OSP WORKSHOP: OCTOBER 27 – FINANCIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Register by October 24

SJRU and SJSU Research Foundation actively encourage and support faculty engagement in a variety of scholarly and creative activities including those with public agencies, industry, and private entrepreneurial ventures. However, such involvements can create an increased risk of financial conflict. This workshop is designed to equip current and future researchers with the critical information they need to avoid real or potential incidents of financial conflicts. Topics will include the identification, disclosure, and management of financial conflicts. To register for the workshop, click the registration link below or send a registration request to foundation-osp-infoservices@sjsu.edu.

Registration Link: https://goo.gl/forms/CSxXao cgYIb9OPIf1

HRSA ANNOUNCES FY 17 NURSING WORKFORCE DIVERSITY GRANTS
The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has just released the FY 17 funding opportunity announcement for the Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) Program. NWD is seeking applications for the four year program “to strengthen and expand the comprehensive use of evidence-based strategies shown to increase the recruitment, enrollment, retention, and graduation of students from disadvantaged backgrounds in schools of nursing.” The ultimate goal is to create a talented and diverse registered-nurse workforce that reflects the diversity of the communities in which they serve. Applications are due November 14, 2016.

Material from 9/19/2016 GrantWeek, with permission from the Grants Resource Center.

NSF UPDATE: IMPORTANT AUTOMATED COMPLIANCE IMPROVEMENTS
Note the following advisory from Head, NSF Policy Office, Jean Feldman: As part of NSF’s efforts to modernize proposal submission and increase competitive fairness in the proposal process, NSF continues to focus on implementing automated proposal compliance checks in FastLane.

Effective September 26, 2016, FastLane will now check to ensure that the combined text of the Project Summary text boxes (or uploaded PDF if the Project Summary contains special characters) does not exceed one page prior to submission, rather than the current check of 4,600 characters. See the Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG), Chapter II.C.2.b for further information.

Compliance checks will trigger an error message in the following circumstances:
• Project Summary text exceeds the one-page limit;
• Project Summary text is entered and the user also uploads a “Project Summary with Special Characters”; supplementary document.

Note: Proposal File Update (PFU)
Proposers should be aware that if a proposal was received by NSF prior to September 26, 2016, containing a Project Summary that complies with the previous 4,600-character limit but exceeds the one-page limit, a PFU addressing any section of the proposal will result in the proposal not being accepted if it does not comply with this compliance check. All sections of the proposal will be compliance checked, regardless of which section was updated during the PFU.

For system-related questions, please contact the NSF Help Desk at 1-800-381-1532 or Rgov@nsf.gov. Policy-related questions should be directed to policy@nsf.gov.
GEAR UP TO MAKE NEW AWARDS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 SLATE

The U.S. Department of Education recently announced that new GEAR UP awards will be made from the FY 14 slate of applicants. Approximately $20 million is available to continue funding from the slate. The FY 14 competition was the last one for new awards, and no determination has been made about a competition for FY 17. GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a popular program tasked with increasing “the number of low-income, middle and high school students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.” Interested stakeholders may view awardee abstracts on the U.S. Department of Education website.

GRC will notify members if there will be an FY 17 competition.

Material from the 9/7/2016 GrantWeek, with permission from the Grants Resource Center.

AHRQ ANNOUNCES ACCEPTANCE OF MULTIPLE PIs IN APPROPRIATE GRANT APPLICATIONS

In a recent notice the Agency for Healthcare Research Quality (AHRQ) announced that the agency will accept multiple principal investigator(s) in appropriate research grant applications. This policy is effective with new applications submitted on or after October 1, 2016.

The traditional AHRQ research project grant consists of a single Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) working with collaborators on an independent research project. Although this model continues to work well and encourages creativity and productivity, it does not always work well for multidisciplinary efforts and collaborations. Increasingly, health services research involves teams that vary in terms of size, hierarchy, location of participants, goals, disciplines, and structure. Additionally, projects may involve leadership from multiple PIs.

The multiple-PD/PI model supplements, and does not replace, the single-PD/PI model, and allows applicants and their institutions to identify more than one PD/PI on a single grant application. The goal is to encourage collaboration among equals when that is the most appropriate way to address a scientific problem. To read the full notice, visit the NIH website and reference Notice Number NOT-HS-16-018.

SJSU RESEARCH FOUNDATION FUNDING ALERTS -- REGISTER, REVIEW, UPDATE!

Now that we are several weeks into the 2016 fall semester, this might be a great time to register or review and update your profile in the Funding Alert System. The SJSU Research Foundation Funding Alert System uses a database that matches faculty interests with external funding opportunities collected from various sponsoring agencies, and then sends email notifications to faculty subscribers based on the keywords they provide. A keyword represents a faculty member’s topic of research or development. Faculty members who wish to register as new subscribers and begin receiving funding alerts, or those who want to update their current profiles may do by completing and emailing the Funding Alert System Keyword Selection and Subscription Form to foundation-osp-infoservices@sjsu.edu.

OCTOBER-MARCH 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 October 1 through March 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: | Luce/ACLS Dissertation Fellowships in American Art |
| Agency: | American Council of Learned Societies |
| Deadline: | October 26, 2016 |

| Program: | Institute of Sacred Music Fellows |
| Agency: | Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University |
| Deadline: | November 1, 2016 |

| Program: | SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (SPRF) |
| Agency: | National Science Foundation |
| Deadline: | October 31, 2016 |

| Program: | NASA Space Technology Research Fellowship (NSTRF) - Fall 2017 |
| Agency: | NASA |
| Deadline: | November 3, 2016 |