

Announcements

[NIH Public Access Policy Discussion Meeting](#)

URA and the Crerar Library are co-sponsoring a session on understanding the NIH Public Access requirements. Please let the NIH funded researchers in your department know of this session. Presenter: Andrea Twiss-Brooks. **June 17, 2009; 1:30pm** in the lower level conference room in Crerar Library. Make sure to mark it in your calendars!

[NIH Receives 20,000 Applications for Challenge Grants Through the Recovery Act](#)

[National Institutes of Health](#) received approximately 20,000 applications for Challenge Grants, a new program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). This large number of applications is approximately equal to the total number of applications NIH receives in one of the agency's three major review rounds each year. The Challenge Grant program is designed to spur new areas of research and trigger an influx of research dollars into communities across the nation. The University of Chicago has submitted over 150 Challenge Grant proposals for this opportunity.

[NIH Funding Opportunities: Collaborative Minority Alcohol Research Center Development](#)

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) invites applications for the RFA-AA-10-001 "Collaborative Minority Alcohol Research Center Development" award opportunity. The long range goal of the Collaborative Minority Alcohol Research Center Development Program is to strengthen the alcohol research capacity of MSIs. The purpose of this collaborative program is to develop alcohol research expertise, promote infrastructure development at MSIs, and to identify, characterize, and reduce alcohol-related health disparities in racial and ethnic minority and underrepresented populations. The **Letters of Intent Receipt Date is September 21, 2009**, and the **Application Receipt Date is October 21, 2009**. To access the RFA, and to find more information on this funding opportunity, click [here](#) to be redirected to the NIH page.

[NIH NRSA Individual Fellowships](#)

Effective with the August 2009 submission dates and beyond, NIH is transitioning to electronic submission for Individual Fellowship applications. The new SF424 (R&R) Individual Fellowship Application Guide for use by NIH and AHRQ applicants are available now on [the NIH website](#). URA will create sample forms to be available on the [URA Grants.gov](#) website by next week. **The PHS 416-1 (i.e. paper forms) should NOT be used for any fellowship application being prepared for submission dates in August, 2009 and beyond.** Individual Fellowship applications previously submitted in paper that are being resubmitted as amended applications must be submitted electronically. Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) for Individual Fellowship programs are being updated and will be announced in the [NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts](#).

[New Funding Opportunity: American Cancer Society](#)

The American Cancer Society, Illinois Division recently announced the next cycle of their Basic Research grant. Information concerning ACS-IL Division eligibility/policies and grant submission can be found online at <http://proposalCENTRAL.altum.com>. The **Letter of Intent is due on July 1, 2009**, and the **submission date is August 14, 2009**. Please remember that paper grants will no longer be accepted for any ACS-IL Division granting program.

[Transatlantic Cooperation in Research \(TransCoop\) Funding Opportunity](#)

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation supports transatlantic research cooperation between German, American and/or Canadian scholars in the humanities, social sciences, economics, and law. Funds can be used: to finance short-term research visits lasting up to three months, organize conferences and workshops, or for material, equipment and printing costs. Applications should be submitted jointly by at least one German and one U.S. and/or Canadian scholar. A Ph.D. is required of both applicants. Applications are accepted biannually, with deadlines of April 30 and October 31. For more information, visit the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation [program website](#).

Funding Tools

Featured Research Tool: The Federal Register

Published by the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Federal Register is the official daily publication for rules, proposed rules, and notices of Federal agencies and organizations, as well as executive orders and other presidential documents. The site has a comprehensive search that allows you to have access to thousands of documents and research available for use. To access the site, [click here!](#)

Training

The URA Training group has been working diligently on creating a program to facilitate and supplement learning for all grant administrators. In addition to creating a training program, the Training group needs feedback from grant administrators about experiences you have had over the years. URA is requesting *your* research administration stories (so that they may be turned into teachable case studies). Email your anecdotes to ura-training@lists.uchicago.edu. Please include what the problem/issue was, what solution was used, and what happened as a result (and whether you'd do it again).

Administrative Notes

NIH Commons Accounts – Creating Them for Someone Else

If you are a grant administrator, and you need to set up an NIH Commons account for your PI, please make sure that you copy the PI in your email to ERA-Help@lists.uchicago.edu to avoid any confusion about why and how the account is being created. For any additional needs regarding NIH Commons accounts, please email the ERA-Help@lists.uchicago.edu listserv ONLY. This ensures that someone within the URA office will answer your requests as soon as possible.

NOTICE on NGA's for Stimulus Funding

Starting **Monday June 15th**, The Comptroller's office has announced that it is possible to start creating regular accounts for federal stimulus monies. Each award must be housed in a separate FAS account. The separate account requirement also applies to Supplementary funds awarded to existing grants. Furthermore, if the terms and conditions require Grant Management Approval for carry over requests, another account must be set up for the successive year of funding. If there are any questions, please contact Pat Hallow at pchallow@uchicago.edu.

NIH Notice of Grant Awards

The distribution of NIH Notice of Grant Awards begins when URA receives an email from NIH with the NGA attached. Lately, we've been notified by a few units that an NGA is available in Commons, but we have not received (and sometimes never receive) the NIH email. If you know of an award in Commons for which you have not received email notification from URA, please let your URA Manager know so that we can formally issue the NGA to campus. We are implementing a system to check against the Commons all NGA's issued over the period of a week to make sure no awards fall through the cracks.