

ARC Notes

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Mark your Calendars for the Next ARC Meeting – October 13 (Rescheduled)

The next Administrative Research Council (ARC) meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, from 9:30 - 11 a.m. in the Biomedical Research Tower (room 115). The meeting date was postponed until the second week of October to accommodate exciting new updates from the Office of Research.

The ARC Steering Committee would like to invite all college and department research administrators to attend. An agenda for the meeting will be posted on the ARC web site soon.

Please click [here](#) to register for the meeting.



The Office of Sponsored Programs – Formerly the Research Foundation

Since 1936, proposals have been submitted and awards have been accepted by The Ohio State University Research Foundation (OSURF), a separate but affiliated entity of the university. In order to bring the organizational and budgetary structure of OSURF into alignment with university operations, the Office of Research has started a process to fully integrate OSURF into the university. What this means for you is that proposals will now be submitted and awards will be accepted by The Ohio State University, rather than OSURF. More details about this transition will be coming soon.

One of the first steps toward fully integrating OSURF into the university was a name change for the administrative unit – OSURF became the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) on August 1, 2009. Organizational changes have taken place as well. Anne Moffat was appointed executive director of the Office of Sponsored Programs effective August 1, 2009. Also effective August 1, 2009, Bob Killoren was named associate vice president for research advancement.



University's F&A Rate Increases to 52.5%

The university's Facilities and Administration (F&A) rates for sponsored projects are determined by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Ohio State recently completed rate negotiations with DHHS for the next three years.



The following F&A rates went into effect on July 1, 2009:

	On Campus	Off Campus
Research	52.5%	26%
Instruction	52.5%	26%
Other Sponsored Activities	36%	26%

These rates should be used in all new proposals (unless the sponsor has a different rate). Most awards already in place will continue to be charged at the F&A rate at which they were awarded.

Also effective July 1, 2009, the acquisition cost of equipment increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

View the revised [rate agreement](#).

Research Expo to be held in November – Save the Date

November is Research Awareness Month (RAM) at Ohio State. As part of RAM, the Office of Research will hold its annual Research Expo on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the newly renovated Thompson Library. This event is open to the entire university research community (faculty, staff, and students). Other events include a "New Faculty Meet and Greet" and many exciting educational sessions throughout the day. Stay tuned for more information.



Stimulus Funding

The Office of Research maintains a web site containing information about the many available [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act \(ARRA\) funding opportunities](#). The web site is updated frequently so please check back often.



Limited and Notable Funding Opportunities

The Office of Research maintains a web site with information about [limited and notable funding opportunities](#) available to Ohio State researchers. Two National Institutes of Health (NIH) programs – the Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program and the Bridges to the Doctorate Program – have September 18th deadlines.

Contact Sarah Starr (starr.1@osu.edu or 688-5546) for more information.

New Federal Contracting Requirement - Electronic Employment Eligibility Verification

Regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will require Ohio State to utilize the DHS electronic employment eligibility verification system (E-verify) to determine the employment eligibility of employees assigned to federal contracts awarded on or after June 30, 2009. The Office of Human Resources and the Office of Legal Affairs are finalizing a process for implementing this new requirement. Stay tuned for further updates.

Center for Clinical and Translational Science Updates



The [Center for Clinical and Translational Science](#) (CCTS) has a new research concierge, Valerie DeGross. Valerie is available to help researchers navigate the CCTS research infrastructure. Contact her (cctsConcierge@osumc.edu or 366-7367) for assistance.

Mark your calendars for the CCTS fall scientific meeting to be held on December 1, 2009, from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Biomedical Research Tower, 460 W. 12th Avenue. Please spread the word and help publicize this event.

National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) Education Sessions Available

Visit the [NCURA web site](#) for information about available education programs. Programs that may be of interest to you include primers on subawards, clinical trials, and federal contracting as well as a chat about cost transfers and a webinar on negotiation tools and tactics for research administrators.

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