

## Administrative Research Council

### ARC Notes

June 2009

#### New Equipment Purchasing Threshold

On July 1st, the university will change its equipment purchasing threshold from \$3,000 to \$5,000. This change will apply to sponsored project purchases as well. If you have questions, please contact Roger Bigelow, Director, Sponsored Programs Procurement at 292-1244 or [bigelow.1@osu.edu](mailto:bigelow.1@osu.edu).



#### NIH Salary Cap

NIH limits the direct salary that can be charged to grants and contracts (the salary cap). In January 2009, the cap was increased from \$191,300 to \$196,700. However, since NIH was operating under a continuing resolution at that time, and continuation awards were being funded at only about 85% of the recommended level, Ohio State elected to reduce the financial burden on awards by postponing implementation of the new cap until July 2009.

This is a reminder that starting in July, Ohio State will be using the new cap as the basis for salary charged to NIH grants. The change will happen automatically -- no specific action is required. If you have questions, please contact Anne Moffat at 292-3732 or [moffat.1@osu.edu](mailto:moffat.1@osu.edu).

#### NIH Is Deluged with 21,000 Grant Applications for Stimulus Funds

NIH officials stated that they were both thrilled and overwhelmed at the prospect of evaluating the proposals and distributing the money. Based on a recent estimate, it will take 756,000 hours or 94,500 work hours or 31,500 24-hour days to review all the proposals they received. Unbelievable!

#### Funding Opportunities

Information about limited and notable funding opportunities available to Ohio State researchers can be found using the online [search features](#). Researchers can browse the [current limited submission report](#) to check the status of limited submission programs with open sponsor due dates.

A notable funding opportunity of particular interest, with a sponsor deadline of July 30, 2009, is the Preservation and Access Research and Development Grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

#### Research Development Conference

The first annual Research Development Conference was held at the University of Maryland on June 9, 2009. Sarah Starr, Director of Funding and Research Development for the Office of Research, along with other professionals engaged in research development activities, gathered together from across the country to form a cohesive network and embark on developing a national research development agenda.

## Travel Update



Through a competitive bid process, The Ohio State University has selected two designated travel agencies, [Travel Solutions](#) (effective November 1, 2008) and [UNIGLOBE Travel Designers](#) (effective June 15, 2009). These agencies are both authorized to provide prepaid airline tickets for university business travel at significant discounts.

## Tip of the Month

If you haven't already done so, here's a reminder... nine-month faculty with a summer off-duty quarter who are currently appointed to projects will need to be removed from all projects. Any work done on projects during the off-duty quarter should be charged to the account code 60123 (Off-Duty Quarter Support) through "Additional Pay."

## The "Must Read" of the Month



Book Review – *On Being a Scientist: A Guide to Responsible Conduct in Research*

Robert Killoren, Associate Vice President for Research, reviewed the recently released third edition of this book for the April/May issue of NCURA magazine and encourages you to read this interesting piece. [Read this review.](#)

## Center for Emergent Materials Seed Funding Program

The Center for Emergent Materials (CEM) announces a [request for proposals](#) for the Seed Funding Program. The deadline is Monday, August 3, with an anticipated start date of Tuesday, September 1. Grants provide funds up to \$25,000. [Read more.](#)

## Assistance in Preparing NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award Proposals

The National Science Foundation's popular [CAREER Award program](#) provides five years of financial support for untenured, tenure-track faculty who "effectively integrate research and education within the context of the mission of their organization." Proposal due dates vary by research discipline but are all in late July. The Project to Support Grants for Research Outreach (Project GRO) assists in the development of the education and outreach portions of CAREER proposals and helps faculty develop partnerships to support their outreach efforts. Archives of past CAREER workshops conducted with the Office of Research Training, Education, and Communication (ORTEC) as well as links to NSF support documents can be found at <http://projectgro.osu.edu/NSFCAREER.html>. E-mail [projectgro@osu.edu](mailto:projectgro@osu.edu) with questions.

## Upcoming Training from ORTEC

- The next session of *Being a PI at OSU – Roles and Responsibilities*, which is offered quarterly, will take place on Wednesday, July 8. [More information about this session is available.](#) This educational session and others are also available in online video format at <http://research.osu.edu/ortec/>.
- The next NCURATV Digital Satellite Broadcast: *Subrecipient Monitoring: Assessing Risk* will be offered September 15, 2009. Faculty and staff at Ohio State can [register online to attend.](#)

## American Heart Association (AHA) Funding Opportunities – July Deadlines



The American Heart Association is offering several funding opportunities for which applications are due in July. More information about these is available at <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=9713>.



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## CCTS Research Concierge

Valerie DeGroff joins the staff of CCTS as the new research concierge. She will assist researchers at Ohio State in navigating the research infrastructure, matching requests for specialized expertise with faculty, assessing research needs, making recommendations for services, and facilitating access to CCTS resources. Valerie may be contacted about any clinical and translational research question at 614-366-7367 or [cctsconcierge@osumc.edu](mailto:cctsconcierge@osumc.edu), or the Request for Research Concierge Services link at [www.ccts.osu.edu](http://www.ccts.osu.edu).

## Spring Quarter ARC Meeting Feedback

Survey results from the May meeting evaluation indicated that 96% of respondents agreed that it was valuable and provided an opportunity to network with colleagues. Comments regarding the “Watch Out” or “Top Ten Ways to Not Get Burned” clicker activity were overwhelmingly positive. Many agreed the activity was both fun and useful.

## Next ARC Meeting – Save the Date!



The next ARC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2009 in the Biomedical Research Tower (BRT), room 115 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The agenda for this two-hour meeting will include updates and time for networking.

## National Council for Research Administrators (NCURA) Education Available

Visit [www.ncura.edu](http://www.ncura.edu) for more information about these and other educational opportunities:

- [The Essentials of Export Controls](#) CD-ROM Available
- June 29 - July 1, 2009 – [Fundamentals of Sponsored Project Administration Workshop](#)
- July 6 - August 28, 2009 – [A Primer on Federal Contracting](#)
- August 3-5, 2009 – [Financial Research Administration Workshop](#)
- October 21-24, 2009 – [NCURA 51st Annual Meeting: One World Connected Through Research](#)

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