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Announcements

CRISP to be Retired at End of October; Start Using RePORTER Today

The CRISP query tool which provides a searchable database of biomedical research projects funded by NIH will be retired Oct. 31, 2009. The replacement is the RePORT Expenditures and Results tool, which is available immediately even before CRISP is closed. It provides description of the award (abstract) and NIH funding for each project, publications and patents that have resulted from NIH-funded research, as well as links to PubMed Central, PubMed, and the US Patent & Trademark Office Patent Full Text and Image Database for more detailed information on research results. For more information, or to start using RePORT, please [click here](#).

Preliminary FY 2011 Fringe Benefit Rates

The new fringe benefit rate agreement usually arrives sometime in March or April. Because we have some sense of how the government will likely set our rates, the Sponsored Award Accounting (SAA) department has advised URA it would be wise to make those anticipated rates known now so that they can be incorporated into proposals that need to be transmitted before the formal agreement is executed in the Spring. You may begin using the preliminary rates immediately for proposals with start dates of July 1, 2010 or after. The table below shows the current 2010 fiscal year rates and the FY2011 rates we expect the government to agree to.

	FY 2010	Preliminary FY 2011
Benefits-eligible employees (benefit levels 1 and 2), <u>federal</u> awards (Ledger 5)	21.90%	22.20%
Benefits-eligible employees (benefit levels 1 and 2), all other	24.70%	25.20%
Benefits-ineligible employees (benefit level 3)	6.60%	6.60%

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*.

For National Endowment for the Arts Grantees, Cooperators, and Contractors

The Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget for NEA, has issued guidance regarding Section 163 of Public Law 111-68 that directs all Federal agencies to provide the following information to their grantees, cooperators, and contractors. During the period of the Continuing Resolution (currently through October 31, 2009), no Federal funds, whether awarded to you in the past or to be awarded in the future, can be provided to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or any of its affiliates, subsidiaries, or allied organizations. This prohibition applies to UC as a direct recipient as well as to any subrecipient (e.g., a contractor, subgrantee, or subcontractor, as relevant). You must notify NEA immediately how you plan to comply with this prohibition **if** you have any existing subgrants, subcontracts, or other subrecipient agreements with ACORN or its affiliates. For more details [click here](#).

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](#).

Changes to NIH Applications - for Due Dates On or After January 25, 2010 ONLY!

Due to changes resulting from the Enhancing Peer Review initiative, applications for due dates on or after January 25, 2010 require **restructured application forms** and new instructions including **shorter page limits**. These changes affect ALL applications (new, renewal, resubmission, and revision). Applicants who are eligible for continuous submission may continue to use current forms and instructions through February 7, 2010 for R01, R21, and R34 AIDS applications that would otherwise have been due on January 7, 2010. **PLEASE ONLY USE THESE FORMS STARTING IN DECEMBER**. In December, you will need to download the new application forms (applies to both electronic SF 424 (R&R) and paper PHS 398). When the time comes, be sure to choose the correct application package. SF 424 (R&R): ADOBE_FORMS_B - PHS 398: Revision date "June 2009". For more information please read the Peer Review page on [the NIH Website](#).

AURA Project Update

The AURA Functional Team has nearly completed writing all of the detailed functional specifications for the GrantsXpress rollout. These include all of the new Funding Proposal questions (replacing the PTF), the automated Work-flow, and all of the activities and notifications that will be an essential part of the new process. In addition, the AURA Training Team is beginning the training strategy and curriculum development. The functional team is also developing an AURA website - which will be launched soon!

The AURA Technical Team has been extremely busy building the 4 different hardware environments – Development, Test, Training and Production – plus installing the software on each environment. The Technical Team has also been working on the technical specifications, security and organizational data, as well as building the data interfaces.

The Click Commerce developers will begin in early November the actual building of the application – starting with the Funding Proposal. The entire application should be ready for testing by Thanksgiving.

In the next week, the GrantsXpress rollout strategy will be reviewed. Once the rollout strategy is finalized we will be asking for volunteers to be the first to submit proposals through to grants.gov through the system. Please contact Lynda Wolter (lswolter@uchicago.edu) if you have any comments/ suggestions on the rollout of GrantsXpress. We're interested in learning what has worked or not worked for your unit past system rollouts.

If you have any questions or concerns about the AURA project, please contact the functional team co-leads Lynda Wolter (lswolter@uchicago.edu) or Erika Wingate (t-9erika@uchicago.edu).

Funding Opportunities: Federal

DOD Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP)

The Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP) has released the "Era of Hope Scholar Awards" and "Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards" Program Announcements and is open for submissions. The following funding opportunity information may interest newer faculty and postdoctoral researchers in bio-life, basic, bio-engineering, epidemiology, behavioral, and social scientists considering innovative research in breast cancer research at the University of Chicago. **The Pre-Application through CDMRP is required and due on November 18, 2009.** For more information about the BCRP or other CDMRP-sponsored programs, please visit 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](#).

Funding Opportunities: Non-Federal

Ellison Medical Foundation New Scholar Award in Aging

The University has been invited to nominate two candidates for the Ellison Medical Foundation New Scholar Award in Aging. Nominated candidates will receive an email providing instructions and a password to access the on-line application. Each award will be \$100,000 per year for a four year period. Funding for years two, three and four is contingent upon submission of an acceptable progress report. **Applications must be completed online by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time - February 25, 2010.**

Professor Rahamimoff Travel Grants Program

The United States - Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF) is announcing the availability of funds for short scientific trips by young American or Israeli scientists to the other country. In 2010, a total of 10 grants will be awarded, each for \$4,000. **The deadline for the submission of applications is December 17th 2009.** Please follow the instructions given on the [BSF website](#), under "Grant Programs/Travel Grants".

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.