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Updates from the Office of Research and Graduate Studies



RGS Convocation to be held Jan. 29

You are invited to attend the Office of Research and Graduate Studies (RGS) Convocation on Tues., Jan. 29, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Alderson Auditorium in the Kansas Union. The program will include updates on both research and graduate education at KU, and it will feature co-presentations by faculty members and their graduate students. A question and answer session will be followed by a reception.

For more information, contact Kevin Boatright, 864-7240 or kboatright@ku.edu.

Bioengineering Day features prominent speakers

The Second Regional Bioengineering Day will be held Dec. 8 at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

The day begins with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by morning and afternoon session speakers, including:

- Barbara Atkinson, executive vice chancellor and dean, KU School of Medicine
- Richard Lariviere, provost, KU
- Tom Thornton, Kansas Biosciences Authority
- Rod Lakes, distinguished professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Rena Bizios, professor, University of Texas-Austin
- Steve Eppell, biomedical engineering professor, Case Western Reserve University
- Van Thompson, professor and chair, New York University

The event also includes a luncheon featuring a lecture by Larry Katz, entitled, "Appetite or Apatite: A Look Back on 50 Years in Biomineralization".

Bioengineering Day will be held at Rieke Auditorium in the Orr-Major Building at KUMC, located at 39th and Rainbow Blvd. in Kansas City, Kan. It is sponsored by the KU Bioengineering Research Center. Registration for the event is \$25, but it is free to students with advanced registration. To register, e-mail Charles Ye at yeq@ku.edu.

NCURA 2008 workshops announced

The **National Council of University Research Administrators** (NCURA) has announced the NCURA TV 2008 Workshop Series schedule, with presentations in January, March, June and September.

The first workshop will be held Jan. 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Simons Auditorium in the Higuchi Biosciences Center. It will focus on "Managing Cost Issues." Faculty from around the country will discuss such topics as:

- personnel and payroll issues
- cost transfers

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- cost sharing management and companion accounts
- costing and billing service centers
- allowability of certain troublesome costs (such as food)
- procurement cards

The workshops are paid for by the **Office of Research and Graduate Studies** and the **Higuchi Biosciences Center**, and there is no cost to attend. Lunch breaks are 30 minutes, so attendees are encouraged to bring a box lunch.

To register, e-mail your name and department to Susan MacNally, compliance coordinator of Research Integrity, at sumac@ku.edu. Continuing education credits are available for participating, and participants may request these credits when registering.

K-INBRE seeks proposals

The Scientific Steering Committee for the **Kansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence** (K-INBRE) is calling for proposals to support:

- pilot grants
- bridging grants
- institutional core facilities
- recruitment packages

The purpose of this research support is to further the ability of Kansas researchers to compete successfully for NIH funds.

Eligibility:

Tenure and Research Track Faculty Investigators, on one of the 10 K-INBRE campuses, in all areas of cell and developmental biology, to include 1) reproduction and embryonic development, 2) organogenesis, 3) developmental neuroscience and 4) cellular and developmental pathologies, are eligible to compete for pilot, bridging, recruitment package and core facility funds. There are no restrictions on the number of proposals that may be submitted per institution or within a category.

Criteria:

Pilot Grants

Pilot grant proposals will be reviewed by external reviewers, with the major criteria being the importance and strength of the science, relevance to cell and developmental biology and the likelihood of developing successfully into an NIH-funded project.

Bridging Grants

Bridging grant proposals will be reviewed by external reviewers, with the major criteria being the importance and strength of the science, relevance to cell and developmental biology and the likelihood of developing successfully into an NIH-funded project. Aspects to be considered are the priority score and adequacy of the responses to the reviewers.

Institutional Core Facilities

Core facility grant proposals will be evaluated in terms of importance to the institutional and state cell and developmental biology research initiatives.

Recruitment Packages

Recruitment package grant criteria will include (1) institutional needs, (2) strength of the applicant and (3) the probability that hiring this individual will increase the competitiveness of the institution for NIH funds. A preliminary proposal documenting the establishment of a search for a researcher in cell and developmental biology may be submitted for consideration. Preference will be given to applicants with a recruit ready to sign.

Funding:

Proposals may not exceed \$35,000/direct costs for one period of funding.

Upcoming Events

December 8

Bioengineering Day—8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Rieke Auditorium

University of Kansas Medical Center

39th & Rainbow Blvd, Kansas City, Kan., Orr-Major Bldg.

Registration: \$25, students free.

To register: Charles Ye at yeq@ku.edu

December 12

“Clinical Trials: Emerging Legal Threats”—12:00-1:30 p.m.

Room 152 Smissman, West Campus

Sponsored by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies

To register: Susan MacNally, 864-4148, or sumac@ku.edu

(Date changed from Nov. 29)

January 22

NCURA 2008 Broadcast Workshop Series—10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Simons Auditorium, Higuchi Biosciences Center

Sponsored by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies and the Higuchi Biosciences Center

To register: Susan MacNally, 864-4148, or sumac@ku.edu. Please include your department in the request.

January 29

Research and Graduate Studies Convocation—3:30-5:00 p.m.

Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union

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

F&A can be added at 30% Modified Total Direct Costs or 30% Salary & Wage, as appropriate to your campus for F&A recovery. Funds will be made available May 1 and must be spent or encumbered by April 30 of the following year. Awards are contingent on availability of future funds from NIH.

Deadlines:

Proposals are due in the K-INBRE Administrative Office on Feb. 1, 2008, by 5 p.m.

E-mail proposals to Heiata Chapman, hchapman@kumc.edu. Awards will be announced by May 1, 2008. For specific information, contact either Janette Lyon at jlyon@kumc.edu or Heiata Chapman.

For those interested in pursuing this funding opportunity, please contact Barbara C. Earl, manager of proposal services, at 864-7781 or bearl@ku.edu.

Distinguished military historian named KU-Ft. Leavenworth Program director

Adrian R. Lewis, chair of the Department of History at the University of North Texas, has been named permanent director of the new KU-Ft. Leavenworth Program. Lewis, a distinguished military historian, will begin his duties next summer, succeeding the interim director, David Lambertson. He will also hold a half-time appointment as professor of history at KU.

The KU-Ft. Leavenworth Program was announced in September and is overseen by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies. Its purpose is to increase academic and research connections between KU and the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College.

“The quality of an officer’s education influences the quality of that officer’s decision making,” Lewis said. “The KU-Ft. Leavenworth Program is a great opportunity for KU to make a difference in the lives of soldiers and have an impact on the security of our country.”

Lewis joined the faculty at North Texas in 1995. He was previously chair of the Department of Military Science at the University of California, Berkeley, and earlier taught for four years at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. He served in the U.S. Army from 1977 to 1994, retiring with the rank of major. His academic background includes a B.A. degree in political science from UC-Berkeley and an M.B.A. degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He later received M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in European and military history from the University of Michigan and the University of Chicago, respectively.

Lewis is the author of *The American Culture of War: A History of American Military Force from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom* (2007) and *Omaha Beach: A Flawed Victory* (2001). Books in progress include *Understanding War: Explaining Victory and Defeat*.

Art reception successful; works on display year-round

Four artists and about 150 people gathered on Nov. 16 to celebrate the installation of works at “Art @ MRB” on Nov. 16.

The reception allowed attendees the opportunity to view both the art and the MRB facility, as well as gain knowledge of the pieces directly from the artists. The works of Carol Ann Carter, Gerald Lubensky

and Alison Luoma are now on display to the public, as well as the art of Matthew Burke, which was installed last year.

Megan Gannon, graphics coordinator for Research and Graduate Studies, said the event, in its second year, was a way to tie in artwork with the largest research building on campus.

“The event is a public acknowledgement that research extends beyond hard sciences,” Gannon said. “The thought process goes hand-in-hand with the creativity involved in creating a work of art.”

Thanks go out to Carter, Lubensky and Luoma for their participation in the event, as well as to Gannon and Dawn Guernsey, chair of the Department of Art, for their roles in the success of the event.

To view the art, visit the MRB at 2030 Becker Dr. between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays. Stop by the front desk first for a brochure on the artists and their works.

Researchers & Grad Students in the News

KU scientist elected fellow of national geology organization

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/november/14/kgs.shtml>

Marios Sophocleous, senior scientist for the Kanas Geological Survey, was elected a fellow of the Geological Society of America, a worldwide association that promotes the geosciences and provides a forum for diverse ideas.

Politics and bond market study by KU doctoral student wins award

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/november/12/nye.shtml>

U.S. Army Col. Robert Kennedy Nye, a doctoral student in public administration, won a national award for his study of the effects of political information on the municipal bond market.

Two grad students win case study prize at Kansas Student Affairs conference

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/november/15/education.shtml>

B. Tyler Blair and Stefani Gerson, graduate students in higher education administration, won in October in Manhattan. The competition focused on crisis management for universities and required students to create a fictitious university and establish a task force to evaluate the crisis management procedures for that campus.

KU researcher: iPhone holds promise as portable classroom

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/november/19/iphone.shtml>

An associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science at KU recognized that the popular gizmo could be used as a distance learning tool. James R. Miller said the pocket-sized computer can perform like an on-the-go classroom.

Life Span Institute bestows two graduate research assistant awards

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/november/28/lifespan.shtml>

Two doctoral students in clinical child psychology at the University of Kansas received Friends of the Life Span Institute Graduate Research Assistant Awards of \$1,500 each. Winners are Sara Rebecca Gould and Brandon S. Aylward.

Research Administration

Emerging legal threats in clinical trials teleconference date changed

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies will sponsor a live teleconference entitled “Clinical Trials: Emerging Legal Threats.” **The date has been changed** from Nov. 29 to **Wed., Dec. 12**, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 152 Smissman on KU’s West Campus. The teleconference will address the anticipated heightened federal scrutiny of clinical trials following a September report issued by the Department of Health and Human Services accusing the Food and Drug Administration of failing to provide adequate oversight of clinical trials.

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A panel of health care attorneys will examine the legal implications of conducting clinical research trials and best practices for researchers to avoid mistakes that can create liability exposure.

The panel will review these and other key questions:

- What clinical trial activities give rise to potential False Claims Act liability?
- What are the anti-kickback risks of conducting clinical trials?
- How can we limit our liability for the risks associated with conducting clinical trials?

Following the speaker presentations, attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions to the panelists.

To register, contact Susan MacNally, compliance coordinator, at 864-4148 or sumac@ku.edu. There is no cost to attend.

Tuition sponsorship process

Tuition for Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs) is budgeted in proposals at the in-state rates. In order for the tuition to be charged at the in-state rates, the following steps must be accomplished each semester:

- A Staff Rates Form (Out-of-State Waiver Form) must be completed and signed by each student and the applicable department and sent to the registrar's office.
- A sponsorship form must be completed for each sponsored project, itemized by student, number of hours being sponsored, type of student (UGA, GRA, Fellowship, Post-doc). The completed forms are sent to Post-Award Services, Youngberg Hall.

If the Staff Rates Form is not completed and the GRA is not a Kansas resident, the student account is assessed out-of-state rates that are billed to the sponsoring entity. It is important that neither the students nor the sponsored projects are unnecessarily charged out of state tuition rates.

Please contact Anita Abel at 864-7780, aabel@ku.edu, or Michelle Ginavan at 864-7688, mginavan@ku.edu, for further information or clarification of the tuition sponsorship process.

NIH reduces temporary "error correction window" for electronic applications

NIH will reduce the "error correction window" (i.e. the time allowed after the submission deadline to address NIH system identified errors/warnings) from five (5) business days to two (2) business days for all electronically submitted grant applications with submission deadlines on or after January 8, 2008. For further details, go to: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-018.html>.

New "Request for Proposals" announced

The Sunflower Foundation is pleased to announce a new Request for Proposals, RFP #08-102. This RFP addresses four grant categories within the foundation's interest areas: Capacity Building, School Health, Walking Trails and Investing in the Health Care Safety Net. Please see the chart below for details regarding each area.

Note that the application steps and deadlines involved in applying to this RFP vary and are determined by the grant category under which an application is made.

The Foundation will host briefings via telephone conference calls on Dec. 6, 10 and 12, 2007, to discuss the RFP and answer questions.

Participation in these calls by all potential applicants is strongly encouraged. These briefings will be specific to the RFP grant categories. Information regarding the conference call schedule and instructions for participating are available in the RFP documents posted on the Foundation's Web site.

For complete details on this RFP and application documents, go to www.sunflowerfoundation.org or call 866-232-3020 (toll free) or 785-232-3000 (local), or e-mail info@sunflowerfoundation.org. The initial deadline is Jan. 9, 2008.

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Grant Categories:	CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS	SCHOOL HEALTH GRANTS	WALKING TRAILS GRANTS	INVESTING IN THE HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET
Category Features:				
Funding Focus	Building the capacity of the organization to fulfill its mission	School-based or school-centered solutions that help establish and maintain healthy eating and physical activity behaviors	Increasing physical activity within the community through public and private support to build walking trails	Improving access, quality and performance in the health care safety net system
Targeted Applicants	Health & Human Services nonprofits providing primary care or primary prevention services to the uninsured or underinsured; other health-related non-profit organizations considered on a case-by-case basis	Schools and/or community partners	Community-based public/private partnerships	Community-based health centers, local health departments and rural health clinics that provide services to the uninsured and underinsured
Grant Award Limits	For assessment projects, funding based on scope of work, but expected to be significantly lower than \$20,000; for implementation projects, funding up to \$20,000	Up to \$25,000	Up to \$20,000 total (up to \$15,000 for construction costs and up to \$5,000 for allowable trail enhancements)	Up to \$50,000
Grant Term Limits	One (1) year	Up to two (2) years	One (1) year	Up to two (2) years
Match Requirements	Cash match of at least 10% of the amount requested from the Sunflower Foundation	Cash and/or in-kind match of at least 10% of the amount requested from the Sunflower Foundation	Cash match of \$1 for every \$1 requested from the Sunflower Foundation	Cash match of \$1 for every \$1 requested from the Sunflower Foundation for staffing/personnel expenses
Concept Paper Due Dates	Not required	5 p.m., Jan. 9, 2008	Not required	5 p.m., Jan. 9, 2008
Proposal Due Dates	5 p.m., Jan. 9, 2008	Mid-March 2008 (date announced when proposals invited)	5 p.m., Jan. 9, 2008	Mid-March 2008 (date announced when proposals invited)
Award Announcement Dates	By March 1, 2008	By May 1, 2008	By March 1, 2008	By May 1, 2008