IMPORTANT REMINDER – PROPOSAL ROUTING DURING SUMMER MONTHS

It is always strongly recommended that you notify your OSP Pre-Award manager at the Research Foundation as soon as you know that you plan to submit a proposal, and well in advance of the sponsor’s submission deadlines. This becomes even more important during the summer months, as some proposal approvers may change their schedules or reduce their hours on campus. Keep in mind that routing a proposal for review and signature may take longer during the summer than during the regular school year. Please also note that sponsors continually ask institutions to submit their proposals prior to the actual published deadline. At the Research Foundation, our goal is to submit proposals at least two (2) working days before a published deadline. To allow adequate time for processing and to ensure successful submissions, Pre-Award managers must have completed proposals ready for routing and review by authorized signers at least seven (7) working days prior to the planned submission date. For the complete details, please see the Proposal Routing and Submission Timeline on the Research Foundation website.

FY 19 PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has announced FY 19 competitions for two of its major library programs: National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG-L) and Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21). The NLG-L program, which supports projects that address challenges faced by the library and archive fields, is seeking proposals that will generate results such as new tools, research findings, or models that can be widely used to extend the benefit of federal investment. The LB21 program supports the development of a diverse workforce of librarians and is seeking proposals that will focus on enhancing the training and professional development of library and archives professionals, developing faculty and library leaders, and recruiting and educating the next generation of industry professionals. Both programs require that applications designate one of three project categories this year: Lifelong Learning, Community Catalysts, and National Digital Infrastructures and Initiatives. Programs for FY 19, will have only one competition instead of the two that were offered in previous years. Both programs require a two-page preliminary proposal due Monday, September 17, 2018.

IMLS is hosting webinars (all covering the same material) for potential applicants to learn more about the programs and ask questions of program staff. The next webinar will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 11:00 a.m.- Noon (Pacific Time). To participate in the webinar or to access webinar recordings, visit the IMLS webinar webpage. For complete details about the FY19 library programs visit the IMLS website.

NEED TO FIND AN NIH PROGRAM OFFICIAL FOR YOUR AREA OF RESEARCH?

A recent enhancement to the Matchmaker feature in NIH RePORTER now makes it easy to identify NIH program officials whose portfolios include projects in your research area. The tool has been generally used by researchers to identify already NIH-funded projects similar to their research interest and the institutes and centers that fund similar research. Matchmaker uses content provided by researchers such as conference abstracts, research statements, or other scientific data (up to 15,000 characters), analyzes the text for relevant terms and concepts, and compares the content to other NIH funded research projects. The tool then returns a list of the 500 most similar projects as well as a bar chart summary of the results by Institute/Center, Activity Code, and Study Section.

A new Program Official tab has been added, which identifies the program officials associated with the matched projects and includes its own filters for Institute/Center and Activity Code. To learn more about Matchmaker and NIH Reporter, visit the NIH website at https://projectreporter.nih.gov.
NSF Engineering Directorate Removes Deadlines for Core Programs

The Directorate for Engineering (ENG) has moved many of their core programs to a "no deadlines" model where proposals are accepted at any time, following the lead of several other National Science Foundation (NSF) directorates that have made similar moves in recent years. The move affects major programs in the following ENG divisions: Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental and Transport Systems; Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation; Electrical, Communications and Cyber Systems; and Engineering Education and Centers. This change does not affect submissions to the CAREER solicitation, or the Engineering Research Center program, among several others.

According to Frequently Asked Questions released with the announcement, this move will reduce pressure on PIs and allow them more time to build collaborations and think creatively. It is also anticipated to reduce the burden on NSF and review panels. Applications will still go through panel and/or ad hoc review according to the Program Director’s determination, as is current policy. NSF foresees no change in the wait time between submissions and decisions. Applications may be accepted at any time, but rejected proposals may not be resubmitted until after twelve months have passed, and must have gone through significant revision, or risk being returned without review. This twelve-month moratorium applies even if the proposal is submitted to a different NSF program than the one that previously rejected it.

Multiple NSF directorates have removed deadlines for key programs. Last May, the Directorate for Geosciences removed deadlines for several programs in the Division of Ocean Sciences, and last October, most programs in the Directorate for Biological Sciences made the same transition.

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Limited Submissions - Upcoming SJSU Internal Deadlines!

NSF Advancing the Digitization of Biodiversity Collections
SJSU Internal Deadline: July 20, 2018 
Sponsor Deadline: October 12, 2018

DHHS Occupational Safety and Health Training Project Grants (T03)
SJSU Internal Deadline: July 27, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: October 26, 2018

DHHS Research Education: Bridges to the Doctorate
SJSU Internal Deadline: August 3, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: September 25, 2018

DHHS Bridges to the Baccalaureate
SJSU Internal Deadline: August 3, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: September 25, 2018

July–December Grant Application Deadlines Now Available

The Grant Application Deadlines Report shows application deadlines for funding opportunities that have been identified as relevant to research interests at SJSU and sent through the Research Foundation Funding Alert System. The current report covers the six-month period beginning July 1 through December 31. Links to sponsors funding announcements are included. To view the report, visit the SJSU Research Foundation website.

Fellowships and Scholarships

The SJSU Research Foundation receives notification of fellowship and scholarship opportunities for faculty and students. Highlights this month include:

Program: Education Support Award
Agency: Mink (Patsy Takemoto) Foundation
Deadline: August 1, 2018

Program: Gerhard O.W. Mueller Award
Agency: Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Deadline: August 1, 2018

Program: Student Outstanding Research Award
Agency: Literacy Research Association
Deadline: August 15, 2018

Program: Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program
Agency: National Science Foundation
Deadline: August 29, 2018