
mini update from HHS Office of Research

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To: hhs-faculty-l@uncg.edu, hhs-staff-l@uncg.edu

Dear Colleagues,

I received several relevant emails today with content that I want to share out.

1. Please see below email sent from Aubrey Turner. I'd like to draw your attention to item 1--the **NSF Career Proposal Development Program**. The NSF Career Mechanism is for pre-tenure faculty. NSF is much broader than STEM fields. It may be a good funding source for many of our faculty. This UNCG training program was modeled after our Summer Grant Writing Program but occurs primarily during the spring semester. It is excellent, and participants have had very good success. Please consider this program. Applications to be in the program are due Feb 17. Also, if you do not receive these email updates from Sponsored Programs and would like to, please email Aubrey.

2. Yesterday I shared information about **incentive funds for graduate students** who are writing grants they will submit themselves or providing substantial help on faculty initiated grants if sufficient graduate student funding is embedded in the grant. Both Kelly Burke and I have received inquiries since then, and she asked that I clarify a bit more. This is for grants that support student stipends and tuition, at or near the traditional level. Some examples that appear to meet these criteria include student initiated dissertation fellowships, NIH and NSF predoctoral fellowships, NIH pre-doctoral diversity supplements, etc and faculty initiated grants to any source that include graduate student stipends/tuition that a student assists with in a substantial way. This is not for writing small grants to fund dissertation or thesis data collection.

3. AADS proudly announces the conference program for this year's **Conference on African American and African Diasporic Culture and Experiences (CACE), to take place by zoom February 24-25 with a literary cafe on Tuesday, February 23**. Our colleagues in PHE are presenting on important topics noted below, and the rest of the schedule may be of interest to many. Registration details follow.

2/24 2-2:55pm

Reflections and future Plans for Mobilizing with the Black and Brown Women's Voting Initiative.

Presenters: Christina Yongue (PHE) and Andrea Metcalfe

Moderator: Tiera Moore

2/25 11am-12:15pm

For Us, By Us (FUBU): Black Women Scholars Finding and Maintaining Support During Covid

Presenters: Dr. Erica Payton, Dr. Sharon Mirrison, Regina McCoy, Dr. Carrie Rosario, Christina Yongue, and Crystal Dixon (all PHE).

Moderator: Janine Jones

The conference is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

The program is published on the AADS Program website and can be viewed directly at this link: <https://aads.uncg.edu/wp-content/uploads/CACE-PROGRAM-2021.pdf>Both registration and program details can be viewed here. <https://aads.uncg.edu/cace/>

Please make time to register and attend as many of these events as possible. Bring a friend, a fellow student, an interested family member. Listen to roundtables on Black women leaders in education, Black women's health issues, Afro-LatinX women in history and culture, Black immigrant experiences, Black women community partners, and Black women scholars in the time of COVID. Please share this announcement widely. We hope to see many of you at these important events!

Best,

Esther

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From: **Aubrey Turner** <arturne2@uncg.edu>

Date: Wed, Jan 27, 2021 at 8:11 PM

Subject: [OSP_announcements] OSP Funding News and Updates for January 27, 2021
To: OSP Announcements <OSPAnnouncements-l@uncg.edu>

UNCG SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Facilitating Research, Scholarship & Creative Activity

OSP Funding News and Updates for January 27, 2021

1. **2021 NSF CAREER Proposal Development Program at UNCG (deadline Feb 17th)**
2. **2021 UNCG Faculty First Awards (deadline Feb 5th)**
3. **RAMP UP Research FAQ of the day**
4. **Show me the Money Workshop: Locating Grant Funding Opportunities**
5. **NIH Peer Review Panels for UNCG Faculty**
6. **NSF Smart and Connected Cities Funding Opportunity**
7. **Office of Research Integrity Workshops**

2021 NSF CAREER Proposal Development Program at UNCG

We are pleased to announce the launch of the 2021 NSF CAREER Proposal Development Program (CPDP). Please share this information with anyone in your department who is eligible to apply (e.g. any Assistant Professors in STEM departments).

The 2021 CPDP program will take place during the Spring Semester and early Summer. Faculty selected for the CPDP will receive custom support for their proposal, along with modest financial incentives. Participants in the CPDP are expected to submit a CAREER proposal in July 2021.

Applications to the CPDP program are due by Wednesday February 17th, 2020. Please see the attached document for additional details.

Apply to the CPDP at the following link: <https://uncg.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1834034>

Are you potentially ready to apply to the CPDP? And ready to apply to the CAREER program this July? Here are three steps you can take to assess:

1. Consider discussing CPDP and NSF CAREER with your department chair, associate dean for research, and any mentor(s)
2. Reach out to Aubrey Turner and/or Julie Voorhees to discuss CPDP, CAREER, and your situation (arturne2@uncg.edu and/or jkvoorhe@uncg.edu).
3. Watch a video from the CPDP Kickoff back on October 2018, with advice from prior CAREER awardee Dr. Mitch Croatt of the UNCG Chemistry and Biochemistry Dept: https://youtu.be/mw7y2n0sw_o

Which fields of research are a fit for NSF? The NSF funds more than just traditional notions of Science Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

First, look at the major branches within NSF:

- Directorate for Biological Sciences
- Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering
- **Directorate for Education & Human Resources (EHR)**
- Directorate for Engineering
- Directorate for Geosciences
- Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences
- **Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBES)**
- Office of Integrative Activities
- Office of International Science and Engineering

In the list above, I have highlighted two NSF branches that actively fund Social/Behavioral/Educational research.

Second, here are a few examples of CAREER award titles from the SBES and EHR branches of NSF.

- CAREER: Investigating the impact of learning new skills on cognitive development and motivation for functional independence in older adulthood

- CAREER: History of Science at the Interface of Biomedical and Environmental Concerns
- CAREER: Trust, Cooperation, and Collective Action in Diverse Communities
- CAREER: Building on diverse students' funds of knowledge to promote scientific discourse and strengthen connections to science learning in urban classrooms
- CAREER: Talking Science: Early STEM Identity Formation Through Everyday Science Talk

Intrigued? Find more examples of funded projects from across NSF at: <https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/advancedSearch.jsp>

This is all to say that all assistant professors who work in NSF relevant disciplines (not limited to "traditional STEM") are encouraged to consider the NSF CAREER mechanism and UNCG's CPDP program.

2021 UNCG Faculty First Awards

Faculty may apply for Faculty First Awards by February 5, 2021 at 5pm, by submitting an application with a signature page and supporting budget forms through the UNCG InfoReady Review portal.

Eligibility: Tenured and tenure-track faculty. If you are an awardee of the 2019 or 2020 New and Regular Faculty Research Award Program you are not eligible to apply to the 2021 cycle of Faculty First Award Program.

Faculty may apply for up to \$5,000 for individual, or \$10,000 for collaborative projects submitted by two or more UNCG faculty.

For more details see: <https://research.uncg.edu/internal-grants-and-awards/>

RAMP UP Research FAQ of the day:

Will the University shut down my research, scholarship and/or creative activities if I or a team member are symptomatic or test positive for COVID-19?

No. The University will only step in to shut down your research, scholarship and creative activities if you are 1) intentionally conducting activities without a ramp up reentry plan, or 2) if your activities do not align with the approved risk mitigation procedures that were presented in your ramp up reentry plan. COVID 19 symptoms or positive tests will not shut down your RSCA activities if reported and managed quickly. There is no shame in contracting this illness. It is pervasive and is easily spread by asymptomatic individuals. Encourage your colleagues, team and lab group members to wear a mask, physically distance, wash their hands, and limit frequency and duration of close contact with individuals in and outside of the research environment to the extent possible.

Show me the Money Workshop: Locating Grant Funding Opportunities

Tues. Feb. 16 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

Wed. Mar. 3 12 Noon-2:00 PM

Faculty and staff often require external funding for research, teaching, and creative activities. This workshop will explore how to get the most from grant-seeking databases (SPIN, GrantSelect, Grant Advisor Plus, Foundation Center). Participants will learn to search for possible funding opportunities, practice identifying eligibility, and realize the importance of keywords. Everyone will have the opportunity to access databases and engage in searches related to their topic of interest, using your own computer or tablet or smartphone.

Please register at workshops.uncg.edu (or either of the direct links above)

Presented by: Aubrey Turner, Gerald Holmes, and Julie Voorhees

NIH Peer Review Panels for UNCG Faculty.

Are you working on an NIH grant proposal? Want to improve your chances for funding? A 2012-16 study from Columbia University School of Nursing saw a 42% success rate for proposals that received an internal review, compared to 20% for those not reviewed (Kulage & Larson, 2018.) Here at UNCG, we are pleased to announce a new internal review process for proposal submissions to NIH.

Submitting an NIH proposal and want it peer reviewed? Here's how it works...

- **Phase 1**: Let us know your proposal is on the way. [<https://uncg.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1827286>]

- Internal annual deadlines are December 5, April 5 and August 5
- We don't need a proposal at this stage. Just provide the following info: Funding mechanism, mechanism deadline, Institute/Center where you plan to apply, and suggested reviewers (internal and/or external)
- **Phase 2:** OSP will assemble a review panel for your proposal
- **Phase 3:** Submit a working draft of your proposal [<https://uncg.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1828169>]
 - The working draft must include your *Specific Aims* and *Research Strategy*. Adhere to page limits and NIH specified sections (e.g. Significance, Innovation, Approach)
 - Internal annual deadlines are January 5, May 5, and September 5
 - Review comments will be provided to you within 2 weeks

Are you ready?

- The ideal proposal for review should be fairly well developed (Specific Aims and Research Strategy) and aiming for an upcoming deadline (1 or 2 deadlines away).
- This is for new and resubmissions to NIH (resubmissions for review must include prior comments from NIH reviewers).
- This UNCG proposal review process is not for early concepts and ideas (but do we have other ways to help with those-let's talk).
- If you are not sure if you are ready to submit a proposal but want to talk about strategy and your personal readiness to apply, feel free to contact the OSP proposal development team (Aubrey Turner and Julie Voorhees). You may also want to discuss these questions with a faculty mentor and/or your Associate Dean for Research.

An example timeline:

1. Your plan is to submit the proposal for the February or June NIH deadline...
2. ...And you are fairly certain that you will have a solid draft Specific Aims and Research Strategy ready for review by January 5th...
3. ...Therefore, by December 5th you should let us know your proposal is on the way.

NOTE: Review deadlines can be adjusted on advance request. This is particularly true for PIs applying to a different NIH deadline (e.g. AIDS proposals often have their own deadlines).

Interested in serving as a reviewer? We need you! Here's how it works...

- Let us know you are potentially able to review. This is a non-binding commitment. [<https://forms.gle/A1e4j1zMhH7rnkm48>]
 - OSP will recruit and maintain a pool of diverse review panel participants, with the following in mind
 - Diversity of expertise: laboratory, computational and social/behavioral sciences
 - Diversity of career stage: from seasoned NIH reviewers to early career faculty (reviewing is a great way to improve your own grant skills!)
 - Diversity of backgrounds: Race, ethnicity, and life experiences
- Panelists who are invited to review a proposal(s) may accept or decline as their schedule dictates.
- Review windows are Jan 5-15, May 5-15, and September 5-15
- Panelists will be encouraged to view NIH training materials to prepare for reviews.
 - Mechanism guidelines: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/review-guidelines.htm>
 - NIH peer review overview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGhfqgGKgcY>
 - NIH mock study section: <https://youtu.be/Vx6qO8z9swQ?t=1>
- Reviews will be submitted via InfoReady Review.
- In order to streamline scheduling, panelists will not be expected to meet in person.
- Review feedback will be anonymized and shared with the PI and the other reviewers.
- Optionally, reviewers may elect to make themselves available for follow-up discussions with the PI (thus not anonymous)
- Panelists receive \$50 per review (and we hope the process of reviewing benefits you too).

Are you willing to be included in a pool of individuals who could potentially review proposals that align with your expertise? Please let us know. [<https://forms.gle/A1e4j1zMhH7rnkm48>]

This program is supported in part through NIH funding (PIs Shelton and Francis: 1UC2GM137434-01).

Communities in the United States (US) and around the world are entering a new era of transformation in which residents and their surrounding environments are increasingly connected through rapidly-changing intelligent technologies. This transformation offers great promise for improved wellbeing and prosperity but poses significant challenges at the complex intersection of technology and society. The goal of the NSF Smart and Connected Communities (S&CC) program solicitation is to accelerate the creation of the scientific and engineering foundations that will enable smart and connected communities to bring about new levels of economic opportunity and growth, safety and security, health and wellness, accessibility and inclusivity, and overall quality of life.

For the purposes of this solicitation, communities are defined as having geographically-delineated boundaries—such as towns, cities, counties, neighborhoods, community districts, rural areas, and tribal regions—consisting of various populations, with the structure and ability to engage in meaningful ways with proposed research activities. A “smart and connected community” is, in turn, defined as a community that synergistically integrates intelligent technologies with the natural and built environments, including infrastructure, to improve the social, economic, and environmental well-being of those who live, work, learn, or travel within it.

The S&CC program encourages researchers to work with community stakeholders to identify and define challenges they are facing, enabling those challenges to motivate use-inspired research questions. For this solicitation, community stakeholders may include some or all of the following: residents, neighborhood or community groups, nonprofit or philanthropic organizations, businesses, as well as municipal organizations such as libraries, museums, educational institutions, public works departments, and health and social services agencies. The S&CC program supports integrative research that addresses fundamental technological and social science dimensions of smart and connected communities and pilots solutions together with communities. Importantly, the program is interested in projects that consider the sustainability of the research outcomes beyond the life of the project, including the scalability and transferability of the proposed solutions.

4 types of research projects will be supported:

- Integrative Research Grants Track 1 and 2
- Planning Grants
- Virtual Organization

Additional information may be found in the program solicitation (https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf21535)

Office of Research Integrity Workshops

1. Responsible Conduct of Research Workshop Collaborative Research

Collaborative research can be simple or complex and is mutually beneficial to those involved – providing access to specific expertise or resources that are not available within one research team. Establishing and maintaining successful research collaborations includes: having a clear understanding of roles and relationships, consistent communication, effective management and recognizing differences in research fields.

- **Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021
- **Time:** 10am-12pm
- **Location:** Zoom

Speakers:

- Gabriela Livas Stein, PhD, Associate Professor, Psychology Department
- Michael Hemphill, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Kinesiology

****For more information on this event and to register, click here**

2. Human Subjects Training Workshop

The UNCG Office of Research Integrity offers a two hour session in human research protection once a semester, covering all required categories to meet the requirements of our assurance with the Office of Research Protections (OHRP). Topics of this session are also a *part* of the RCR curriculum on the campus. This workshop will cover areas such as confidentiality, informed consent, recruitment, and the history of human research protection and is offered as an alternative to CITI training.

- **Spring 2021 Training Date:** March 2, 2021
- **Time:** 9am-11am

- **Location:** Zoom

Speaker:

- Melissa Beck, MHA, CIP, Associate Director, UNCG Office of Research Integrity

****For more information on this event and to register, click here**

3. Responsible Conduct of Research Workshop: Data Management

Data is essential to scientific practice. Data management practices are complex and depend upon paying attention to the details, specifically in the areas of ownership, collection, storage, and sharing.

- **Date:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021
- **Time:** 10am-12pm
- **Location:** Zoom

Speaker:

- Jo Klein, GIS and Data Visualization Librarian and Assistant Professor University of North Carolina at Greensboro University Libraries

****For more information on this event and to register, click here**

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