

## Announcements

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### URA Town Hall Meeting

The University Research Administration will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on **September 15, 2009 at 10:00am**. The location of the meeting is in the BSLC Building (924 East 57th Street) in Room 115. The agenda will include updated information on the ERA project and current ARRA reporting. For more information please email [era-help@lists.uchicago.edu](mailto:era-help@lists.uchicago.edu).

### 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](#).

### Updated Sponsored Consulting Agreement Available on the URA Website

A functional Sponsored Consulting Agreement package is now available on the [Forms and Standard Agreements page](#) of the URA website. As with many forms, we have updated it with our new address (6030 S. Ellis Ave) as well as made the form available in Word format for downloads. Please remember you may have to refresh your cache in your internet browser to see the changes!

### PI's Should Update their eRA Commons Profiles with Degree and Residency Completion Dates

New Investigators within ten years of completing their terminal research degree or within ten years of completing their medical residency are designated Early Stage Investigators (ESIs). All New Investigators should check their [eRA Commons profile](#) and if necessary provide the requested degree date and/or the date of completion of medical residency. The dates entered will be used to determine the beginning and end date of the ESI period. For more information on this notice, [click here](#) or visit the NIH Commons [website](#).

### eRA Project Update

Carol Zuiches and David Trevvett sent a letter to campus on July 28<sup>th</sup> regarding [the eRA project](#). The project is off to a busy start with design sessions for the GrantsXpress development beginning August 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lswolter@uchicago.edu)), Erika Wingate ([t-9erika@uchicago.edu](mailto:t-9erika@uchicago.edu)) or David Thomas ([dthomas@uchicago.edu](mailto: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**

#### **NSF Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation 2010**

The EFRI Office is launching a new funding opportunity for interdisciplinary teams of researchers to embark on rapidly advancing frontiers of fundamental engineering research in two areas: (1) Renewable Energy Storage (RESTOR), and (2) Science in Energy and Environmental Design (SEED). The Letter of Intent Deadline Date is October 9, 2009, and the preliminary Proposal Deadline Date is November 13, 2009. For more information, please visit [the NSF website](#), or go directly to the program guidelines by [clicking here](#).

#### **NIH Transforming Primary Care Practice**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) solicits grant applications from organizations that propose systematic studies of on-going, successful efforts to transform the delivery of primary care in the U.S. The total costs for any grant awarded under this FOA will not exceed \$300,000 per year for the project period, which may be one to two years in duration.

**Letters of Intent are due on October 30, 2009 and applications must be submitted by November 18, 2009.** To view the RFA [click here](#), or visit [the NIH website](#) for more information.

#### **EPA Pesticide Safety Program**

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is soliciting applications to support a national and international pesticide safety program to assess and develop health and safety programs aimed at reducing exposure to pesticides for agricultural workers, pesticide applicators, growers, health providers, pesticide producers and retailers, as well as local, state, national and international organizations and government agencies, and other members of the agricultural community. The estimated funding available for award in FY 2009 is expected to be approximately \$400,000. **The closing date for applications is October 2, 2009.** To view the RFA [click here](#), or visit [Grants.gov](#) for more information.

### **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).**

### **Funding Opportunities: Non-Federal**

#### **Social Equity Venture Fund (S.E.VEN) Announces Second Annual Open Enterprise Solutions to Poverty RFA**

The aim of SEVEN Fund sponsored research is to answer the question of whether wealth-creation may be the most effective solution to alleviate poverty. The fund's Request for Proposals is limited to research in economics, government policy, and business strategy, insofar as the research bears directly on questions in enterprise-based solutions to poverty. The fund will award up to two research grants of up to \$100,000 each for up to twelve months through the RFP competition. This competition is supported initially by a grant from the [John Templeton Foundation](#), and is expected to be held annually. **Deadline for submitting an Initial Proposal (of no more than 3 pages) with PI's CV is October 15, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#). 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](mailto:jmyers1@uchicago.edu) or 834-8437.

#### **Borchard Foundation Center on Law & Aging Invites Proposals for Academic Research Grant Program**

The Borchard Foundation Center on Law & Aging awards up to 4 grants of \$20,000 each year. The Center recognizes the need for further research and scholarship about new or improved public policies, laws and/or programs that will enhance the quality of life for the elderly. This Request for Proposals is open to all interested and qualified legal, health sciences, social sciences, and gerontology scholars and professionals. **Application and supporting materials must be postmarked by September 30, 2009.** For more information, go to the [Borchard Foundation website](#). Application is available [here](#) (as pdf document). 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](mailto:jmyers1@uchicago.edu) or 834-8437.

#### **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.