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Office of Research Strategic Plan

Faculty from across the University helped to kick off the development of a University wide Research Strategic Plan. Members of the University Strategic Plan Task Force on Research and the UAC on Strategic Interdisciplinary Research Signatures participated in two half-day retreats (April 27 and May 30). These facilitated retreats focused on providing insights on the development of mission and vision statements for University research activities. We also spent time discussing the challenges and opportunities for research in the future. In addition to working with members of these two committees, the process we are utilizing will provide opportunities for all faculty and students engaged in research to provide input. This fall we will hold a series of town halls to gather your insight and suggestions.

Provost Awards for Outstanding Scholarly Productivity

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate the following recipients of the [2017-18 Provost Awards for Outstanding Scholarly Productivity](#). These awards recognize tenured faculty members who have made outstanding contributions and have demonstrated leadership in their scholarly fields.

Early Career

- **Philip Ayoub**, PhD, Associate Professor, Politics, College of Arts and Sciences

Mid-Career

- **Daniel Tzabbar**, PhD, Associate Professor, Management, LeBow College of Business

Career

- **Craig Newschaffer**, PhD, Associate Dean for Research and Professor, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Dornsife School of Public Health | Director, A.J. Drexel Autism Institute
- **Mimi Sheller**, PhD, Professor, Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences

News & Announcements

Due June 30: DARE Proposals

The Drexel Areas of Research Excellence (DARE) competition is coming to an end on June 30. As part of this effort the Office of Research hosted two DARE information/pitch/networking events in April and May. At those events, we heard 20 "pitches" from faculty across the University. We also heard from one student team. These events were very engaging, with wonderful discussions during the networking session. You can view these pitch slide decks on the [DARE page of the Drexel University Funding Portal \(look under "Competition Files"\)](#).

DARE will provide resources for two or three groups of faculty and students to each spend a year deeply engaged in an interdisciplinary research effort that spans at least three of our schools and colleges. The goals of the initiative are to:

- Identify 2-3 scholarly areas where Drexel can take a leadership position nationally and internationally;
- Stimulate the formation of effective multidisciplinary research teams;
- Facilitate the submission of large, multidisciplinary proposals to governmental agencies, private industry, foundations/non-profits, and/or philanthropic sponsors;
- Elevate the visibility of Drexel's unique research foci, understanding that some fields traditionally aspire to funded awards and others will seek honorific awards and recognition; and
- Align with the "The Future Is A Place We Make It" campaign vision.

Completed applications should be submitted electronically using the Drexel University Funding Portal **no later than 5 p.m. Saturday, June 30**. Application templates are available via the Funding Portal. Please upload applications in PDF format. If you have questions about the application procedure, please [contact Gwynne Grasberger](#).

Federal Demonstration Partnership: Overview and Highlights

The [Federal Demonstration Partnership \(FDP\)](#) is an association of federal agencies, academic research institutions with administrative, faculty and technical representation, and research policy organizations that work to streamline the administration of federally sponsored research. FDP members of all sectors cooperate in identifying, testing, and implementing new, more effective ways of managing the more than \$15 billion in federal research grants. The goal of improving the productivity of research without compromising its stewardship has benefits for the entire nation. The FDP uniquely offers a forum for individuals from universities and nonprofits to work collaboratively with federal agency officials to improve the national research enterprise. At its regular meetings, faculty and administrators talk face-to-face with decision-makers from agencies that sponsor and regulate research. They hold spirited, frank discussions, identify problems, and develop action plans for change. Then – again working jointly – they test the new processes in the real world before putting them into effect. Drexel has been an FDP member since 2014 and is an active participant in the meetings held three times per year in Washington, D.C. Some [recent changes](#) announced at FDP include:

- [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\) has announced](#) that the Executive Level II salary cap has increased from \$187,000.00 to \$189,600.00 effective January 7, 2018. NIH is allowing for re-budgeting if adequate funds are available in the active awards and if the salary cap increase is consistent with institutional base salary. NIH has stated no additional funding will be available on these grants.
 - [Office of Naval Research \(ONR\) has updated](#) the terms and conditions for grants and cooperative agreements to no longer require a summary description on page two of the associated reports.
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FY18 Year-End Close Training Videos

The Comptroller's Office Training Channel is now available to the entire University community via Microsoft Stream. To assist with making the year-end close as smooth as possible, the Comptroller's Office has recorded a series entitled, "Fiscal Year 2018 Year-End Close: What YOU Need to Know". The series is broken into seven modules all under all 13 minutes in length, each focusing on a key topic related to year-end closing processes. This series is also available for registration in Career Pathway in the [DrexelOne portal](#). Additional details can be found on the [Comptroller's website](#).

Updates from HRPP

Human Subject Research forms and checklists

The Human Research Protection Program website has been updated. Please refer to the website for the most current forms, checklists and guidance. To support comprehensive submissions, reference the submission checklist located on the "[How To Submit](#)" webpage.

Questions at HRPP@Drexel.edu

Any protocol related questions must be directed at hrpp@drexel.edu. Emailing Institutional Review Board (IRB) coordinators may slow down review and approval time and could be misdirected. hrpp@drexel.edu can handle all requests.

Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) Forms

Each investigator for each protocol must complete the FCOI Form 1 and attach to the protocol submission. If a conflict is identified, the investigator(s) must also complete and attach FCOI Form 2.

Approval Documents

All IRB approved protocol documents are located in the COEUS Lite files. The approval letters will indicate all documents reviewed. The HRP Office will only stamp consent documents, while all other documentation submitted and approved by the IRB (flyers, advertisements, data collection tools, etc.) will not be stamped.

NINDS R35 Program: An Innovation Experiment

The purpose of the NINDS Research Program Award (RPA) is to provide longer-term support and increased flexibility to Program Directors (PDs) /Principal Investigators (PIs) whose records of research achievement demonstrate their ability to make major contributions to neuroscience. RPAs will support the overall research programs of NINDS-funded investigators for up to eight years, at a level commensurate with a PD/PI's recent NINDS support. This greater funding stability will provide eligible investigators at nearly all career stages increased freedom and flexibility, allowing them to be more adventurous in their research, take greater risks, embark upon research that breaks new ground, undertake research projects that require a longer timeframe, and/or extend previous discoveries in new directions. For specifics on eligibility and proposal requirements please refer to [RFA-NS-18-032](#).

Shared Concerns Around NIH Clinical Trial Policy

Basic researchers who study the brain and human behavior thought lawmakers had come to their rescue in March by blocking the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, from redefining their studies as clinical trials. But NIH officials are still pushing ahead with new requirements that scientists say make no sense and will cripple their research. What some see as NIH's narrow interpretation of a directive from lawmakers has researchers up in arms as they navigate confusing new rules and paperwork. The clinical trial policies "are not appropriate for fundamental research," a group of societies wrote in an email to NIH this week. [Continue reading...](#)

Proposal Submission in Research.gov Is Here

NSF has announced that since April 30, 2018, proposers may now prepare and submit full, research non-collaborative proposals in [Research.gov](https://www.research.gov). The initial release of this new Research.gov capability runs in parallel with existing FastLane proposal preparation and submission capabilities, so proposers can choose to prepare and submit full, research non-collaborative proposals in Research.gov or in FastLane. Note that there will be no impact to Grants.gov and Application Submission Web Services (ASWS), and NSF will continue to fully support these proposal submission methods. Currently there is not a timeframe for full transition from FastLane to Research.gov, and both applications will operate concurrently.

New Task Delegation Capabilities for RPPRs

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has updated the Assistant (ASST) role in eRA Commons in order to enable task delegation when working on I-RPPRs and F-RPPRs. For additional details please refer to the [NIH Extramural Nexus](#).

eRA Launches Human Subjects System

On June 9, eRA launched the Human Subjects System (HSS). This system has replaced the Inclusion Management System (IMS), which was retired on the same day. HSS is a shared system that enables grant applicants and recipients to electronically report and update their data on human subjects and clinical trials to NIH; and allows NIH agency staff to monitor and manage the data.

Prior to the launch, eRA migrated complete enrollment records currently in IMS to HSS. Please note that incomplete records have not been migrated. The deadline to submit requests to NIH in order to update and migrate the information from IMS to HSS was June 8. If an RPPR was submitted on or after June 9, any study data entered on or before June 8 in IMS must be reentered in HSS. If inclusion data has not been completed in IMS on or before June 8, principal investigators will need to reenter the inclusion data in HSS on or after June 9.

For more information on this transition, please see [Guide Notice NOT-OD-18-179](#). You can also reference the [HSS Overview](#) and [HSS Training](#) pages (for a crosswalk, an infographic and more) and the [May Items of Interest](#) article.

A growing number of HSS tutorial videos can be found in the [Human Subjects](#) section of the [eRA Videos Tutorials](#) page.

NIST Streamlines Bayh-Dole Regulations

Rule changes went into effect May 14 that will reduce regulatory burdens on recipients of federal research and development funding, including large and small businesses, universities, federal laboratories and non-profit organizations. The updates to sections of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) that implement the 1980 Bayh-Dole Act affect rights in inventions made with federal funding that were issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Further information can be found on the [nist.gov website](https://www.nist.gov).

Funding Opportunity Resources

Spotlighted External Funding Opportunities

[Advancing Research Solutions to Chronic Lung Allograft Dysfunction \(CLAD\)](#)

[Immune Mechanisms at the Maternal-Fetal Interface](#)

[Alzheimer's Drug-Development Program](#)

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

[DOD CDMRP Hearing Restoration Research Program](#)

[Faculty Early Career Development Program \(CAREER\)](#)

Extramural Funding

[University Libraries](#)

Internal Funding and Limited Submissions

[Drexel University Funding Portal](#)

[Margaret Q. Landenberger Research Foundation Grant](#)

[Mallinckrodt Foundation Grant](#)

[Searle Scholars Program](#)

Meet Our Staff



Derek Elijah Blanks

Export Control Analyst

In his role as Export Control Analyst, Derek (pictured left) examines, evaluates, and analyzes University activities to ensure compliance with all relevant U.S. export and import control laws. Derek has been with Drexel for six months and he says that it has already opened his mind to new fields of interest in the world of science and technology. He is married and is expecting his first child. In his free time, Derek enjoys the music of Miles Davis and reading.

Events & Education

The Office of Research regularly offers a wide variety of workshops. Log into Career Pathway via [DrexelOne](#) to view the full schedule, access detailed descriptions of the topics, and to register. We look forward to seeing you!

The Office of Research 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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