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[HHS Faculty] Updates from the HHS Office of Research

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Dear Colleagues,

The following topics are addressed in this email:

1. Nominate faculty for HHS Research Awards by March 18
2. The Effective PI Toolkit (Canvas Resource) is now available
3. Grant submission timelines; alerting you to unusual pinch points
4. Next steps in HHS OOR Equity Audit
5. There will not be a call for HHS GRA proposals this year
6. Upcoming deadlines and events

Please let me know if you have questions or suggestions for future content.

Best,

Esther

1. Nominate faculty for HHS Research Awards by March 18

We have many talented scholars in HHS! Please consider nominating a colleague for the three Faculty Research Awards described below. Self-nominations are also welcome.

Research Excellence Awards recognize HHS faculty members for their outstanding research contributions. Each year, one tenured and one nontenured faculty member is recognized. Excellence may be demonstrated by the originality of work, a pattern of research productivity and the involvement of students in the research enterprise. The **Junior Research Excellence Award** is for an assistant or associate professor (tenure track or academic professional). The **Senior Research Excellence Award** is for a full professor (tenure track or academic professional) and is based on the nominee's career-long body of research. To nominate a faculty member for one of these awards, go to this site: <https://uncg.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1860102>

The **HHS Community Engaged Scholar Award** recognizes and rewards a member of the faculty in HHS who demonstrates excellence in scholarly engagement with a community partner. Community engagement that benefits the University and a community partner, while demonstrating a clear connection to departmental, school or university mission is the focus of this award. To nominate a faculty member for this award, go to this site: <https://uncg.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1859868>

Nominations for all three awards are due by Friday, March 18. The HHS Research Advisory Committee Serves as the selection committee for these awards.

2. The Effective PI Toolkit (Canvas Resource) is now available

I am delighted to announce that the Effective PI Toolkit is now available on Canvas. It contains a variety of information and resources geared towards helping PIs on externally funded awards to manage the administrative aspects of their projects more effectively, so they are free to focus on the research without distraction. This includes resources around building a research team, budgeting, authorship and publication, and much more. This is set up in a self-guided format so faculty can access all parts or only those that they are most interested in or find most useful.

Information about the toolkit will be permanently available on our website under the resources tab in the next few days. To gain access to the canvas site, please email our Post-Award Administrator, Hannah Hawks (hbwashbu@uncg.edu).

3. Grant submission timelines; alerting you to unusual pinch points

As always we encourage advance notification of grant submission plans as outlined in our [Timeline for Effective Grant Submission](#). COVID has created unique time pressures as submitters and research administrators have experienced illnesses and lack of reliable childcare that have caused delays. Thus far, we have been able to accommodate/be flexible and successfully submit grants even when the timeline strayed from the initial plan, and we hope we can continue this record. We have worked hard to cross-train in our office so additional personnel can assist with pre-proposal functions in periods of peak demand. Verna remains our primary pre-award specialist, but on occasion, I will assign some PIs to work with Hannah or Lisa. I will notify PIs via email when this occurs. These decisions are based on staff workload, timing, need for specialized expertise, etc, but are never based on proposal amount. Finally, all contracts and grants are ultimately submitted by the Office of Sponsored Programs. They are currently short staffed because recently vacated positions have yet to be filled. Thus, it is more important than ever that we provide them ample time to review, finalize, and submit grants prior to the deadline. I am asking all PIs who are planning to submit grants to:

- (1) alert us early to planned submissions
- (2) be patient and understanding given the described pinch points
- (3) please stick with deadlines in the timeline we provide about pre-award and statistical support, unless you are facing true emergencies
- (4) make yourself available to whomever is assigned to your submission via phone and email to promote rapid communication about key issues
- (5) notify us promptly if you are not going to submit as planned so we can divert more of our efforts to active applications.

4. Next steps in HHS OOR Equity Audit

Thank you to all who provided feedback on the priorities and possible strategies that emerged from the equity audit of our services via the town halls and anonymous survey. The working group will meet in the near future to synthesize the feedback and we will report out after that meeting.

5. There will not be a call for HHS GRA proposals this year

The HHS GRA program will be on temporary hiatus this year for the following reasons: (1) we just recently confirmed the available funds and this leaves limited time to solicit, receive, and review applications; and (2) concerns about the existing program emerged from the HHS OOR equity audit and we would like to take time to revise the program appropriately to address concerns. The limited pool of funds this year will be used to support GRA stipends at the discretion of Associate Dean Scott Ross who will share the plan for this year with graduate program directors.

6. Upcoming deadlines and events

Deadlines:

February 13	Application for Summer 2022 Undergraduate Research and Creativity Awards
February 15 by 11:59 PM due	Application for Office of Research and Engagement Faculty Fellowship Program
February 28 by 5:00 PM	HHS Summer Grant Writing Program Applications Due
March 1 (see attachment for more details)	Application for The Michigan Integrative Well-Being and Inequality (MIWI) Training Program
March 4 Women's Health and Wellness	Abstracts due for Research Forum on Women's Health and Wellness, UNCG Center for Women's Health and Wellness
March 4 more details)	Application for the Center for Health Equity Research (CHER) Institute (see attachment for
March 14 more details)	Application for NIMHD's Health Disparities Research Institute (HDRI) (see attachment for
March 18	Nominations for HHS Junior or Senior Research Excellence Awards Nominations for HHS Community Engaged Scholar Award
April 10 not available yet)	Applications for Fall 2022/Spring 2023 Undergraduate Research and Creativity Awards (link

Research Network/Center Events

Center for Women's Health and Wellness

The Center for Women's Health and Wellness wanted to extend an invitation to a **virtual Research Forum** that we will be hosting this Spring semester! This event will take place on **March 25th from 8am until 1pm over Zoom**. All Faculty and Students are invited to register for this free event and are encouraged to submit an abstract with data that includes the health and wellness of girls and/or women that you would be willing to present. Abstracts must be submitted by March 4th to cwhw@uncg.edu. For more information on the abstract submission guidelines, please click [here](#).

CFRN: Child and Family Research Network

Feb 23 3:00-4:30 PM: Science Talk: Communicating your science with the media, podcasters, and others. We will have two experts who will help our research to shine when talking with folks about our work. **Eden Bloss**, Interim Senior Advisor to the Chancellor for External Communications, and **Dave DeWitt**, Feature News Editor from WUNC, North Carolina Public Radio, will provide us with tips, resources, and answer our questions.

RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/SXwQeSiQ8USxV9f49>

ZOOM link: <https://uncg.zoom.us/j/99316657729?pwd=dFJuSm8yYnhWUm82d2ZGM3VsaGZ2UT09>

March 17, 12:30 – 2:00: Panel Discussion - Research and Teaching: When the classroom is the "lab". We will be joined by **Provost Storrs** as we discuss best practices and strategies to involve graduate and undergraduate students synergistically in all aspects of the research process - from designing studies to collecting data and writing up results!

ZOOM link: <https://uncg.zoom.us/j/95279053271>

April 11, 12:00- 1:30 PM: You got that grant! Now what? How to prepare for post-grant success. Come meet **Chinaemeze "Kelsey" Okoro**, UNCG Research Navigator, and CFRN faculty to talk all things post-grant. Learn how different folks on campus facilitate post-award activities and how to identify the supports that you need to make the first months of your grant a success.

ZOOM link: <https://uncg.zoom.us/j/99943881165?pwd=bnpW0XFQjBYTm5EQmtvdjdnNWd3UT09>

CFRN Writing Group

Interested in setting aside time in your weekly calendar to write? Want to connect with other CFRN faculty to support each other and build community? Join our writing group! We have faculty from across the university and it has been wonderful to connect with folks and hear what they are working on.

Two meeting times this semester - join one or both!

Wednesdays 1-4pm OR Thursdays 1-3pm.

Please email Gaby (glstein@uncg.edu) if you are interested in joining.

RISE: Research and Instruction in Stem Education

February

2/21 - RISE Speaker Series: [Savannah Martin](#); public lecture will be from 4-5pm

2/23 – NIH Loan Repayment Program workshop (contact Chris Rhea @ ckrhea@uncg.edu to RSVP)

March

3/16 - STEM Education and Research Lunch - Think tank session on who we are and who we can-be as a campus community (contact Chris Rhea @ ckrhea@uncg.edu to RSVP)

April

4/20 - 4/22 – Virtual Science Everywhere

4/22– RISE Speaker Series: [Marcy Towns](#); public lecture will be from 1-2pm

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