

Announcements

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.

NRSA Individual Fellowships – References and Designation of Sponsor

A number of references for NIH/AHRQ Fellowship applications that were submitted by referees during the recent August submission deadlines were not submitted using the required form listed in the Fellowship Application Guide. Fellowship applicants are urged to contact their referees immediately and have them submit their reference again using the reference form found at References for Fellowship Awards format page if the sponsor did not use the correct form when uploading the reference.

Also, some fellowship applicants failed to indicate the Sponsor correctly in the Profile - Senior/Key Personnel. If these instructions were not followed, the application number and sponsor's name must be sent to the eRA [Commons Help Desk](#). If sending the information by email, please use the Subject Line "Fellowship Sponsor". Please contact your URA manager for more information and help in this process.

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!

Continuation Progress Report for a DHHS Public Health Service Grant

The newly revised "[Continuation Progress Report for a DHHS Public Health Service Grant](#)" instructions and forms are now available and will be accepted immediately for all progress reports and are required for all annual progress reports due on/after October 1, 2009. Corresponding changes to the eSNAP Commons Module will be released on October 9, 2009. Other changes include replacement of the Senior/Key Personnel Report with an All Personnel Report, as well as changes to the biographical sketch. The newly revised instructions and forms are available [here](#). The forms available on the website continue to be provided in two formats—MS Word and PDF-fillable using Adobe Acrobat Reader Software.

eRA Project Update

In the last several weeks, the Functional Team has continued to hold Design Sessions on various aspects of the GrantsXpress implementation with departmental representatives across campus. GrantsXpress is the proposal development, routing and submission of Grants.gov submissions (that are fully deployed in the Click modules) such as NIH submissions. Over the month of September, the Functional Team will finalize the design of GrantsXpress and begin writing the functional specifications. The project continues to be on track to go live in mid January to support grants submissions for the February 5th deadline. . More details will be provided at the URA Town Hall meeting on September 15. If you have any questions or concerns about the eRA project, please contact the functional team co-leads Lynda Wolter (lswolter@uchicago.edu) or Erika Wingate (t-9erika@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 or 834-8437.

Postdoctoral Fellowships: 2010-2013 in the Humanities, Arts, Sciences and Professions.

The Michigan Society of Fellows invites applications from qualified candidates for three-year postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Michigan. Candidates should be near the beginning of their professional careers. Those selected for fellowships must have received the Ph.D. degree or comparable artistic or professional degree between June 1, 2007, and September 1, 2010. **The Application Deadline is September 30, 2009.** For more information, please visit the [University's website 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 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.