May 7, 2015 – SJSURF Workshop: Compliance (Federal Uniform Guidance, RCR, FCOI, IACUC, IRB)

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

SJSU and SJSU Research Foundation administrators will provide clarification and updates on important compliance issues related to external funding for research, training, and community service programs. Discussion will include changes to federal compliance as a result of the new federal Uniform Guidance 2-CFR-200, as well as Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR), Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI), Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), and Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Dr. Gilles Muller to Lead Research Seminars at Seven Japanese Universities

Dr. Gilles Muller has been invited by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) to visit several Japanese universities to participate in educational and scientific discussions, and to lead lectures and research seminars. Internationally recognized for his work in promoting excellence in research and for successful mentoring of high school, undergraduate, and graduate students, Dr. Muller is one of the few researchers in the world doing circularly polarized luminescence. During his month-long visit, Dr. Muller will also share the mission of his research group which is to facilitate and increase undergraduate research as a teaching and mentoring tool at SJSU.

Early Career Investigator Award Nominations Now Being Accepted

Each year since 2005 the Early Career Investigator Award recognizes tenure-track faculty at San Jose State University who have excelled in the areas of research, scholarship or creative activity as evidenced by their success in securing external funds to support those activities at an early or beginning point in their career. The two 2015 Award recipients will receive a commemorative plaque and a cash award of $1,000 to be used at the recipient’s discretion, as well as ongoing accolades as a recognized Early Career Investigator awardee.

Nominations are due by May 20, 2015 for awards to announced mid-June 2015. For eligibility information and to download the nomination form, please visit the SJSU Research Foundation website. If you have questions, please contact Director, Office of Sponsored Programs, Jeanne Dittman by phone at 408-924-1434 or email jeanne.dittman@sjsu.edu.

More FastLane Compliance Checks on NSF Proposals

Beginning April 24, 2015, FastLane will automatically validate, section by section, proposals submitted in response to National Science Foundation (NSF) program solicitations, to ensure that applications meet the general requirements of the NSF Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures Guide. According to Policy Office head Jean Feldman,
“Checks will be triggered when proposers select the ‘Check Proposal,’ ‘Forward to SPO,’ or ‘Submit Proposal’ functions. Depending on the rule being checked, a warning or error message will display when a proposal is found to be non-compliant.” **If an error message appears, the proposal cannot be submitted by the sponsored programs manager until it is compliant.** If you receive an error message when releasing the proposal to your sponsored programs manager, please contact your sponsored programs manager for further assistance.

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**NEH Programs to Support Community Engagement**

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) recently announced two new grant programs, “Common Heritage” and “Humanities in the Public Square.” Common Heritage will provide grants to cultural institutions for the digital preservation of community and family artifacts and for public programming that expands the knowledge of the community’s past. The program is the latest addition to NEH’s Common Good initiative, which seeks to demonstrate and enhance the role and significance of the humanities and humanities scholarship in public life. Common Heritage Grants provide up to $12,000 for projects lasting up to 18 months. **Applications are due June 25, 2015.**

The new Humanities in the Public Square grants program, supports projects that draw on humanities scholarship to engage the public in understanding a challenging American cultural issue or concern. The grants provide up to $300,000 (though smaller, local community-oriented projects are strongly encouraged) for projects lasting up to 12 months. **Applications are due June 24, 2015.**


NEH Common Good Initiative: [http://www.neh.gov/commongood](http://www.neh.gov/commongood)

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**SJSU Overload and Additional Employment Policy Clarification**

The **SJSU Policy on Overload and Additional Employment for Faculty** provides guidance for those two topics. To read more, visit the **SJSU Faculty Affairs website.**

**Fellowships and Scholarships**

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

- **Program:** University Innovation Fellows Program  
  **Agency:** National Center for Engineering Pathways to Innovation (Epicenter)  
  **Deadline:** May 11, 2015

- **Program:** Young Scholars Program  
  **Agency:** Foundation for Child Development  
  **Deadline:** May 13, 2015

- **Program:** STAR Fellowships for Undergraduate/Graduate Environmental Study  
  **Agency:** U.S. Department of Education  
  **Deadline:** May 19, 2015

- **Program:** Graduate Fellowships and Grants  
  **Agency:** Economic History Association  
  **Deadline:** May 21, 2015

- **Program:** BMEStart  
  **Agency:** VentureWell  
  **Deadline:** May 22, 2015

- **Program:** 2015 EPA Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Fellowships for Graduate Environmental Study  
  **Agency:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
  **Deadline:** May 26, 2015