

Announcements

[New Newsletter Archives Page](#)

The URA website has a Newsletter Archive page! Now instead of receiving a PDF of every newsletter as it comes out via our email listservs, you will be emailed a link to the archive page bi-weekly. You can access the current newsletter, as well as read older newsletters for information on URA announcements, past funding opportunities and tips for research. Visit the [Newsletter Archive page](#); there is also a Quick Link for the Archives on the left side of our website. Enjoy!

[NASA proposals: Updates to NSPIRES That Will Affect Submissions](#)

For solicitations with a due date between July 11, 2009 and August 7, 2009, all proposal team members should establish an organizational relationship, i.e., identify the organization or other auspices through which you are participating in a given proposal. For solicitations with due dates on or after August 8, 2009: Confirming an organizational relationship for all proposal team members will be a **prerequisite for proposal submission**. A proposal **cannot** be submitted if an organizational relationship is missing for any team member. For any additional questions, contact the NSPIRES help desk NSPIRES-HELP@nasaprs.com.

[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 has created sample forms, available on the [URA Grants.gov](#) website. **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 on paper that are being resubmitted as amended applications must be submitted electronically.

[NIH Delays Transition to Electronic Submission of Applications for Institutional Training and Institutional Career Development Programs](#)

The transition to electronic submission of applications for Institutional National Research Service Awards, other institutional training grants and institutional career development programs originally scheduled to occur beginning with submissions due on/after September 25, 2009 have been **rescheduled to begin with submission on/after January 25, 2010**. These applications should continue to be submitted on paper PHS398 application forms until the January 25 transition. Questions about transition plans may be directed to the era-help@lists.uchicago.edu.

[NIH Commons Accounts - The NIH Early Stage Investigator \(ESI\) Policy](#)

The NIH recently [announced a change](#) in their NIH New Investigator policies. Under this policy, New Investigators within ten years of completing their terminal research degree or within ten years of completing their medical residency will be designated Early Stage Investigators (ESIs). In order to implement this, **all New Investigators must update their eRA Commons profiles to ensure that they are given appropriate consideration for R01 applications for February 2009 due dates and beyond.** To update your profile, log into [NIH Commons](#) and go to the Personal Profile tab.

[DUNS Registration for the Organization & Subaward/Consortium Organizations](#)

Required for eSNAPs! A Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number is required for all progress reports-paper and electronic-and must be obtained prior to submission. For organizations that already have multiple DUNS numbers, one DUNS number should be selected by an authorized organizational official and used consistently for all submissions. The DUNS number is a unique identifier recognized by the federal government, and is used for reporting purposes, particular those associated with the Federal Financial Assistance Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006. Therefore an accurate DUNS number for each additional subaward/consortium organization must also be provided. For more information on DUNS registration, [click here](#).

New Federal Attachment Available on the URA Post-Award Toolkit Page

URA has recently posted a Federal Attachment 3B that addresses ARRA and FFATA reporting requirements for subrecipients on federal awards. Visit the [Post-Award Toolkit page](#); the form is a PDF located under the Federal section.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Change in Reporting Procedures

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has instituted a new *electronic* system for submission of narrative and financial reports, bibliographies and products from all grantees via email. You can learn all about the electronic system on [RWJF's web site](#) under the Grants Tab. Click on Grantee resources and Reporting information.

Funding Opportunities

American Heart Association Grants@Heart July 2009

The American Heart Association has recently posted new funding opportunities for research, with deadlines in **July 2009**. The AHA's new redesigned online web-based system for applicants can be accessed here at [Grants@Heart](#). You can access all the information about the grants and the deadlines [here](#), or submit additional questions to the URA Help Listserv at ERA-HELP@lists.uchicago.edu. Please note the Grants Officer is Carol Zuiches and the Fiscal Officer is your Restricted Funds Manager.

FY09 DOD Multiple Sclerosis Research Program Funding Opportunities

The Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) Defense Appropriations Act provides \$5 million to the Department of Defense Multiple Sclerosis Research Program (MSRP) to promote innovative research focused on multiple sclerosis (MS). **The closing date for applications is Nov 24, 2009**. Information can be found on the Grants.gov page for the [Multiple Sclerosis Synergistic Idea Award](#) and the [Multiple Sclerosis Metric Development and Validation Award](#).

Funding Tools

Featured Research Tool: [proposalCentral](#)

proposalCENTRAL is an e-grantmaking website shared by many government, non-profit, and private grant-making organizations. It is a great source that allows you to browse all available grants or search by organizations name. They have grants from all of the national organizations including the AMA, JDRF and more. There are a few deadlines approaching fast, so to access the free service, visit the [proposalCentral website](#).

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). Please change the names to protect the innocent!