

Research and Graduate Studies @ KU

Updates from the Office of Research and Graduate Studies



A message from the Interim Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies officially became a single entity on July 1, and I began my new role in mid-August. Working with staff in both areas, I look forward to supporting the integration of these complementary groups into a new organization that serves the university's overarching mission of discovery, scholarship, and knowledge dissemination.

RGS doesn't "do" research or teach graduate students, of course. Our goal is to facilitate and enhance the work of faculty, staff, and students so they can achieve their goals and be successful. That's the only reason we are here.

At this important juncture, we want a better idea of how well we're achieving our mission at the level of faculty, students, and staff. So we'll undertake a series of self-evaluations beginning late this fall to gather input and assess both your expectations and our level of performance in meeting those expectations. This will provide crucial guidance as we make decisions and plan for the future of this new organization.

Meanwhile, the search for a permanent Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies will proceed as the fall semester progresses. All of us have a stake in that process, and I encourage you to support it in every way possible.

Sara Rosen, professor and chair of linguistics, was named Associate Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies in June. Her office is located in Strong Hall. The main RGS office will relocate to Strong Hall later this semester. On one level, that's a purely practical move. But it's also symbolic. Our goal is to align graduate education with research, placing both of them squarely where both naturally reside: at the heart of the university's mission.

I appreciate all the support I've received since moving into this interim role. Even though 2007-08 is a transition year, we cannot afford to lose momentum. In a challenging environment for funded research, we seek to grow and enhance the research and scholarly efforts of all faculty. In a challenging environment for graduate education, we seek to strengthen and deepen the scope and quality of master's and doctoral programs throughout the campus.

We need your help to do this, and I invite your continued input and support as we move forward.

*Steve Warren
Interim Vice Provost
Office of Research and Graduate Studies*

I2V Workshop Planned September 29 at Kauffman Foundation

The **Office of Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property** at the University of Kansas, along with the **Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation** at the University of Missouri - Kansas City, will host a one-day workshop Saturday, September 29, on technology entrepreneurship.

The workshop, "Invention to Venture" (I2V), is intended primarily for college and university students, but is also open to anyone who wants to know more about

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the topic. The workshop is being held in cooperation with the **National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance (NCIIA)**. It will take place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the **Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation**, 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, Mo.

The workshop fee is \$10 for students, \$25 for faculty members, \$50 for FastTrac tech alumni, and \$75 for the business community. Registration scholarships for students are available. Lunch and a continental breakfast are included in the fee.

For more information, go to the I2V website at www.invention2venture.org, or call (785) 864-7783 in Kansas or (816) 235-6429 in Missouri.

TRIPS (Travel of Research Investigators to Potential Sponsors) Schedule Released

Chancellor Hemenway continues to make the university airplane available to researchers who can benefit from face-to-face meetings with funding officials in Washington, D.C. The purpose of these flights is to grow and stimulate the research enterprise at KU. There is no charge to the researcher for the flight; the only requirement is that the researcher has a scheduled meeting with program officers to discuss the possibility of funding for a future sponsored project.

The following flights are scheduled for the upcoming academic year:

- September 25, 2007
- October 16, 2007
- November 7, 2007
- January 30-31*, 2008
- March 26, 2008
- May 8, 2008

* Please note that the January flight leaves on the 30th and returns on the 31st.

Art Faculty Reception Planned at MRB

A KU faculty artists' reception will be held Friday, November 16, at the Multidisciplinary Research Building, 2030 Becker Drive, from 4–6 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and the public is invited to attend.

The reception celebrates the second installation at MRB of works by KU faculty artists. This year's exhibition features works by Carol Ann Carter, Gerald Lubensky, and Alison Luoma. The artists will be on hand at the reception to talk about their works.

"Art @ MRB" is a joint effort of the **Office of Research and Graduate Studies** and the **School of Fine Arts**. For more information, contact Kevin Boatright, director of communications for Research and Graduate Studies, at kboatright@ku.edu or 864-7240.

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 its 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 is a lead sponsor of the event, hosting the reception where Chancellor Hemenway 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 summer research program undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers," said Professor Jim Orr, KU local organizing chairperson. "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>.

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

To register: <http://www.hbc.ku.edu/NCURAREgistration.shtml>

September 12

Research Administration 101 (RA101) fall session begins—2:30–4:30 p.m.

Apollo Room of Nichols Hall, West Campus

More information: Susan MacNally, compliance coordinator, 864-4148 or sumac@ku.edu

September 24

Humanities Lecture Series—7:30-9:00 p.m.

Alexander McCall Smith

Lied Center

Sponsored by the Hall Center for the Humanities

September 29

Invention to Venture (I2V) Workshop—8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, Mo.

Registration Required.

More information: (785) 864-7783 (Kansas), (816) 235-6429 (Missouri)

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Art@MRB Faculty Art Installation Reception—4-6 p.m.

Multidisciplinary Research Building (MRB)

2030 Becker Drive, West Campus

More information: Kevin Boatright, 864-7240 or kboatright@ku.edu

Conflict of Interest Reporting Begins mid-September

Kansas Board of Regents policy requires all full-time faculty and unclassified staff, and many part-time faculty and unclassified staff, to make an annual declaration of time and financial interests and to disclose details when an interest relevant to their work at the university passes given thresholds of significance. Board of Regents conflict of interest (COI) reporting is a separate procedure, not to be confused with the State of Kansas Statement of Substantial Interests (see the Kansas Governmental Ethics website at <http://www.kansas.gov/ethics/> for additional information on this state-mandated procedure).

In mid-September, e-mails will be sent to all KU employees who are required to file an annual COI report, announcing that it is time to either submit a COI report in hard copy, fully signed, or to confirm that they have no changes to disclose from their most recent COI report. (A confirmation of no changes can be completed entirely online in just a few clicks; however, this option is only available if a fully-signed copy of the previous report is on file.) E-mail notices will contain a link to the web-facilitated COI reporting system. The web-facilitated system provides a secure interface for employees to view or print out prior reports, begin a new form online, or confirm a previous report.

For those without adequate internet access or who prefer to fill out a paper form, forms are available in Word format at the Research Integrity website at <http://www.rcr.ku.edu/coi/index.shtml>, or by request from Research Integrity, 864-4148.

Researchers & Grad Students in the News

Kansas Geological Survey researchers receive grant to study ancient climate

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/august/20/climate.shtml>

Scientists from the Kansas Geological Survey and KU will use a \$250,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to study what the climate was like in the Cretaceous Period.

KU working to create a permanent autism research center

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/august/22/autism.shtml>

KU's Life Span Institute has formed a work group from the Lawrence and KU Medical Center campuses to explore the creation of a permanent autism center that would attract graduate students and scientists into the field of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Chancellors Club honors neural repair and rehab researcher

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/august/29/chancellorsclub.shtml>

Randolph Nudo, director of the Landon Center on Aging and professor of molecular and integrative physiology at KU Medical Center, is one of two winners of a \$5,000 Chancellors Club award for his research on neural repair and rehabilitation after brain injury.

Weekly radio broadcast shines light on KU research

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/august/31/researchmatters.shtml>

Beginning Sept. 3, a two-minute "Research Matters" broadcast on Kansas Public Radio will explore interesting and relevant research efforts at KU.

Ten KU doctoral students receive Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowships

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/august/31/selffellows.shtml>

Ten doctoral students have been selected to receive the KU's Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowships. Self fellowships are four-year awards to new or first-year students that provide full tuition and fees, a \$24,000 annual payment, and entrance into the Fellow Development Program.

KU now offering customized training to bioscience industry

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/august/31/bioscience.shtml>

Bioscience Continuing Education at KU now offers customized professional training to organizations in the biomedical and pharmaceutical industries. Grants have helped develop science-based and business-oriented courses for leading companies in the Kansas City area.

Research Administration

Research Administration 101 begins September 12

September 12 to November 14, 2007

Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30pm

Apollo Room, Nichols Hall, West Campus

Research Administration 101 (RA101) is a certificate program offered by the **Office of Research and Graduate Studies** to members of the KU community engaged in the administration of externally-sponsored projects. Each fall, the program is offered in a class format consisting of 10, weekly, two-hour sessions taught by a variety of in-house experts from the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, as well as invited guests from the broader KU community.

The course is intended to provide participants with an overview of what sponsored projects are, how they are administered at KU, and who bears responsibility for seeing that they are administered responsibly. Many of the topics addressed are relevant to all sponsored projects, including research, educational service agreements, training grants, and public service projects. Some topics will be relevant to any research activity, regardless of whether or not it is externally funded.

RA101 materials are distributed through Blackboard courseware. Topics and downloadable handouts from the fall 2006 course are available on the web at http://www.rcr.ku.edu/ra_101/ra_101.shtml.

To register for the fall 2007 course, please contact Susan MacNally, Compliance Coordinator, Research Integrity, sumac@ku.edu. Please provide your name, department affiliation, e-mail, and phone number in the message.

Upcoming NCURA video workshop to focus on sub-awards

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 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Simons Auditorium, Higuchi Biosciences Center

Register online: <http://www.hbc.ku.edu/NCURAreistration.shtml>

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. The series is co-sponsored by the **Office of Research and Graduate Studies** and the **Higuchi Biosciences Center**.

NIH extends pilot effort for new investigators

As part of the **National Institutes of Health's** continuing commitment to new investigators, a pilot effort was begun in 2006 to allow new investigators to have the option of submitting a resubmission/amended R01 application for consecutive review cycles, saving four months. Beginning with the September/October 2007 Study Section meetings, the Center for Scientific Review (CSR) is extending this to all new investigator R01 applications submitted for standard receipt dates (this does not include submissions for RFAs and PARs with special dates). The CSR recurring study sections that review new investigator R01 applications will meet on a schedule to allow consecutive cycle resubmissions. For details, please visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-083.html>.