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## Announcements

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### University Awarded \$71 Million in Stimulus Funds

On February 13, 2009, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, designed to supply funds that would save and create jobs and foster research that would not only stimulate the economy, but break ground on medical and environmental projects. Since then, the University has submitted over 500 proposals to fund research, and as of September 30, 2009 we have received over \$70 million in award funds! The money has come from many different federal agencies, including the National Institute of Health, the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information on the Act, visit [Recovery.org](http://Recovery.org).

### NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide

The NSF has published a revised version of the [NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide](#) (PAPP), NSF 10-1, which will become effective January 4, 2010. Significant changes made to the PAPP include: (1) Addition of a completely new proposal certification to address the responsible conduct of research requirement of the America COMPETES Act; and (2) An entirely new requirement for PIs to provide a project outcomes report for the general public within 90 days following the expiration of the grant, to comply with the *America COMPETES Act*. A by-Chapter summary of significant changes is provided at the beginning of both the Grant Proposal Guide and the Award & Administration Guide to assist the user in identifying the changes.

### Restructured Application Forms and Instructions for Submissions for FY2011 Funding

NIH announced this week that new, restructured versions of the paper PHS 398 and electronic SF 424 (R&R) application packages and instructions will be available by December 2009. Applicants must download and use the new application packages for submissions targeting due dates on or after January 25, 2010 (funding for fiscal year (FY) 2011 and beyond). Changes include significantly shorter page limits and restructured application packages. For more information, we have put together [a document that summarized the changes](#) or visit the [NIH website](#), and read the [official notice here](#).

### New Attachment 3B for Subaward Forms

There is a newly revised Attachment 3B for the Subaward Forms, located on the [Post-Award Toolkit page](#). The update was to change the 4 digit extension on the zip code.

## eRA Project Update

The eRA application has a name! AURA: Automating University Research Administration. Congratulations to Lori Loftis who won the on campus naming contest. The past 2 weeks have been extremely busy for the eRA project. The Design Sessions are over and the functional team is writing the detailed design and functional specifications. The hardware has arrived and is being installed. The Technical Team alongside Click Commerce developers will begin the application build. We are still on track for system-to-system submissions for the February 5 NIH receipt date. In coming weeks, look to hear more about the TRAINING and ROLLOUT schedules.

If you missed the URA Town Hall on the eRA and ARRA requirements, the slides are available on the URA home page. If you have any questions or concerns about the eRA project, please contact the functional team co-leads Lynda Wolter ([lswolter@uchicago.edu](mailto:lswolter@uchicago.edu)) or Erika Wingate ([t-9erika@uchicago.edu](mailto: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

#### **Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP)**

The Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) Defense Appropriations Act provides \$150 million to the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP) to support innovative, high-impact breast cancer research. This program is administered by the US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) through the Office of Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP). The pre-application is due by October 29, 2009. For more information, please visit the Program Announcement [RFA on the CDMRP website](#).

#### **Recovery Act Limited Competition**

NIH has announced a Recovery Act Limited Competition: Building Sustainable Community-Linked Infrastructure to Enable Health Science Research (RC4). This RFA solicits applications proposing to support the development, expansion, or reconfiguration of infrastructures needed to facilitate collaboration between academic health centers and community-based organizations for health science research.

**Letters of Intent are due by November 12, 2009, and Applications must be submitted by December 11, 2009.** For more information, visit the [NIH website](#) or read [the RFA 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.

### Funding Opportunities: Non-Federal

#### **American Federation for Aging Research Announces 2 grant programs in aging research:**

**The 2010 AFAR Research Grants** aim to assist in the development of the careers of junior investigators committed to pursuing careers in the field of aging research. It is anticipated that approximately 15 grants of up to \$75,000 (for 1-2 years) each will be awarded in 2010. Applicants must be independent investigators with assigned independent space and must be within the first four years of a junior faculty appointment (instructor, assistant professor or equivalent) by July 1, 2010. **The deadline for receipt of all applications and supporting materials is December 15.** For more information, go to [the program website](#).

**The 2010 Julie Martin Mid-Career Award in Aging Research** sponsored by The Ellison Medical Foundation, is designed for outstanding mid-career scientists who propose novel directions of high importance to biological gerontology. Proposals in areas where NIH awards or other traditional sources are unlikely because the research is high risk are particularly encouraged if they have the potential for leading to major new advances in our understanding of basic mechanisms of aging. Two four-year awards of \$500,000 will be made in 2010, at the level of \$125,000 per year. In addition, up to 10% (\$50,000) may be requested for administrative/indirect costs. Applicants must be Associate Professors who achieved tenured status after December 1, 2006. **The deadline of receipt of applications and all supporting materials is December 15, 2009.** For more information, go to the [program website](#).

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 – Two New Opportunities**

The American Cancer Society has released requests for applications for two programs: "The Role of Healthcare and Insurance in Improving Outcomes in Cancer Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment", and the "Pilot and Exploratory Projects in Palliative Care of Cancer Patients and their Families". The Application deadline (electronic and paper) for both funding opportunities is October 15th, 2009. For more information, please visit [the ACS website](#).