in COEUS Replacement Committees

The Office of Research and Innovation (ORI) is pleased to initiate the process of replacing Drexel's COEUS electronic research administration (eRA) system. As part of this effort, we are inviting faculty and staff across the University to be a part of the process by serving on several working committees.

If you are interested in serving – please complete the following brief survey:

https://drexel.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9NtPI8tDNWW92kt

The COEUS replacement is a major investment in the University's research enterprise and reflects the University's continued commitment to our new R1 status and commitment to grow the research enterprise while trying to reduce the administrative burden associated with sponsored research.

3rd Annual Research & Creative Works Showcase

Join Westphal College of Media Arts & Design on **Friday, February 28th at 10:30am** for the third annual Westphal College Research & Creative Works Showcase. 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 – will give brief presentations on their research and creative work. This is a diverse College with stellar faculty and this occasion is a unique opportunity to see some of the impressive work our faculty produces. [\[read more\]](#)

Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Fringe Benefit Rates For Sponsored Projects

Drexel University has submitted the fringe benefit proposal to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish the fiscal year 2021 fringe benefit rates for sponsored projects. These rates are not final until we receive the official rate letter from DHHS, however, we do not expect any significant changes when they are finalized. It is anticipated that the University will not receive the approved, final rate letter for at least three to six months. Therefore, you should begin to utilize these proposed rates on any proposal submissions that will have salary and wages after July 1, 2020, to ensure that you have budgeted adequate funding. Coeus and Banner have both been updated to reflect the new rates effective July 1, 2020.

For fiscal year 2021, the Academy of Natural Sciences (ANS) will continue to use the non-sponsored fringe benefit rates, however, the fiscal year 2021 rates are not yet determined and will be announced when final. In the meantime, proposal submissions for ANS should utilize the fiscal year 2020 non-sponsored fringe benefit rates for any salary and wages after July 1, 2020 [\[read more\]](#)

6th Annual STEAM Education Workshop

If you have not yet claimed a spot at #STEAMShop2020, seats are going fast! Sign up for the morning presentations, afternoon hands-on workshops, or all day. [RSVP to claim a ticket here.](#)

Keynote Speaker: Frank Machos
*Executive Director, Office of the Arts & Academic Enrichment
School District of Philadelphia*

Additional speakers include:
Rasheda Likely (*Drexel University*)
John Henderson (*Germantown Friends School*)
Ashley Turner (*Philly Tech Sistas*)
Ezechial Thurman (*Hill-Freedman World Academy*)
Dr. Frank Lee (*Drexel University*)

Science and Security in the News

Zaosong Zheng, a promising cancer researcher, confessed that he had planned to take the stolen samples to Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hospital, and publish the results under his own name.

Inside his checked luggage, wrapped in a plastic bag and then inserted into a sock, the officers found what they were looking for: 21 vials of brown liquid — cancer cells — that the authorities say Mr. Zheng, 29, a cancer researcher, took from a laboratory at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. [\[read more\]](#)

Peer Mentor a New Dragon Colleague

Starting a new job is exciting, but it can also be stressful due to the uncertainty that comes with acclimating to a new workplace culture and environment. At Drexel, we strive to maintain a welcoming and inclusive work environment. As part of that commitment, we are launching a new program to assist our colleagues as they transition to the Drexel community. Drexel's Peer Ambassador Program is looking for employees to join, especially from the Center City campus. This program matches up new hires with a seasoned Drexel employee to help ease into life at Drexel and serve as a touchstone outside of their new department.

Drexel's Peer Ambassador Program will offer a proactive way for new hires to become acquainted with life at Drexel, while providing a familiar face on campus outside of their immediate department. The program will pair each new hire with a peer ambassador, who will meet and check-in with the new hire regularly during their first few months (in person/by phone/by email) to:

- Provide information on where to find policies/procedures;
- Answer questions and refer the new hire to the appropriate resources;
- Familiarize the new hire with Drexel's culture and norms; and
- Introduce the new hire to others at Drexel.

The program will maintain an Office365 Team providing resources and a list of campus events to help introduce new hires to campus life. We hope that our peer ambassadors will facilitate strong connections and a network within Drexel for new employees.

If you are interested or think you may be in the future, please reach out to Lindsay Norlen (les37@drexel.edu) directly!

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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