New SJSU Research Foundation OSP Associate Director – Pre-Award

Please welcome Khoi Nguyen in his new role as Office of Sponsored Programs Associate Director, Pre-Award Services. Khoi began his career as a sponsored programs manager at the Research Foundation in March 2011. His first assignments were to the College of Applied Sciences and Arts and to the College of Science. He later transitioned to his previous assignment working with the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories team. Khoi’s experience includes adjunct faculty positions at Folsom Lake College and Sacramento City College. He has conducted pre-doctorate research in Chemistry at UC Davis, and co-authored an article appearing in Vol. 42, No. 23, 2003 of the Inorganic Chemistry journal. Khoi holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from SJSU and is currently completing studies for his Juris Doctor degree. Khoi begins transitioning into his new role as OSP Associate Director on October 1, 2014.

October 9 – OSP Workshop—Online Proposal Creation and Automatic Routing

Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257    |    Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.    |    RSVP by October 2

Join the Office of Sponsored Programs Pre-Award team for this hands-on look at the proposal creation, routing, and submittal system for grant and contract proposals for external funding. Topics covered include a system overview, log-on process, budget development, document upload, and automatic routing. Whether you are working on a proposal now or plan to in the future, this workshop will give you a head start on proposal development and expedient routing.

RSVP to Carmina Som at foundation-osp-infoservices@sjsu.edu.

NSF Reports on Basic Research Funding Trends

On September 4th the National Science Foundation (NSF) released a new report, showing a .03 percent decrease in federal funding for basic research performed at colleges and universities between FY 11 and FY 12. Fields with the biggest declines include: Computer sciences and mathematics (-$75 million), life sciences (-$55 million), and other sciences not elsewhere classified (-$160 million).

In spite of the significant decline in federal funding, colleges and universities still received more than 51 percent of the total $31 billion budget for basic research in FY 12. Five agencies including HHS, NSF, DOD, DOE and NASA provided $15.4 billion, 98 percent, of all federal basic research obligations to universities and colleges in FY 12. The report indicates that funding for basic research is estimated to increase to 11.8 percent of total research and development obligations in FY 13 and is projected to grow to 12.5 percent in FY 14.

For additional details on this report, visit NSF’s National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics.

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**NEW RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH (RCR) BASIC COURSE**

Effective November 25, 2014, the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program will replace its collection of existing Responsible Conduct of Research basic courses with one new basic course. When implemented this change will update, strengthen, and simplify the delivery of the RCR content. The new RCR basic course will replace various sets of discipline-specific modules currently available within the following courses: RCR for Biomedical Sciences, RCR for Engineering, RCR for Humanities, RCR for Physical Sciences, RCR for Research Administration, and RCR for Social, Behavioral, and Education Sciences. The RCR Refresher Course will not be affected by this change.

**What does this change entail?**

- The RCR basic course will now consist of eleven core modules, which can be supplemented with three additional modules of interest.
- The new modules will automatically replace the older versions of the RCR basic modules in current gradebooks. However, organizations should review RCR gradebook selections before the change is implemented. To view the breakdown document visit the CITI website.
- The content within the RCR series will be updated, covering topics central to an effective RCR curriculum, including authorship, mentoring, plagiarism, and data management.
- All modules will contain learning objectives, up-to-date information, and resources. Most modules contain at least one video and at least one written case study.

**What do learners need to do?**

- Learners who have already started or need to take their RCR basic course prior to November 25, 2014 should complete and pass their entire course before that date. Otherwise, they will be unable to finish the partially completed course and will have to start over.
- To complete the Responsible Conduct of Research training on CITI, visit their [CITI account](https://citiprogram.org).
- If questions about how to set up the CITI account, visit the [GS&R website](https://gsr.sjsu.edu).

Material from the [CITI Program website](https://citiprogram.org).

**FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

**Program:** Dissertation Fellowships in Women’s Studies  
**Agency:** Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation  
**Deadline:** October 15, 2014

**Program:** Presidential Management Fellows Programs  
**Agency:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management  
**Deadline:** October 15, 2014

**Program:** Nonproliferation Graduate Fellowship Program  
**Agency:** U.S. Department of Energy  
**Deadline:** October 20, 2014

**Program:** Residential Fellowships  
**Agency:** Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection  
**Deadline:** November 1, 2014

**Program:** Research Fellowships  
**Agency:** Folger Shakespeare Library  
**Deadline:** November 1, 2014

**Program:** Visiting Member Awards  
**Agency:** Institute for Advanced Study School of Social Science  
**Deadline:** November 1, 2014