

Announcements

NIH Requirements for Submission of Financial, Administrative, and Scientific Closeout Reports

NIH grantees are obligated to provide timely and accurate final closeout reports on the financial, programmatic, and administrative aspects of their grant within 90 days after the project period end date. This includes ensuring that there are no discrepancies between the final Financial Status Report and the Payment Management System's Federal Cash Transaction Report. NIH encourages grantees to submit all documents through the eRA Commons and grantees are required to submit an electronic final FSR through the eRA Commons. For more information, you can access [the Notice here](#). To request an NIH Commons ID, please email the URA office at era-help@lists.uchicago.edu.

NIH Search Tools for ARRA & New/Early Stage Investigators – Don't forget the Fiscal Year!

The NIH eRA has been working on various new features & fixes to help streamline the search functions. One of the new features offers the ability to search the Grants Management module and eRA Search for ARRA, New Investigator and Early Stage Investigator grants. When running a query for these new items in GM or eRA Search, it is very important that users **enter the FY as part of the search criteria**. Queries submitted without the FY will likely time-out or cause degradation in performance across the eRA modules. For more information, visit [the eRA Helpdesk website](#) or contact the URA era-help@lists.uchicago.edu.

The NIH Public Access Policy

The NIH Public Access Policy requires scientists to submit final peer-reviewed manuscripts that result from direct costs funded by NIH, and that are accepted for publication on or after April 7, 2008, to PubMed Central. Compliance with the NIH Public Access Policy is a legal requirement and a term and condition of your award. Information on how to submit manuscripts can be found at [the Submit Process page](#) on the NIH website. All citations that reference the affected manuscripts (including the bibliography, publications section and Biosketch of proposals and progress reports) must contain PMCID numbers. If you have any questions about the Policy, please check the [NIH Public Access Website](#) or send a note to PublicAccess@nih.gov.

NIH Enhances Process of Notice of Award (NoA) Email Notifications

When NIH issues a Notice of Award (NoA), the official document is made available to grantee officials and corresponding Program Directors/Principal Investigators through the eRA Commons. The eRA Commons is the official repository for this document. As part of the NoA process, NIH has continued the practice of notifying the grantee via e-mail address when an award has been issued. While implementing this improvement, NIH determined that certain NoA notifications were not initially sent to the grantee. For those in this category since July 1, 2009, NIH has regenerated these notifications and sent them to the grantee. Please note that the delayed sending of NoA email notification does not affect the original content (e.g., award date, dollars awarded, etc) or their posting in the eRA Commons. You can access more information about this notice [here on the NIH website](#).

eRA Project Update

Carol Zuiches and David Trevvett sent a letter to campus on July 28th regarding [the eRA project](#). The project is off to a busy start with design sessions for the GrantsXpress rollout beginning August 11th through mid September. GrantsXpress is the program that will soon handle the routing and submissions of SF424 applications. Over 40 individuals across campus are participating in this rollout, and as the project progresses, we'll be reaching out to more of the campus. The target for deployment is the end of December 2009/early January 2010 – just in time for the NIH February submission deadlines. As URA works on this project, the UC campus has been very active in the project naming contest; we have received over 120 suggestions. The project team is reviewing the submissions and will be announcing the application name in the near future. If you have any questions regarding the eRA project, please contact Lynda Wolter (lswolter@uchicago.edu), Erika Wingate (t-9erika@uchicago.edu) or David Thomas (dthomas@uchicago.edu).

Research Tool: URA's Sponsored Funding page

To help facilitate in your search for funding, the URA has a section of their website dedicated to Federal, Non-Federal and NIH funding opportunities. There are links to all major federal and non-federal funding organizations, University departments' separate funding opportunity web pages, and a link to an IRIS search that is updated every three months. To access this page, visit our [Searching for Sponsored Funding section](#). Also, Grants.gov recently added a new function on their homepage that allows for easy searching for ARRA stimulus funding. Visit [Grants.gov](#) to access this function.

Funding Opportunities: Federal

University Announces Continuation of Argonne-University Seed Grant Program

The University recently announced the continuation of the Strategic Collaborative Initiatives program that supports collaborative research projects between the University faculty and Argonne scientists/engineers. Joint proposals that also include researchers from Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (in addition to researchers from Chicago and Argonne) are also eligible for consideration under this program. **Applications are due on Friday, August 14, 2009.** Application forms and proposal guidelines can be obtained by request from Tracy Schultz and should be submitted electronically by PDF attachment to tjschultz@uchicago.edu.

DOD Lung Cancer Research Funding Opportunity Concept Awards

The Department of Defense (DOD) has provided \$20 million to the Peer Reviewed Lung Cancer Research Program (LCRP). The program will support innovative and competitive research focused on the development of integrated components to identify, treat, and manage early curable lung cancer, and the establishment of a tissue bank. **The deadline for Pre-Applications is August 20, 2009.** The Program Announcement, including full details on the intent of the award mechanism, eligibility, submission deadlines, application instructions, etc., can be found on the [Grants.gov](#) and [CDMRP websites](#).

Funding Opportunities: Non-Federal

American Cancer Society - Institutional Research Grant through UCCRC

The Cancer Research Center has an opportunity for Junior Faculty which is funded through the American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant. These awards provide seed money to Junior Faculty to obtain preliminary data from cancer-related research that will enable them to compete for national peer-reviewed research grants in the future. There are four \$35,000 1-year awards available. **The proposals for this opportunity must be submitted by October 2, 2009.** For a copy of the RFA, complete information and an application, please visit the [UCCRC website](#) or [click here](#) to go directly to the page on the UCCRC Funding Opportunity website for this opportunity.

The Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship Program

The Commonwealth Fund recently announced the Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship Program. The main goal of the program is to improve the theory and practice of health policy in Australia and the United States by stimulating the cross-fertilization of ideas and experience and to encourage ongoing health policy collaboration and exchange between Australia and the United States. The Fellowship provides up to \$55,000 (AUD) for six to ten months in Australia. **The deadline for Receipt of Applications for the 2010-11 fellowship is August 15, 2009.** For more information, and to obtain the application form, click [here](#) to go to the program web page. If you have any questions about this or other foundation funding opportunities (including limited opportunities and competitive fellowships) please contact Jennie Myers at jmyers1@uchicago.edu or 834-8437.

Nominations Open for Award Recognizing Scientific Entrepreneurs

Nominations have opened for the inaugural Kauffman Foundation Outstanding Postdoctoral Entrepreneur Award, which recognizes and celebrates a scientific researcher who has successfully commercialized his or her discoveries through entrepreneurship. Nominations may be submitted electronically via the NPA Web site or e-mailed to the Executive Director of the NPA at nominations@nationalpostdoc.org, or submitted through mail. The deadline for submission is Monday, November 2, 2009. For more information, visit the [Kauffman Foundation website](#), or contact Jennifer Woods (4-8810) at jgwoods@uchicago.edu.

URA Has Moved to a New Home!

Effective July 29, 2009, the URA office is located at: **6030 S. Ellis Ave. Room 114 (ED-114).**