

Research@KU

Updates on the Lawrence campus from the Vice Provost for Research

KU Research Summit Update

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research and the Faculty Senate are pleased to host the first-ever KU Research Summit on Tuesday, January 16. The response to the event has been excellent, with almost 200 individuals planning to attend. Researchers, graduate students, post-docs, and university administrators in a variety of disciplines will be represented. Feedback from the event will be collected and shared.

The summit is patterned after KU's successful teaching summit, and features a variety of discussion topics during three 50-minute break-out sessions. The summit will conclude with a group feedback meeting and box lunch. Richard Lariviere, provost and executive vice chancellor, will provide the opening session remarks.

For more information, visit www.research.ku.edu/researchsummit.

Bi-Campus Forum to Discuss Research Technology February 22

The KU Lawrence campus and KU Medical Center will host a bi-campus research technology forum on Thursday, February 22, 8:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m., in the Kansas Room in the KU Memorial Union on the Lawrence campus.

The forum is intended to provide planning insight and input into future information technology and telecommunications directions at both campuses.

The forum is limited to 130 persons and is intended primarily for active KU and KUMC research faculty. Feedback from the forum will provide useful guidance on decisions about the future of campus research technology.

More information is available now at <http://restechforum.kumc.edu>. Additional information will be available as the date approaches.

FY 2008 General Research Fund (GRF) Competition Deadlines Set

The General Research Fund (GRF) is a competitive award program that provides funding for the advancement of the university's research programs. The Office of the Vice Provost for Research provides funds to each school or college and assists in the administration of these funds. Contact and submission information for the FY 2008 award cycle is available at <http://www.kucr.ku.edu/depts/funding/grf.shtml>.

Each faculty member on the Lawrence campus is eligible to submit one GRF proposal to his or her school or college as the principal investigator. Awards are made based on the scholarly excellence of the proposal and its benefit to the university and to the individual researcher. Funds are awarded for a one-year period and may be used for summer salary, student or GRA salary, supplies and travel.

Undergraduate Assistantship Fund Supports Student Research

University of Kansas faculty research important issues in our society, whether it's studying predators of gambling, AIDS education in Africa, or Huntington's disease.

Thanks to a new KU program, they can hire undergraduates to work along with them.

The Undergraduate Research Assistantship (URA) Fund provides KU faculty with matching funds to hire undergraduate research assistants. For the past year, over 70 faculty have used over \$126,000 to hire 74 students to do research.

"Involving undergraduates in research is a part of KU's core mission" said Jim Roberts, vice provost for research. "Its part of the education process for undergraduates; for most disciplines, it provides graduate students an opportunity to mentor; and it gives the faculty teaching opportunities outside the classroom." "For many individuals, including myself, it is the start toward a career in research."

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The fund is made available through a partnership between the Provost's Office and the Office of the Vice Provost for Research (OVPR).

"The Undergraduate Research Assistantship Fund is an important part of the overall effort to elevate the awareness and importance of undergraduate research," said John Augusto, research training coordinator.

The list of Spring 2007 awards are available at http://www.vpresearch.ku.edu/depts/training/ura_fund/ura_award.shtml.

Costa Rican Administrator Visits KU

This semester, the Office of the Vice Provost for Research is co-hosting an eight-week fellowship at KU by a research administrator from the University of Costa Rica. Cristina Alvarado is director of research support within the Office of the **Blue Rector of Research** at UCR. She will be on campus through early March. At KU, she will spend much of her time working in the Applied English Center, improving her command of English. The rest of her time will be spent meeting with and shadowing research administration staff to develop a better understanding of how a major U.S. university conducts its day-to-day research business. The goal is to strengthen UCR's overall operations through a series of such visits over time.

KUCR Proposal Services Branch Office in Strong Hall Now Open

Get help with your research proposal just a few steps from Jayhawk Boulevard. The KU Center for Research Proposal Services branch office in 222 Strong Hall is ready to assist faculty and staff with the submission of externally-funded research grants. Researchers may drop off proposals for review or discuss a proposal with staff, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Multidisciplinary Research Building Occupants Celebrate First Anniversary

Researchers, staff and student occupants of the Multidisciplinary Research Building (MRB) celebrated the building's first anniversary with an internationally-themed potluck luncheon. "The MRB's first anniversary was a perfect opportunity to arrange an event to encourage interaction among research groups," said Teri Herberger, MRB facilities manager. "We chose to mark the occasion with an international potluck to celebrate the diversity of individuals doing research in our building." The \$40 million, 106,000 square foot building was completed in December 2005 and formally dedicated in March 2006.

Research Administration

Proposal Services provides assistance with Grants.gov February receipt dates for NIH R01 proposal submissions

Investigators considering submission of an National Institutes of Health (NIH) R01 application via Grants.gov's electronic process for the February 5 receipt date are strongly encouraged to contact KUCR Proposal Services early in the proposal planning process. Contact Barbara Earl, manager, at 864-7781 or bearl@ku.edu.

New Limits on appendix materials for all NIH/AHRQ/NIOSH grant applications beginning with receipt dates on or after January 3

The NIH has announced a change in policy limiting appendix materials that may be submitted with grant applications to NIH, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). The goal of changing the guidelines for grant application appendix materials is to encourage applications to be as concise as possible while containing the information needed for expert scientific review. It is important to note that the appendix may not be used to circumvent the page limitations of the research plan. More information on this policy is available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-018.html>.

Establishment of multiple principal investigator awards for the support of team science projects

Beginning with research grant applications submitted for February 2007 receipt dates, the NIH will allow applicants and their institutions to identify more than one principal investigator (PI). The multiple PI option will be extended to most research grant applications submitted electronically through Grants.gov using the SF424 R&R application package. Some types of applications will not accommodate more than a single PI, and this restriction will be described in announcements for those programs. The NIH expects the availability of the multiple PI option to encourage interdisciplinary and other team approaches to biomedical research. More information on this policy is available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-017.html>.

Upcoming Events

January 16

Research Summit

8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Wescoe Hall, Lawrence campus

<http://www.research.ku.edu/researchsummit>

January 23

National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) video workshop on Sponsored Projects Essentials

10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Simons Auditorium, Higuchi Biosciences Center

To register, go to <http://hbc.ku.edu/NCURAreistration.shtml>. Lunch provided.

February 15

Grant/Fellowship Workshop

6:00–8:00 p.m.

Simons Auditorium, Higuchi Biosciences Center

“Introduction to Proposal Development” for

Graduate Students in the Humanities, Social

Sciences, Arts, Architecture, And Journalism

Hall Center Conference Room

Hall Center for the Humanities

Contact: Humanities Grant Development Office,

hgdo@ku.edu

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8:30 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

KU Memorial Union, Kansas Room

RSVP to vpinfo@ku.edu

More info: <http://restechforum.kumc.edu>

February 27

KU Entrepreneurship Fair

11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Burge Union

Contact: Ankur Dayal, adayal@ku.edu

<http://www.entrepreneurshipweekusa.com>

Coming up

Entrepreneurship Week

February 24–March 3, 2007

Responsible Conduct of

Research Awareness Week

March 5–8, 2007

NIH fiscal policy for grant awards – FY 2007

NIH is instituting the following fiscal policies in FY 2007: Inflationary adjustments for existing non-competing renewal awards (including modular grants) will not be made in FY 2007. More information is available at <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-030.html>.

NIH is currently operating under a continuing resolution, which was recently extended until February 15, 2007. Until the final appropriation is enacted, NIH will issue non-competing research grant awards at a level below that indicated on the most recent Notice of Award (up to 80% of the previously committed level). More information on this policy is available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-004.html>.

Questions about specific awards may be directed to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the notice of award.

“Sponsored Projects Essentials” kicks off NCURA broadcast series January 23

The 2007 **National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA)** broadcast series begins the first of four live satellite down-link broadcasts on January 23 from 10:30 am–2:30 p.m. in Simons Auditorium on KU’s west campus.

The session’s topic, “Sponsored Projects Essentials,” is an opportunity to learn the latest information concerning grant administration. Topics include:

- Proposal phase – budget development
- Revised budget phase
- Award acceptance review of final budget
- Sub-recipient monitoring
- Purchase orders
- Accounts payment vouchers
- Cost transfers
- Financial reporting
- Time and effort
- Project monitoring

The series is co-sponsored by the KU Center for Research (KUCR) and the Higuchi Biosciences Center (HBC). Lunch will be provided by KUCR. If you plan on attending this professional development event, please register online at <http://hbc.ku.edu/NCURAreistration.shtml>.

Save the date: Upcoming 2007 NCURA broadcasts

Session details and registration information will be provided for future broadcasts.

- Effort Reporting—March 6
- Conflict of Interest: How to Spot and Manage It—June 12
- Sub-awards: A Survivor’s Guide of Key Concepts and Principles—September 11

Researchers in the News

KU receives NIH grant to support mentored research program

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/january/12/nihgrant.shtml>

The Office for Diversity in Science Training has received a two-year \$574,000 Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Program grant from the National Institutes of Health Minority Opportunities in Research Program.

KU economics professor named a 2007 Emerging Scholar

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/january/10/asiedu.shtml>

Elizabeth Asiedu, associate professor of economics, was recognized by Diverse magazine as an Emerging Scholar for 2007.

KU researcher selected to present geophysics work around the globe

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/january/9/steeples.shtml>

Don Steeples, Dean A. McGee Distinguished Professor of Applied Geophysics and vice provost for scholarly support, was selected by the Society for Exploration Geophysicists as distinguished lecturer for fall 2007.

KU researchers say Kansas lakes are filling in and shrinking

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2006/december/12/lakes.shtml>

So far, the research program at the Kansas Biological Survey collected information on the depth, water quality, sedimentation and storage capacity of five Kansas lakes.

The January Funding Opportunities Bulletin is available online at
http://www.research.ku.edu/kucr/fundops/bulletin/2007/fob07_07.pdf.