OSP Workshop: Managing Your Funded Projects—March 10, 2016

Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | RSVP by March 3

Now that a sponsor has funded your project you are ready to get started, but you suddenly realize you have questions about funds management and project administration. How do I manage my budget successfully? How do I recruit and hire staff for my project? What about compliance issues? Animal subjects or human subjects? Labor laws? How do I obtain travel approval? How do I purchase supplies for my project or pay my vendors? This informative workshop will cover essential elements of externally-funded project administration from beginning to end. Meet the knowledgeable SJSU Research Foundation administrators who will support you throughout the lifecycle of your project including members from Post-Award, Accounts Payable, and Human Resources.

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

David Schuster Receives NSF’s Prestigious Career Award

SJSU Assistant Professor David Schuster (Department of Psychology, College of Social Sciences) was recently awarded the prestigious National Science Foundation CAREER Award for his proposal “CAREER: RUI: Understanding Human Cognition in Computer Network Defense.” The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program offers the National Science Foundation’s most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research within the context of the mission of their organizations.

Dr. Schuster earned his Ph.D. in Psychology specializing in applied experimental and human factors psychology from the University of Central Florida in 2013. His research interests include the cognitive aspects of cybersecurity, situation awareness in human-automation teams, the impact of video games on task performance, and perceptual training for real-world pattern recognition. To read more, visit the NSF website.

Upward Bound Competition Planned for 2016

The next Upward Bound competition is planned for the mid summer-fall of 2016 timeframe. Awards from the competition will be issued by the summer of 2017. The official competition schedule has not yet been announced, however interested applicants are encouraged to view the US Department of Education website for updates as the timeframe approaches. Please be aware that the requirements for submitting an application and for administering an Upward Bound project could change prior to the competition.

Change in Signature Requirements On NIH Forms and Documents

In Guide Notice NOT-OD-16-071 (issued February 25) to applicants and recipients, NIH detailed a change in signature requirements. Effective June 1, 2016, NIH will no longer accept forms or other documentation bearing generic departmental signatures or their electronic equivalent (e.g., Department of Sponsored Research). All forms and documentation submitted to the NIH must reflect the name of the individual, electronic or otherwise, with the appropriate institutional authority to submit such information (i.e., Authorized Organizational Official (AOR), Signing Official (SO), Business Official (BO), Principal Investigator (PD/PI)). Types of applications affected include: Competing Applications, Non-competing Continuation, Research Performance Progress Reports, JIT/Pre-Award Materials, Post-Award materials (such as Trainee Appointment Forms, Termination Notices). To read more, visit the NIH website.
Proposed Funding Levels for FY 2017 Announced

The latest GRC GrantWeek highlighted the following proposed funding levels requested by some of the major sponsoring agencies:

The U.S. Department of Education’s (ED) FY 17 proposed budget is seeking $69 billion, representing a 2 percent increase over FY 16 appropriations levels for fiscal year 2016. The implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act which recently replaced No Child Left Behind is a major highlight of the proposed budget.

The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) FY 17 proposed budget requests a $500 million increase over the FY 16 appropriation totaling almost $8 billion. About 93 percent of that total funds research and educational activities.

The National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) FY 17 budget requests $33.1 billion. NIH Director Francis Collins asks for over $1 billion in mandatory funds to support strategic initiatives such as the National Cancer Moonshot ($680 million), the Precision Medicine Initiative ($100 million) and the BRAIN Initiative ($45 million), with the remainder of the budget request to be fulfilled through discretionary funding.

The FY 17 proposed budget for the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) is seeking $12.8 billion in discretionary funding, a $600 million increase of the FY 16 enacted amount. A major highlight of the proposed budget is continued support of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), a federal job training program that was signed into law in 2014.

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U.S. Department of Energy Notice of Intent to Issue FOA Supporting the Marine and Hydrokinetic Industry

On behalf of the Wind and Water Power Technologies Office, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) intends to issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0001418 entitled Marine and Hydrokinetic Energy Conversion and Environmental Monitoring Technology Advancement. This FOA is soliciting applications that propose projects supporting the marine and hydrokinetic MHK industry in two Topic Areas. Topic Area 1 will focus on advancing wave and current energy-ocean, tidal, river-technologies by supporting projects that integrate advanced MHK components into system designs and then demonstrate the improved systems in full-scale open-water tests. Topic Area 2 will support the innovation, testing and validation of instrumentation for monitoring potential environmental impacts of MHK devices. EERE plans to issue the funding opportunity on or about March 1, 2016 via the EERE Exchange website. Please note that this is a notice of intent only. Please check the EERE Exchange website closer to the expected date of issue for the official FOA.

March-August Grant Application Deadlines Available On The SJSU Research Foundation Website

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 our Funding Alert System. This current report covers the six-month period beginning March 1 through August 31. Links to sponsors funding announcements are included. To view the report, visit the SJSU Research Foundation website.

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.

Program: California Groundwater Association (CGA) Scholarships
Agency: California Groundwater Association
Deadline: March 15, 2016

Program: Sheryl Kratz Scholarship
Agency: California Groundwater Association
Deadline: March 15, 2016

Program: Interpretive Fellowships at Art Museums
Agency: Samuel H. Kress Foundation
Deadline: April 1, 2016

Program: Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards
Agency: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Deadline: April 8, 2016

Program: Margaret Blake Roach Fellowship
Agency: Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.
Deadline: April 15, 2016

Program: Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition
Agency: American Association of Law Libraries
Deadline: April 18, 2016