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Upcoming Funding Events/News

Thank you to all who participated in the recent Streamlyne Research implementation Open Forum! Slides from the presentation are available at http://research.ku.edu/streamlyne_implementation

Please note that some content has been revised for clarity and accuracy since the presentations on April 25 and 28. The slides on the website contain the most up to date information currently available.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Grant Support Index (GSI)

NIH Director Francis Collins announced a new initiative on May 2 to address imbalance in the biomedical workforce and improve the return on research investment. According to Dr. Collins, current funding distribution is skewed with 40% of NIH support going to just 10% of investigators. In addition, funding for early career investigators has remained flat, while mid-career investigators have seen their funding rates decline. In addition, recent studies have shown that productivity benefits have gradually declined as support per investigator increased.

In order to address these issues, NIH is planning to begin using a new tool, the Grant Support Index (GSI), previously referred to as the research commitment index (RCI) which is still being developed. This index will be used to assign a value to grant support received by an individual, and those with a GSI over 21 (the equivalent of 3 single-PI R01 awards), will be expected to include a plan for adjusting their grant load when submitting applications for awards that would cause them to exceed that threshold.

Implementation of the GSI will not affect current funding and is expected to free up approximately $500-$650 million in funding for 1500-1600 new awards. The GSI could potentially be implemented for applications being accepted in September 2017.

Per Dr. Collins, “NIH will be seeking feedback from the scientific community on how best to implement the GSI limit. There are still many details of the policy that need to be worked out and we want those details to be informed by the community.”

This initiative was outlined in a conference call with the research community on May 2. A recording of the call will be made available for those interested. Send an email to nmb@od.nih.gov for a copy of the recording.

You can also read more about this initiative from NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research, Dr. Michael Lauer through his Open Mike Blog.

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Research Development: Email: researchdevelop@ku.edu; Phone: 864-3289
How can I check whether I am eligible to submit an application in NIH’s continuous submission policy?
NIH’s offers members of review and advisory groups and reviewers with recent substantial service the benefit of submitting R01, R21, and R34 applications at any time in response to active funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) that have standard due dates. You can check your eligibility to submit applications under NIH’s continuous submission policy by logging into eRA Commons, and following the instructions outlined here. NIH recently published consolidated guidance on continuous submission. For more information, read NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-17-042. Additional resources (including answers to other frequently asked questions, and a list of reviewers eligible for continuous submission) can be found on the grants.nih.gov website on the continuous submission policy.

American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS)
Law and Policy Related Career Paths for Biologists Webinar
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
During this program, panelists will share experiences and insights about their career paths in the pharmaceutical/biotechnology industry and at law and healthcare consulting firms. Panelists will provide practical tips helpful to those interested in potentially working in these exciting and rapidly growing arenas. Following presentations from the panelists, there will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions of the speakers. Click here to learn more or to register.

National Science Foundation (NSF)
Improving and Supporting the Transition to Graduate School in the Mathematical Sciences
The NSF Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) and Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS) are collaborating to encourage proposals that would improve and support student transition to and subsequent success in doctoral programs in the mathematical sciences. Proposals should address one or more of the following three components:
Curriculum, Content, and Careers. Develop innovative ideas/activities designed to provide students with core skills that are key for success in graduate school and expose students to the wide range of career possibilities in the mathematical sciences.
Environment and Confidence. Undertake institutional transformation activities intended to create a supportive and inclusive environment that encourages the participation of underrepresented groups.
Community and Social Capital. Encourage, build, and support sustainable networks and communities of scholars and educators
Directions for submission: Proposals that have a core component of research in the mathematical sciences should be submitted to the Infrastructure Program within DMS, with a deadline date of December 6, 2017. Proposals that address educational research and development questions should be submitted to one of three programs in EHR: the Historically Black Colleges and Universities - Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP) and the Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP) in HRD, or the Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) program in DUE. Proposals with both

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mathematical sciences and education research components can be submitted to either DMS or EHR programs. The first sentence in the Project Summary should state that the request is with reference to DCL NSF 17-087. For more details, please see this Dear Colleague Letter.

Current Top Searches on PIVOT

Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF)
Inflammation Biomarkers for Parkinson's Disease
[https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/173252](https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/173252)

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Resilient Agroecosystems in a Changing Climate Challenge Area
**Deadline: July 13, 2017**
[https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/173654](https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/173654)

National Science Foundation (NSF)
Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) Research Initiation Initiative (CRII)
**Deadline: August 09, 2017**

National Science Foundation (NSF)
Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU): Sites and Supplements
**Deadline: August 24, 2017**
[https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/71847](https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/71847)

National Science Foundation (NSF)
Research in the Formation of Engineers (RFE)
**Deadline: September 27, 2017**
[https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/160717](https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/160717)
Highlighted Funding Opportunities

United States Department of Defense (DOD)
Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (PH/TBI) Research Program (3 Solicitation Notices)
Deadline: June 12, 2017 (10:00 AM Eastern)
D&I Science to Optimize Select Evidence-Based Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Treatment
D&I of Evidence-Based Tele-Behavioral Health within the Military
D&I of the Department of Defense Behavioral Health Data Portal throughout the Military Health System

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Childhood Obesity Prevention Challenge Area
Deadline: June 18, 2017
http://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/123956

National Science Foundation (NSF)
Ideas Lab: Practical Fully-Connected Quantum Computer Challenge (PFCQC)
Deadline: Preliminary Proposal (required): June 19, 2017; Full Proposal: November 30, 2017
https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/160680

United States Department of Defense (DOD)
Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI)
Deadline: White Paper: July 17, 2017; Full Proposal: November 1, 2017
https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/116217

National Science Foundation (NSF)
Plant Biotic Interactions
Deadline: September 01, 2017
http://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/164808
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
NINDS Program Project Grant (P01)
Deadline: September 25, 2017
https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/129051

National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Implementation and Evaluation of New Health Information Technology (IT) Strategies for Collecting and Using Patient-Reported Outcome (PRO) Measures (U18)
Deadline: September 25, 2017
http://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/173392

New Faculty/New Investigator

American Urological Association (AUA)
Rising Stars in Urology Research Awards
Deadline: Preliminary Proposal (required): May 25, 2017; Full Proposal: June 8, 2017
https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/160835

Foundation for Child Development (FCD)
FCD Young Scholars Program (YSP)
https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/75903

One Mind Institute (formerly IMHRO)
Rising Star Research Awards
Deadline: June 15, 2017
https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/123717

Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)
Basic Research: Development Grant
Deadline: Letter of Intent (required): June 15, 2017; Full Proposal July 15, 2017
https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/52566

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National Institutes of Health (NIH)
NIH Director’s New Innovator Award Program (DP2)
**Deadline: September 8, 2017**
[https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/146069](https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/146069)

**Limited Submissions**

Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City (HCF)
Safety Net RFP
**Internal NOI Deadline: May 10, 2017**
**Sponsor Deadline: Letter of Intent, June 21, 2017; Full Proposal, August 16, 2017**

National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Director’s Early Independence Awards (DP5)
**Internal NOI Deadline: May 11, 2017**
**Sponsor Deadline: September 22, 2017**
[https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/126754](https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/126754)

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
Sloan Research Fellowships
**Internal NOI Deadline: May 12, 2017**
**Sponsor Deadline: September 15, 2017**
[https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/10138](https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/10138)
The internal deadline has passed for the following opportunities.

If interested in submitting, please contact kureslimitedsubs@ku.edu as soon as possible.

http://policy.ku.edu/research/institutional-endorsement

**US Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)**

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET)

The Professional Track is CLOSED; One Paraprofessional Certification Track may also be submitted.

**Sponsor Deadline: June 12, 2017**

http://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/166629

**American Diabetes Association (ADA)**

2017 Pathway to Stop Diabetes

**Sponsor Deadline: July 3, 2017**

http://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/163975

**William T. Grant Foundation**

Scholars Program

**Sponsor Deadline: July 6, 2017**

http://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/2560