

Office of Research Newsletter – June 13, 2014

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Part I. News and Announcements

Reminder about the Important Information Regarding the Proposal Submission Process at Rensselaer

Ivar Strand, Assistant Vice President of Research Administration and Finance, sent a memorandum to Rensselaer research community on May 12:

“Research Administration and Finance (RAF) is committed to its mission of providing excellence in service and administration for the proposal and award activities of approved sponsored grants, contracts and other agreements on behalf of the Institute. Furthermore, in order to ensure timely submission of proposals, to effectively manage workload within RAF, to produce a thorough review of submissions, and to address the increasing number of “last minute” proposal submission over the last several months, the following requirements are being established and will be effective **June 1, 2014**. Deviations from this requirement require the approval of both the Assistant Vice President of RAF, Ivar Strand, and the Vice President for Research (VPR), Jonathan Dordick, at least three working days prior to the official proposal due date.

***Standard Proposals:**

The following must be sent to your Sr. Grant Administrator five working days prior to the Sponsor imposed deadline:

- Completed Project Information Form

- Preliminary cost estimate or budget
- Final budget from all collaborators (including subawards/subcontracts)
- Sponsor announcement or Request for Proposal (RFP) including any required forms
- Sponsor Terms and Conditions, if available
- Cost Sharing details and approvals
- Request for Small Business Subcontracting Plan for completion by Procurement Services

The following must be sent to your Sr. Grant Administrator two working days prior to sponsor-imposed deadline:

- Complete proposal package, including:
 - Final budget
 - Final Project Summary/Statement of Work
 - All final materials from collaborators (including subawards/subcontracts)

*Standard Proposal Submissions with No Sponsor Imposed Deadlines will be processed as soon as possible, depending on the circumstances and urgency.

Non-Standard, “Major Project” Proposals:

“Major Project” proposal submissions often involve complex budget structures, compliance concerns, and increased demands on institutional infrastructure and personnel. **For these submissions, a meeting must take place among the research team, RAF and the VPR’s office 30 days prior to the deadline to discuss and document milestone dates leading up to the submission, and an agreed-upon timeline will result from the discussion.** Major Projects will typically contain one or more of the following features:

- Over \$5M funding expected from the sponsor
- Multiple Investigator
- Multidisciplinary
- Required Cost Share above the standard tuition waiver
- Complex sponsor requirements, including but not limited to sponsor-specific budget forms
- Multiple Subcontracts
- Multiple Task Budgets
- Proposals to Create a Center
- Sponsor imposed organizational or PI limit on the number of submissions

Should there be any confusion of what constitutes a Non-Standard, Major Project Proposal, the AVP of RAF shall be consulted. Please also note that sponsor posted deadlines later than 5pm Eastern time will be treated as 5pm Eastern time by RAF and the VPR’s Office. Deadlines that fall on any weekend day will be considered to have a 5 pm Eastern Time deadline the Friday before. Deviation outside business hours will require prior approval of the AVP of RAF, and will only be considered in extraordinary circumstances. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 2161 or contact me via e-mail at strani@rpi.edu

A Weekly Newsletter from DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE): <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 16-18, 2014, Cambridge, MA

Climate Change Symposium on Sustaining Coastal Cities

MIT Sea Grant College Program is convening a three-day Climate Change Symposium on Sustaining Coastal Cities. Leaders in academia, government, and private industry will address concerns for change in sea level, storm surges, extreme precipitation and flooding and options for adapting to these risks.

A few student scholarships are available. Please contact Judy Pederson for more information at: jpederso@mit.edu or call 617-252-1741

More at <http://seagrant.mit.edu/conferences/CCS2014>

June 30-July 2, 2014, Boston, MA

CSP Symposium at ASME 2014 8th International Conference on Energy Sustainability

More at <http://www.asmeconferences.org/ESFuelCell2014/TechnicalTracks.cfm>

July 17, Bethesda, Maryland

Medical Scientist Training Program 50th Anniversary Symposium

Register at <http://meetings.nigms.nih.gov/index.cfm?event=registration&ID=18184>. You can also watch the event live at <http://videocast.nih.gov>.

August 17-21, 2014, San Diego, CA

Solar Energy + Technology 2014 Symposium

More at <http://spie.org/x13194.xml>

Part II. Funding Opportunities

ONR

Fiscal Year 2015 Non-Lethal Weapons Technologies Grant

<http://www.onr.navy.mil/~media/Files/Funding-Announcements/BAA/2014/14-008.ashx>

White Paper Due Date: July 15, 2014

DHS

BAA for Exploratory Research and Call for Proposals Program in Direct Support of the DNDO Mission

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=eef275f100773a0265a0a3f1a47dfcc&tab=core&_cview=0

Proposal Due Date TBD

NASA

NASA - Centennial Challenges Program - Small Spacecraft Challenges RFI

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=728615c4083afaf0dc926fe7d6dd1de4&tab=core&_cview=1

July 11, 2014

Ultra Lightweight Nanolattices for Efficient Load-Bearing Structures Appendix

<https://prod.nais.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/eps/synopsis.cgi?acqid=160973>

Proposal Due Date TBD

NIH

Predictive in vitro Methods for Characterizing Product Performance, Case Study: Furosemide (U01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-FD-14-080.html>

LOI Due Date: June 27, 2014. Application Due Date: July 15, 2014

Critical Path Public Private Partnerships

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-FD-14-089.html>

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Innovative Approaches for the Identification of Mitochondria-Cell Signaling Networks in Response to Environmental Stress

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-14-006.html>

LOI Due Date: August 15, 2014. Application Due Date: September 15, 2014

Molecular and Cellular Characterization of Screen-Detected Lesions (U01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-14-010.html>

LOI Due Date: August 17, 2014. Application Due Date: September 17, 2014

Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV and Viral Hepatitis Co-Infection (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-255.html>

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Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV and Viral Hepatitis Co-Infection (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-254.html>

September 7, 2014

HLA and KIR Region Genomics in Immune-Mediated Diseases (U19)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AI-14-013.html>

LOI Due Date: September 20, 2014. Application Due Date: October 20, 2014

Mentored Career Development Award to Build Research Capacity in Global Mental Health (K01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-15-700.html>

LOI Due Date: September 29, 2014. Application Due Date: October 29, 2014

NIMH Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (NIMH BRAINS) (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-15-600.html>

October 23, 2014; October 23, 2015; October 24, 2016

Chronic Kidney Disease Biomarkers Consortium (CKD BioCon) (U01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-14-011.html>

LOI Due Date: November 2, 2014. Application Due Date: December 2, 2014

NSF

US-Japan Big Data and Disaster Research

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=257010>

September 08, 2014

Physics of Living Systems

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=257508>

October 22, 2014; Fourth Wednesday in October, Annually Thereafter

Dear Colleague Letter: FY 2015 Sustainable Chemistry, Engineering, and Materials (SusChEM) Funding Opportunity

http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2014/nsf14077/nsf14077.jsp?WT.mc_id=USNSF_25&WT.mc_ev=click

DOS

University Public Policy Research

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=257109>

July 18, 2014

ED

Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=257408>

July 28, 2014

Technologies to Enhance Independence in Daily Living for Adults with Cognitive Impairments

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=256800>
August 4, 2014

Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=257128>
August 11, 2014

EPA

Air Pollution Monitoring for Communities
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=257069>
October 7, 2014

NEA

NEA GAP: Art Works II, FY 2015
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=257409>
July 24, 2014

NEH

Media Projects
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=257433>
August 13, 2014

Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=257436>
August 13, 2014

USDA

Sun Grant Program
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=257030>
July 9, 2014

Please note that this bulletin is not intended to be an exhaustive listing of funding opportunities. Your input and feedback are always welcome. Please send your comments and requests to be removed from the distribution list to huangj7@rpi.edu.