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URA General Information

URA Town Hall Meeting

March 10, 2009 – 2:00-3:30pm

Biological Sciences Learning Center – room 109

Please let us know if you have any topics for the Town Hall Meeting.

National Science Foundation Presentation

Jong-on Hahm, Ph.D., Program Manger, Office of International Science and Engineering, will be on campus **February 12, 2009 @ 4pm in RI 480.** Dr. Hahm will describe the various funding programs available through OISE, which funds international collaborative research in tandem with NSF research directorates.

New Fringe Benefit Rates – Provisional

The University has proposed to the government FY2010 fringe benefit rates that appear in the table below. We expect the government to finalize the rates in March 2009. As the rates are not yet final, there is the chance that the final rates may differ from what we proposed. Nevertheless, you may begin to use these rates in your grant budgets. For grants already submitted, revised budgets may be submitted, if necessary, after discussing with your URA Grants and Contracts Manager and when final rates are available.

	FY2009	FY2010
Benefit Eligible - Federal Rate	20.0%	21.9%
Benefit Eligible - University Rate	22.3%	24.7%
Benefit Ineligible	8.6%	6.7%

Conflict of Interest reporting:

As many of you know, an online submission system is now in place for faculty to submit their annual Conflict of Interest Assurance form. The Assurance form was modified to reflect the

updated University of Chicago policy and the University of Chicago Medical Center reporting obligations, if applicable. (See <http://researchadmin.uchicago.edu/regulations/coi.shtml>) To ensure confidentiality, the system requires CNetID and password for access. The URA Grants and Contracts Managers check to make sure anyone listed as Key Personnel/Senior Faculty on proposals submitted have filed their assurance. If the PD/PI does not have an assurance on file, the proposal may not be submitted until the assurance is filed.

The number of COI submissions as of February 5, 2009: 1694 with nearly 95% using the on-line system!

The major changes in the updated policy include:

- A zero threshold for financial interests
- Clarification of the definition of financial interest to include royalties from all sources, including those from the University of Chicago
- Requirement for annual updates with more frequent updates as financial interests change
- Clarification of the definition of an investigator's dependents to include University-registered domestic partners
- Inclusion of University of Chicago Medical Center disclosure and reporting obligations.

Questions about COI Assurance / Disclosure Process:

Linda Triemer, Director, Research Integrity, 2-4857, triemer@uchicago.edu

Questions about COI Management:

Carol Zuiches, Associate Vice President for Research Administration, 2-8604, czuiches@uchicago.edu

URA Statistics:

Fun Fact: URA processed 298 proposals (excluding clinical trials and MTAs) in the month of January 2009.

Agency	Number
PHS/NIH	92
NSF	52
Mallinckrodt Foundation	23
American Heart Association	20
American Heart Association – Midwest	14

To date, we have submitted 46 NIH R01's for the February 5 receipt date. Keep up the good work. We know how frustrating, difficult and stressful the transmissions were because of the Grants.gov system, and how URA managers, and especially Grants & Contracts Administrators Carmen Cruz and Aparna Menon, worked together to get all of our applications submitted. Thanks to everyone!

According to Punxsutawney Phil....Spring will be here in 6 weeks – right after the mid-March grant deadlines!

Agency Updates & News

National Institutes of Health:

Reminder: NIH K-awards proposed have converted to Grants.gov submissions with the February 12, 2009 receipt date. Please make sure to download the appropriate FOA from the NIH website. All submissions will be on Adobe-Form -A forms. NIH has not made available a Parent form set package, thus you will need to type in all of the general institutional information. Please make sure to use the Sample SF424 available on the URA website: http://researchadmin.uchicago.edu/proposals/Sample_Cover_Page.pdf. It is important to use the correct DUNS number, assurance numbers, and email addresses. If you have problems, please let me know.

NIH R03/R21 applications are due February 16 at NIH. Please make every effort to submit early. We are still experiencing delays with Grants.gov submissions.

NIH progress reports that are ESNAP eligible are due in URA 4.5 business days prior to the deadline. Please make every effort to submit materials on time.

Department of Defense:

In the past couple of weeks, several DOD funding opportunity announcements have been released. Instead of forwarding several long emails, I have put the DOD FOA's into a table (see below). The Opportunity Title will link to the Grants.gov announcement. Please make sure to download the FOA directly from Grants.gov as the deadlines may change over the course of the year. Proposals must be submitted through the federal government's single-entry portal, Grants.gov. Requests for email notification of the program announcements release may be sent to help@cdmrp.org. For more information about the BCRP or other CDMRP-administered programs, please visit the **CDMRP website** (<http://cdmrp.army.mil>).

If you have any questions, please contact your URA Grant and Contract Manager.

DOD Funding – FY2009				
Pre Application Deadline	Close Date	Opportunity Title	Agency	Funding Number
2/25/2009	03/11/2009	DOD Breast Cancer Predoctoral Traineeship Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-BCRP-PREDOC
2/25/2009	03/11/2009	DOD Breast Cancer Postdoctoral Fellowship Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-BCRP-POSTDOC
3/25/2009	04/08/2009	DoD Breast Cancer Idea Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-BCRP-IDEA
3/25/2009	04/08/2009	DoD Breast Cancer HBCU/MI Partnership Training Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-BCRP-HPT
3/24/2009	04/14/2009	DOD Neurofibromatosis Investigator-Initiated Research Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-NFRP-IIRA

3/24/2009	04/14/2009	DOD Neurofibromatosis Exploration – Hypothesis Development Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-NFRP-EHDA
3/24/2009	04/14/2009	DOD Neurofibromatosis New Investigator Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-NFRP-NIA
3/24/2009	04/14/2009	DOD Neurofibromatosis Postdoctoral Traineeship Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-NFRP-POSTDOC
3/24/2009	04/14/2009	DOD Neurofibromatosis Clinical Trial Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-NFRP-CTA
3/24/2009	04/14/2009	DOD Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Idea Development Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-TSCR-IDA
3/24/2009	04/14/2009	DOD Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Clinical and Translational Research Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-TSCR-CTRA
3/19/2009	04/16/2009	DoD Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program Technology/Therapeutic Development Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-PRMRP-TTDA
3/19/2009	04/16/2009	DoD Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program Clinical Trial Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-PRMRP-CTA
3/19/2009	04/16/2009	DoD Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program Investigator-Initiated Research Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-PRMRP-IIRA
3/2/2009	06/02/2009	DOD Ovarian Cancer Idea Development Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-OCRP-IDA
3/3/2009	06/02/2009	DOD Ovarian Cancer Collaborative Translational Research Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-OCRP-CTR
3/3/2009	06/10/2009	FY09 DOD Prostate Cancer Idea Development Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-PCRP-IDA
3/3/2009	06/10/2009	FY09 DOD Prostate Cancer Synergistic Idea Development Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-PCRP-SIDA
3/12/2009	06/17/2009	DoD Breast Cancer Impact Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-BCRP-IMPT
3/12/2009	06/17/2009	DoD Breast Cancer Innovator Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-BCRP-INNOV
3/12/2009	06/17/2009	DoD Breast Cancer Multi-Team Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-BCRP-MTA
3/12/2009	06/17/2009	DoD Breast Cancer Era of Scholar Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-BCRP-EOHS
3/17/2009	07/22/2009	DoD Autism Research Program Clinical Trial Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-ARP-CTA
3/17/2009	07/22/2009	DoD Autism Research Program Idea Award	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-09-ARP-IDEA

not listed	09/30/2009	USA Medical Research and Materiel Command Broad Agency Announcement	Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA	W81XWH-BAA08-1
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Feedback is always appreciated. Please let me know if you find these Updates helpful, timely and if there is specific information you would like to see included. Thanks!

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