OSP WORKSHOP: GRANT PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT—TAKING A BITE OUT OF FORMS
– NOVEMBER 19, 2015

Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | RSVP by November 16

Come to this hands-on workshop to gain exposure to the most common proposal forms and requirements you will encounter during proposal submittals. Federal, state, and local funders who will provide external funding for your research, scholarship, creative activity, training, community service, or other activities often require the completion of forms or certifications specific to your project. The California State University system also has requirements you will need to know. This workshop will ease the pain of the required compliance by introducing you to the most commons forms, and will offer guidance from your sponsored programs team to prepare for quick easy completion and information gathering. Whether you are currently working on a proposal or plan to in the future, this workshop is a great one-stop shop on your proposal development path.

RSVP to Information Services at foundation-osp-infoservices@sjsu.edu.

SAVING FAREWELL TO OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS DIRECTOR, JEANNE DITTMAN

We fondly say farewell to Jeanne Dittman, SJSU Research Foundation, Director, Office of Sponsored Programs. She has been an integral and invaluable member of the SJSU/SJSU Research Foundation family for 17 years. Ms. Dittman, an SJSU Alumna (Environmental Studies), joined the Office of Sponsored Programs team as a sponsored programs manager after an 18-year career with Wells Fargo Bank. Throughout her tenure at the Research Foundation she has continually set and maintained standards of excellence for her team, and provided outstanding support to the SJSU research community. We are deeply grateful for Jeanne’s many years of exemplary service, and we wish her all the best in her new position.

Ms. Dittman’s last day of service at the Research Foundation is Tuesday, November 10. A transition plan is in process. Details will be announced soon.

CHANGE IN NIH DEFINITION REGARDING INCLUSION OF CHILDREN IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

To address considerations for children as a vulnerable population for human protections from research risk, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently issued a notice (NOT-OD-16-010) announcing a change in its definition regarding inclusion of children in human subjects research. NIH’s established policy states that children must be included in all human subjects’ research, conducted or supported by NIH, unless there are scientific and ethical reasons not to include them. “The policy was developed because medical treatments applied to children are often based upon testing done only in adults, and scientifically evaluated treatments are less available to children due to barriers to their inclusion in research studies.” The current NIH definition of a child for inclusion policy considerations is anyone under 21 years of age. Beginning with applications/proposals submitted on or after January 25, 2016, for the purposes of inclusion policy, the age of a child will be defined as individuals under 18 years of age.

For more information visit the NIH website, see Notice Number NOT-OD-16-010.
**Updates to the NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG)—Effective January 25, 2016**

Significant updates have been made to the NSF PAPPG to either clarify or enhance the intended meaning of a sentence or section, or to ensure consistency with information contained in NSF systems or other NSF policy documents. The updates include changes in the following areas:

- When to Submit Proposals
- How to Submit Proposals
- Proposal Certifications
- Collaborators & Other Affiliations Information
- Biographical Sketch(es)
- Current and Pending Support
- New Section - Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC)
- Project Summary
- Results from Prior NSF Support
- Proposals Involving Vertebrate Animals
- Technical Reporting Requirements
- Award Financial Reporting Requirements – Final Disbursement Reporting

The new version of the PAPPG (NSF 16-1) will be effective for proposals submitted or due on or after January 25, 2016, and for awards made on or after January 25, 2016.

To view the entire list of updates, see Significant Changes and Clarifications on the NSF website.

**Seeking Challenge and Prize Competitions? Visit Challenge.gov**

Challenge.gov is a technical platform and list of challenge and prize competitions run by more than 80 agencies across federal government seeking innovative solutions from the public, bringing the best ideas and talent together to solve mission-centric problems. The site offers technical, scientific, ideation, and creative competitions covering a wide range of interests that require varying levels of skills and abilities in order to participate. No fees are required for the public to participate and enter the challenges. Some competitions are hosted on third-party, non-government sites. Challenge.gov is administered by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) in partnership with agencies across government and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

**New NIH Deputy Director Introduces the Open Mike Blog**

In keeping with the tradition of blogging, established by former NIH Deputy Director Dr. Sally Rockey, the new NIH Deputy Director of Extramural Research Mike Lauer has introduced Open Mike. His goal is to use the blog to help connect the research community with the NIH perspective, and in turn to help NIH to connect with the perspective of the research community. In his inaugural post, Dr Lauer discusses some of the important NIH discoveries as well as some of the challenges facing biomedical research. He states that “to be successful, NIH must nurture, foster, and develop a learning culture of results-based accountability. Accountability means deep and sometimes painful conversations about valid metrics, about stories that underlie metrics, about the economics of science, about evidence-based considerations of what kinds of partnerships and strategies are most likely to “turn the curve” – really about applying the scientific method to ourselves at NIH. And it means that we have to be willing to talk, even in public, about our shortcomings and our ignorance.”

To read more see Extramural Nexus Welcome to the Open Mike Blog at NIH posted 10/19/2015.

**Fellowships and Scholarships**

Highlighted opportunities are listed below. Please also visit the SJSU Research Foundation Fellowships and Scholarships web page for additional student and faculty opportunities.

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