

Research@KU

Updates on the Lawrence campus from the Vice Provost for Research



NSF Program Helps Investigators Communicate Research to Public Audiences

The **National Science Foundation (NSF) Informal Science Education program (ISE)** in the **Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings (DRL)** division provides support to award recipients to help communicate their research to broader audiences.

NSF 03-509, "Communicating Research to Public Audiences," supports projects that provide stimulating contexts and experiences for individuals of all ages, interests, and backgrounds to increase their appreciation for, and understanding of, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in out-of-school settings.

Requests for up to \$75,000 are considered to support projects that communicate to public audiences the process and results of current research that is being supported by any NSF directorate through informal science education activities, such as media presentations, exhibits, or youth-based activities. Other program guidelines include:

- The Principal Investigator (PI) must have an active NSF-supported research grant.
- The Program Officer for the research award must provide a letter of support.
- Proposals may be submitted at anytime, but at least six months prior to the anticipated start date.

For more information about the program, visit http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5362.

KU Co-Sponsors National Conference for Chicano and Native American Students in Science

The **Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)** will host their 2007 national conference October 11-14 at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown in Kansas City, MO.

"Stretching the Imagination to Support Leadership and Sustainability," merges opportunities for Chicano/Latino and Native American students to share research, receive guidance, and develop professionally with three days of innovative conference activities.

The University of Kansas will be a lead sponsor of the event, hosting the reception where the Chancellor will welcome the expected 3,000 attendees. In addition, KU will have two recruitment booths for the Lawrence and Medical Center campuses.

"This is a real opportunity for KU to shine, providing faculty the opportunity to recruit undergraduates into summer research programs, potential graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers" says KU local organizing chairperson Professor Jim Orr. "We are making every effort to ensure the conference attendees from other universities get an opportunity to see KU as a leading research university."

The **Office for Diversity in Science Training** is serving as the lead unit for KU's efforts. For more information, go to <http://www2.sacnas.org/confNew/confClient>.

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KUCR Employee Jumps for Public Awareness, State Record

On Thursday, June 14, KUCR staff member Jeremy Struempf took a leap to draw attention to domestic violence in Kansas. Then he took 52 more.

Struempf, grant specialist in sponsored program administration and skydiver, made 53 skydiving jumps—to mark the number of daily acts of sexual and domestic violence in Kansas—in one day. The event in Osage City was enough to land him in the [Kansas Sports Hall of Fame](#) as the new record holder for number of jumps in a single day.

Struempf has been skydiving for two years and also coaches skydiving. He says the event was a joint effort between the [Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence \(KCSDV\)](#) and [Skydive Kansas](#). All proceeds from the event went to KCSDV.



Researchers in the News

KU researcher receives Alfred P. Sloan fellowship

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/june/4/sloan.shtml>

Wonpil Im, assistant professor of molecular biosciences, is the recipient of a 2007 Alfred P. Sloan fellowship.

Art professor awarded creativity fellowship

http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2007/jun/11/ku_art_professor_receives_fellowship

Matthew Burke, assistant professor of art, was awarded an Alden B. Dow Creativity Fellowship by Northwood University.

National psychological association honors Life Span Institute expert on community development

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/june/12/schultz.shtml>

Jerry Schultz, associate director of the Work Group for Community Health and Development, was given the American Psychological Association's 2007 Distinguished Contribution to Practice in Community Psychology award.

Four KU faculty members earn distinguished professorships

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/june/7/distinguished.shtml>

Kristin Bowman-James, chemistry; A. Townsend Peterson, ecology and evolutionary biology; Joseph Steinmetz, molecular biosciences; and Judy Wu, physics and astronomy were named university distinguished professors in June.

KU students, alumni win seven Fulbright awards, two related languages awards

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/june/5/fulbright.shtml>

Seven KU students won Fulbright awards for study and research abroad for the 2007-08 academic year.

Research Administration

NSF combines and revises GPG & GPM

The new [NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide \(NSF 07-140\)](#) consolidates two previous stand-alone NSF policy documents—the NSF Grant Proposal Guide (GPG) and the Grant Policy Manual (GPM)—and combines them into a single electronic policy framework. The new guide will be effective for proposals submitted on or after June 1, 2007 and supercedes all prior versions of the GPG and GPM. Please note:

NSF Allowable Fonts (Effective 6/1/07) — REVISED

An Arial, Helvetica, Palatino (for Macintosh), Palatino Linotype (for Windows), Computer Modern (TeX only), or Georgia typeface; a black font color; and a font size of 10 points or larger must be used. (A Symbol font may be used to insert Greek letters or special characters; however, the font size requirement still applies.) The use of small type not in compliance with the above guidelines may be grounds for NSF to return the proposal without review.

Upcoming Events

September 11

National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) video workshop on Sub-awards: A Survivor's Guide of Key Concepts and Principles—10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Simons Auditorium, Higuchi Biosciences Center
Save the date. Registration information to come.

September 24

Humanities Lecture Series—7:30–9:00 p.m.
Alexander McCall Smith
Lied Center
Sponsored by the Hall Center for the Humanities

Upcoming NCURA video workshop

The 2007 **National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA)** broadcast series concludes with a live satellite downlink broadcast in September:

Sub-awards: A Survivor's Guide of Key Concepts and Principles
September 11, 10:30-2:30
Simons Auditorium, Higuchi Biosciences Center
Program information: <http://www.ncura.edu/conferences/videoseries/2007/programs/subawards.htm>

A participant may receive .3 CEUs or 4 CPE units for attending an entire video workshop. Attendees may indicate interest in earning credits during registration. To register, go to <http://hbc.ku.edu/NCURAreistration.shtml>. The series is co-sponsored by **KUCR** and the **Higuchi Biosciences Center (HBC)**.

NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program Solicitation Now Available

The **National Science Foundation's (NSF's) Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program** offers the foundation's most prestigious awards in support of the early career-development activities. Proposals for the 2007 competition are due in July, and special eligibility criteria apply. Need help? Proposal Services assists researchers with proposal preparation and submission. Proposers are encouraged to contact Barbara Earl, manager, Proposal Services, bearl@ku.edu or 864-7781, early in the proposal planning process.

A message from the Vice Provost for Research

A Successful F&A Rate Negotiation

I am pleased to report that we have completed the facilities and administrative (F&A) reimbursement rate negotiation with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The result is a two point increase in our on-campus research rate, effective July 1, 2007, from the current 44% to 46%.

Further, the rate will increase automatically by half a point in 2010 and by another half a point in 2011, at which time we will submit a new proposal to DHHS.

This was an extremely successful F&A rate negotiation. The outcome reflects numerous additions and enhancements to research space, as well as other KU investments since the existing rate was established in 2003.

Recognition is due Comptroller Diane Goddard, her staff, and staff at KUCR for their hard work in preparing KU's proposal, working with consultants and the site visit team, and handling the final negotiations. I am grateful to them and everyone else who had a hand in the rate-setting process.

The new rate applies to all new proposals submitted from the Lawrence campus with start dates on or after July 1, 2007. In instances where a proposal was submitted under the old rate and awarded after July 1, 2007, KUCR will work with agencies to increase funding for F&A, if possible. If funding is restricted, KUCR will use the old rate to alleviate negative impacts to direct cost budgets.

Again, join me in thanking the working group. At the same time, you should all feel good about the research you do and the recognition by DHHS that a higher F&A rate for KU is warranted based on the strong proposal we submitted.

Jim Roberts
Vice Provost for Research

The June Funding Opportunities Bulletin is available at
http://www.research.ku.edu/kucr/fundops/bulletin/2007/fob07_06.pdf.

