

# Research@KU

Updates on the Lawrence campus from the Vice Provost for Research

## Video workshops to address NSF international grants and fellowships

Two video conferences on international grant and fellowship opportunities at the National Science Foundation (NSF) for graduate students and faculty will be held on March 14 in 100C Multidisciplinary Research Building, 2030 Becker Drive. The workshop for graduate students is from 9 to 10 a.m. The faculty workshop follows from 10 to 11 a.m.

International science and engineering research and education activities are funded by all NSF directorates and offices. The Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE) works closely with other NSF directorates and offices to co-fund innovative, catalytic new awards and supplements that promote research excellence through international collaboration and develop the next generation of globally engaged U.S. scientists and engineers. Investigators seeking funding for international collaborative research may include an international component in new proposals submitted to the relevant NSF research program, or request supplemental funding to add international collaboration to projects supported by current NSF grants.

Seating is limited. To register, contact William Sharp, Director, Research Integrity, at [wsharp@ku.edu](mailto:wsharp@ku.edu) or 864-7430. The workshops are co-sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research and the Graduate School and International Programs.

## FDP Faculty Burden Survey Report Available Online

The Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) has made available the results of a 2005 survey designed to help reduce administrative burden among faculty. The goal of the report is to develop new strategies for making federally funded research more efficient and productive without sacrificing accountability and compliance with federal regulations. To view the report, go to [http://www.thefdp.org/Faculty\\_Committee.html#PII\\_2305](http://www.thefdp.org/Faculty_Committee.html#PII_2305).

## University Relations Hires Research Writer and Producer

Brendan Lynch has been hired as KU's new research writer and producer. Lynch will cover Lawrence campus research news and produce the **Research Minute** broadcasts on Kansas Public Radio.

Lynch will join University Relations on April 9, succeeding Brandis Griffith who is now serving as the deputy communications director for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science.

Lynch is currently an associate editor for Northstar Travel Media in New York. He has a bachelor's degree in journalism and comparative literature from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts.

## KU-RESADMIN: A new e-mail discussion list for issues related to research administration

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research has recently established KU-RESADMIN, a new e-mail discussion list for individuals on the KU Lawrence campus interested in issues related to research administration.

The discussion list will be used to distribute announcements and to provide a forum for questions regarding the administration of sponsored projects at KU. For example, this list will be used to announce upcoming events such as NCURA video workshops. List members are welcome to post questions and comments concerning the management and administration of sponsored projects.

It is anticipated that the KU-RESADMIN list will deliver no more than 1-2 announcements per month. Only subscribers to the list may send an e-mail to the list. All e-mails sent to the list are reviewed by the list moderator before posting. The list of subscribers is available only to the list owners.

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You will receive a welcome message when you have been added to KU-RESADMIN.

**KU Pharmacy School Ranks Third in Nation in NIH Funding**

The University of Kansas School of Pharmacy ranks third among the nation's best schools for securing funding from the prestigious National Institutes of Health, according to a recent study.

KU's pharmacy school secured generated more than \$14.5 million in NIH research funding in fiscal year 2006, according to data compiled by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

The NIH is the primary source of federal funding for the nation's pharmacy schools. NIH support is considered an important validation of a pharmacy school's national reputation.

KU is within \$700,000 of second place, held by the University of Utah. The University of California-San Francisco again ranked No. 1. The University of Washington and University of Illinois at Chicago rounded out the top five.

"Our prominence in NIH research funding is an appropriate reflection on the consistency and excellence of our distinguished faculty in competing nationally for NIH research funding," said Kenneth Audus, professor and dean in the School of Pharmacy.

"The School's funding success is based on the collective contributions of the entire faculty, senior and junior, as well as their ability to develop collaborations across disciplines on the Lawrence and Kansas City campuses."

KU has been in the top five for six consecutive years and in the top 10 since 1995. Audus said continued success in the ratings has many benefits for KU, including faculty and student recruitment and retention.

"Our reputation is enhanced by the rankings. That reputation is extremely helpful in faculty and student recruitment and gives the School an attractive profile for potential research collaborators. Our alumni can also take pride in the fact that their contributions help power one of the top research and academic pharmacy programs in the country," he said.

Jim Roberts, vice provost for research, added, "The success of the School is more evidence that KU can compete with the best in the country for research grants."

**Researchers in the News****Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets takes part in global research effort**

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/march/1/polaryear.shtml>

The Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets will conduct a major field experiment in Greenland and another in Antarctica to mark the International Polar Year. The center also will host a seminar series on climate change.

## Upcoming Events

**March 12**

**Deadline for Vice Provost for Research Book Subvention Award**—5 p.m.  
Hall Center for the Humanities  
More information: Hall Center for the Humanities, 864-3884

**March 14**

**“International Grant and Fellowship Opportunities at NSF” video workshop for graduate students**—9-10 a.m.  
100C Multidisciplinary Research Center  
To register, contact William Sharp, director, research integrity, wsharp@ku.edu or 864-7430

**“International Grant and Fellowship Opportunities at NSF” video workshop for faculty**—10-11 a.m.  
100C Multidisciplinary Research Center  
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**March 21**

**Spring Seminar Series**—3:30-5 p.m.  
Seppo A. Korpela presents “Peak Oil”  
Spahr Auditorium, Eaton Hall  
Sponsored by the Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets

**March 27**

**Public Symposia**—6:30-8 p.m.  
Sir Martin Gilbert presents “Winston Churchill’s Vision of America”  
Helzberg Auditorium, Central Library, 14 W. 10th St., Kansas City, MO  
More information: Hall Center for the Humanities, 864-3884

**March 29**

**“Risk and Resilience in Childhood: Implications for the Design and Development of More Effective Programs for Children and Families”**—7-8:30 p.m.  
Mark Fraser, Ph.D.  
Kansas Room, Kansas Union  
Sponsored by KUCR and the School of Social Welfare

**March 30**

**Public Symposia**—1-3:15 p.m.  
Michael Traugott presents “Polling and the Public’s Interest”  
Hall Center for the Humanities Conference Hall  
More information: Hall Center for the Humanities, 864-3884

## Kansas Geological Survey names Butler Head of Groundwater Section

<http://www.kgs.ku.edu/General/News/2007/geohydro.html>

James J. Butler, Jr. has been named acting chief of the groundwater program at the Kansas Geological Survey.

## Lecture series honors former KU professor

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/march/1/fields.shtml>

Gary Entz, associate professor of history at McPherson College, will present “Religion and Politics in Kansas,” as part of the J. Eldon Fields Memorial Lectures.

## Research Administration

### NIH Web site for award data retooled

The **National Institutes of Health (NIH)** has developed a Web-based tool to find award data for an organization or department within an organization. The NIH Web site, Award Data for Individual Organizations, is available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/award/trends/FindOrg.cfm>.

Information about the University of Kansas Lawrence campus is available at [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/award/trends/FindOrg\\_Detail.cfm?OrgID=1484302](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/award/trends/FindOrg_Detail.cfm?OrgID=1484302).

### NIH workshops seek input on Integrated Review Groups

NIH will host six single-day workshops in 2007 to gather input on the alignment of its Integrated Review Groups (IRGs) and component study sections. More information is available from <http://cms.csr.nih.gov/AboutCSR/OpenHouses.htm>.

### NIH eSubmission items of interest

The NIH recently released a breakdown of its first electronic R01 receipt date in the February 15 issue of eSubmission News and Updates. Of particular interest to anyone who submitted or plans to submit an NIH proposal via Grants.gov is the section entitled “Rejection – It’s All in the Intent,” part of which is included below:

NIH noticed an increase in the number of applications that were “Rejected” prior to the February 5 R01 submission deadline. When is it OK to use the “Reject” option? It’s all in the intent. The bottom line is applications should not be submitted until there is an expectation that they are ready to go forward barring any unforeseen issues. Since applicants have no way to view the entire application until they submit, it is reasonable that they might want to make adjustments after viewing the assembled application if still before the deadline.

NIH does not condone the submission of “works in progress” or “test” applications. We have pretty strong feelings on this point – just don’t do it!

The full text is available online at [http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/news\\_02-15-07.htm](http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/news_02-15-07.htm). If you have a question regarding Grants.gov, please contact Suzanne Henderson, 864-7403, shenders@ku.edu.