



[HHS Staff] Updates from the HHS Office of Research

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Dear Colleagues,

The following topics are addressed in this email:

1. Reminder about other critical emails from our office this week
2. IRBIS system sunsetting on 12/31/21
3. Change to HHS Summer Grant Writing Program
4. Coming Soon: Effective PI toolkit
5. For transparency: How is the HHS OOR Funded?
6. Upcoming deadlines/events related to research

If you need anything from me, I will be available through December 22 and then again beginning on Jan 4. I wish you all rest and rejuvenation over the winter break and look forward to seeing you in 2022!

Best,

Esther

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1. Reminder about other critical emails from our office this week

As I stated during our faculty assembly last week, you will receive two additional emails from me this week. The purpose of each is summarized below. We are hoping for a strong response rate to both.

- **HHS OOR Equity Audit Dissemination and Feedback**-this will include information on the audit we performed on the financial and other services provided by HHS OOR to faculty to enhance research success. The plan, integrative summary, executive summary, and HHS OOR draft response of actions will be attached. A link will be provided to a secure Box folder where all detailed reports are located. A link to the feedback survey will be included in the email; the purpose is to confirm the priority areas to address and identify the most meaningful strategies to employ. We want our action plan to be informed by faculty feedback. In addition, the email will include the date and times of the planned town halls and form to register to attend.
- **Planning for Spring Grant Reviews and Future RAC composition.** The last email will include a link to survey on which we are asking faculty to (1) declare their intent to submit HHS grants this spring and to note any special expertise needed to effectively review their submission(s), (2) noting their interest in serving as an ad hoc reviewer this spring or in the future, and (3) describing their interest in serving on the HHS RAC or taking a leadership role related to research now or in the future. Please complete this form immediately to assist our planning for spring.

2. IRBIS system sunsetting on 12/31/21

As noted in multiple communications from our office and the Office of Sponsored Programs IRB functions has transferred from IRBIS to Cayuse Human Ethics. The IRBIS system will not be available to faculty beyond 12/31/21. A few important pieces of information are shared below. For more detail, please see email I sent on 9/23.

- We will not have access to IRBIS after 12/31/21. If you need information from there, you must get it before then. I recommend being very proactive in case you encounter problems.
- Not all studies in IRBIS migrated over to Cayuse IRB. You may need to take action. Please check. Again, you could find yourself in a difficult situation if information you need is only in IRBIS and you no longer have access.
- Finally, we are reminded that as PIs we are supposed to maintain records of all study documents. We should not view IRBIS or Cayuse IRB as storage systems. They are systems for the application/approval/notification process.

3. Change to HHS Summer Grant Writing Program

We are excited to offer the HHS Summer Grant Writing Program in summer 2022. This continues to be our most successful program with the vast majority of participants submitting the intended grant within the proposed timeline and a very strong success rate. I enjoy the opportunity to work closely with fellows and to learn more about the research occurring in the school. This program is for faculty at any career stage and for any type of grant application. Additionally, any approved award payments will be made in the summer.

You may note a change in the wording this year relative to the past. The summer stipend and bonus upon submission are paid to fellows/mentors via the ad pay mechanism. Currently, all ad pays must be approved by the Provost. Thus far, we have successfully received approval for all requests related to this program and we are optimistic that will continue, but we have used the language that the payments may be made contingent upon approval for full transparency.

4. Coming Soon: Effective PI toolkit

Be on the lookout for this resource in January. It includes video content generated by faculty and research staff in HHS, links to relevant websites, sample documents, etc. We are making final tweaks now and need just a little more time.

5. For transparency: How is the HHS OOR Funded?

We receive many questions about how our office is funded and how money generated by grants is used. Here is some relevant information. I welcome questions about this and suggestions about other topics of interest to faculty I might address in future emails.

- All staff in the HHS OOR have permanent positions that are paid by state funds.
- Currently, all academic units (i.e., schools and colleges) receive \$30,000 per year from the Office of Research and Engagement that is generated by the facilities and administrative costs (F & A), also known as indirects, indirect costs, and indirects cost recovery (ICR) on grants and contracts the university receives from external sponsors. For instance, most federal grants include an additional 45.5% in F&A over and above the direct costs and many state funded contracts include an additional 10% in F & A. The HHS allotment is directly deposited into the HHS OOR fund. Since 2014, we have used these funds to support the HHS Faculty Research Grant Program. Should this model change in the future, we will alert faculty.
- The HHS OOR and the Dean's Office do not receive additional F & A generated by contracts and grants. The majority, 80%, stays with the Office of Research and Engagement (this is the source of the above noted \$30,000), 10% goes to investigators, and 10% goes to the investigators' department(s). Investigators and department chairs receive an email early in the fall alerting them to the amount deposited in their ICR funds.
- Beginning in 2017, we requested that the HHS Dean's Office earmark an additional \$100,000 or more to our office annually to support new research-related initiatives. These funds are generated by salary savings. Salary savings are that portion of faculty salary that is paid by external grants and contract. Essentially this frees up that portion of salary to be used for other purposes. This financial support underscores the Dean's commitment to supporting faculty research efforts.
- The salary savings generated by external grants and contracts is also used by the Dean's office to support graduate student stipends and to fund the Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA) Award program in which faculty can apply to receive GRA funding for a student to facilitate completion of a specific research project. Although these are not funds directed to the HHS OOR for disbursement, we note them because graduate students are critical to faculty research success, and university funding for graduate student stipends has remained flat for over 20 years. It is also important that faculty understand how salary savings generated by grants/contracts are being used in HHS. They are primarily being re-invested into the research enterprise.

6. Upcoming deadlines/events related to research

Deadlines:

December 10 by 5:00 via InfoReady	2021-2022 Research Excellence Awards Nominations Due
December 15	CFRN Fellows Applications Due
December 31	IRBIS Access ends today
January 19 by 5:00 via InfoReady	NSF CAREER Proposal Development Program Apps Due.

January 24 by 5:00 via InfoReady

HHS Faculty Research Grant Applications Due

HHS Top-Off Grant Applications Due

February 28 by 5:00 via InfoReady

HHS Summer Grant Writing Program Applications Due

On-Going Funding Initiatives/Programs:

- **Scholars' Travel Fund** (now coordinated by HHS Office of Research for HHS Faculty)
- **HHS International Travel Fund**
- **HHS Funding for Individual Research-Related Training or Consultation**
- **HHS Funding to Build Research Collaborations**
- **HHS Special Projects Funding**
- **Publication and Exhibition Subsidies (ORE)**
- **International Travel Fund (International Programs Center)**
- **Open Access Publishing Support Fund (University Libraries & ORE)**
- **UNC Greensboro Libraries Digital Partners Internal Grant (University Libraries)**
- **Undergraduate Research and Creativity Award (Undergraduate Research Scholarship & Creativity Office)**

Research-Related Training

December 13	Open Access vs. Open Educational Resources Workshop
December 16	Banner Finance Contract & Grant Accounting Workshop
January 4	UNCG Libraries: GIS The Easy Way
January 10	Internal Research Awards Workshop

Research Computing Facilitation Office Hour – Every Wednesday from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

December 8 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Virtual Session
December 15 @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Virtual Session
December 22 @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Virtual Session
January 5 @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Virtual Session
January 12 @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Virtual Session
January 19 @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Virtual Session
January 26 @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Virtual Session

ITS Research Computing maintains a weekly “office hour” for consultation and to answer questions for users on a first come, first served basis. This is a virtual event and users are welcome to join for discussion, questions or issues they have regarding their research computing needs.

Sessions are on Wednesdays, from 1-2 pm. A zoom room is set up for participants and reminder is typically sent out to the research computing mailing lists. Any member of the UNCG research community can join the zoom room. Guests are admitted into the zoom. The following topics and many other will be covered:

- High Performance Computing (Longleaf, Dogwood and Henry2 HPC clusters)
- JupyterHub and Jupyter notebook
- Data transfer with Globus. Other Globus services will be covered as needed
- Cloud fundamentals, cost estimation, and submitting supplements for NSF proposals
- Introduction to CloudBank Enterprise
- Linux/Unix command line

Azure Research Office Hours For Education

December 8 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
December 15 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

This event is related to, or facilitated by the UNCG Cloud Cyberinfrastructure Innovation Lab. Learn more about the CCI Lab at cci-lab.uncg.edu or contact via <http://cci-lab.uncg.edu/>

Azure Research Office Hours focuses specifically on the Azure services researchers and technology teams leverage to accelerate their academic and medical research initiatives.

Get advice on how to modernize research techniques across any multi-disciplinary area, from establishing a secure research environment to running genomics workloads to using advanced data science, AI and predictive analytics. Bring in your own questions, ideas, and successes to share.

Why should you join?

- Interact, learn, and share with the Azure research community
- Learn from colleagues and Microsoft experts
 - Have a quick question or blocker? Get it answered.

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