Research Development Office: Spring 2024 Activities

The Research Development Office (RDO) is a core unit within the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR). The RDO team orchestrates campus-wide events and activities, strategically oversees internal funding initiatives, facilitates connections to resources and supports successful research proposals.

Early Career Clubs

**NIH K Club**
Designed to give you the knowledge and resources to craft competitive K award applications. K Club participants will take part in events and services including graphic design, editing, and reviews (both internal and external).

**NSF CAREER Club**
Designed to give you the knowledge and resources to craft competitive CAREER award applications. Club participants will take part in events and services including editing, graphic design, and reviews (both internal and external).

Improving Grantsmanship

**Planning and Writing Successful NSF CAREER Proposals** – Dec. 1; Jan. 5 (9:00-11:00 am) and Jan. 12 (9:00 am-1:00 pm)
An NSF CAREER award application is more than an NSF Standard Grant with an education plan added in. Highly competitive awards integrate the research and education plan. In this seminar, we talk about why and how to create a plan that results in a competitive proposal. Presented by Peg AtKisson (President) from ATG. **NSF CAREER Club event.**

**Maximizing Pivot to Find Funding and Collaborators** – Jan. 18, Feb. 19, March 20 (1 hour)
Do you want to maximize your time spent searching for funding opportunities or potential project collaborators? Join us to learn how Pivot can save you time and effort in identifying the right funding opportunities for your research lines as well as identifying collaborators with the relevant expertise.

**CDMRP Unveiled: A Panel Dive into Successful DOD Medical Research Funding** – Feb. 6 (10:00-11:00 am)
Join us for an engaging session that demystifies the DOD CDMRP journey and empowers you to make a lasting impact in the world of medical research. This panel session will provide an opportunity to hear from four accomplished award recipients regarding their experience with the application process, need-to-know information, plus much more.

**Research Impacts Seminars (aka Broader Impacts)** – Feb. 9, 23; March 8, 22, 29 (9:00-11:00 am, 10 hours total)
The Training Team from the National Science Foundation-supported Advancing Research Impact in Society (ARIS) organization will conduct five interactive virtual workshops in Spring 2024 regarding the NSF’s Broader Impacts component. **NSF CAREER Club event.**

**Pivot Administrative Features: Connect Your Researchers to Funding Opportunities** – Jan. 16 (11:00 am-12:00 pm)
Are you looking for ways to assist researchers with identifying grant funding opportunities? Are you wanting to learn more about the enhanced administrative features of Pivot? Join us for an information and demonstration session that will introduce Pivot Administrative Features.

**AHI Unveiled: AHI Insights and Opportunities** – Feb. 14 (2:30-3:30 pm)
AHI is an internal funding program within the OVPR that encourages leading edge scholarship, creative activities, and interdisciplinary research. Join us virtually to hear from past reviewers, have your questions answered, and learn more about this program.
Building Bridges: Perspectives from the William T. Grant Foundation – Feb. 21 (9:00-10:00 am)
The William T. Grant Foundation invests in high-quality research focused on reducing inequality in youth outcomes and improving the use of research evidence in decisions that affect young people in the United States. OVPR will host a virtual visit with Dr. Melissa Wooten (Program Officer) from the Foundation.

"Unlocking the Power of Radiochemistry" Symposium: From Medical Imaging to Nuclear Energy – Feb. 29 (1:00-5:30 pm)
Radiochemistry has the potential to power life-saving medical diagnostics and create sustainable energy solutions. Join us on a journey through the atomic realm, where the tiniest particles have the mightiest impact on our world.

Charting Success: Perspectives from NSF REU Recipients – March 5 (12:00-1:00 pm)
Join us for a compelling panel discussion featuring recent awardees of the NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program, including both Sites and Supplement awardees. This session, hosted by OUR and RDO, offers insights into the preparation and submission of successful NSF REU applications.

Crafting Excellence: Your Guide to NEH Opportunities – March 26 (11:30 am-1:00 pm)
Join us virtually for an overview of funding opportunities for NEH research activities, including programs such as Public Scholars, Summer Stipends, Fellowships, Collaborative Grants, and more. In addition, Dr. Claudia Kinkela (Senior Program Officer) will cover tips for writing a competitive application and a period for questions.

Igniting Ideas: Networking and Perspectives for DOE Success – April 2 (10:30 am-1:00 pm)
Our panelists will share their firsthand experiences navigating the Department of Energy (DOE). We will tackle topics including how to make connection with your program officer, working with the National Labs, and best practices that can refine your grant application strategy. Lunch will follow the panel session for networking and idea sharing.

NSF CAREER STEM Innovator Session – April 5 (10:00-11:00 am)
Helps deliver coursework to K-12 students using an already existing infrastructure. The STEM Innovator program has a network of teachers/schools across the country. It can also help target students of certain demographics. Also, it has an evaluation component built in regarding the student’s learning and the course objectives. NSF CAREER Club event.

CAREER Unlocked: Insights from NSF CAREER Awardees – April 19 (11:00 am-12:00 pm)
This panel session will provide an opportunity to hear from three accomplished NSF CAREER award recipients regarding their experience with the application process, need-to-know information, plus much more. NSF CAREER Club event.

Grow Your Network

Speed Networking Event: Interdisciplinary Consortium for the Study of War and Genocide – April 19 (1:00-3:30 pm)
The goal of this in-person speed networking event is to lay the foundation for the development of an Interdisciplinary Consortium for the Study of War and Genocide by facilitating collaboration and exchange of knowledge among scholars and artists working in the areas of war, genocide, and ethnic and political violence.

Apply for Internal Funding

Arts & Humanities Initiative (AHI) Internal Deadline – March 26 (11:59 pm)
AHI is an internal funding program within the OVPR that encourages leading edge scholarship, creative activities, and interdisciplinary research. Applications for the Spring 2024 cycle will open soon and are due March 26.

OVPR Interdisciplinary Scholars: Radiochemistry Seed Grant LOI Deadline – April 12 (11:59 pm)
The Research Development Office (RDO) within the University of Iowa Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) seeks collaborative Interdisciplinary Radiochemistry Research proposals with awards up to $45,000 for 18 months as part of the Seeding Excellence Initiative. Letters of intent are due April 12.

RDO Resources

Proposal Resource Library
Contains examples of successful proposals for various funding agencies including federal agencies and private foundations. In addition, the resource library contains examples of various components required for proposals including budget justifications, resource sharing plans, and data management plans.

External Grant Review
To assist faculty in submitting proposals that are more successful, the RDO facilitates external reviews for proposals to external funding agencies. External review of proposals prior to submission will provide critical feedback in order to strengthen the proposal and improve the overall likelihood of success.

Learn More

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