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NIH-Funded Research and Cyber Security

Healthcare and research institutions continue to face mounting threats from cyberattacks. Cybersecurity policies that apply to NIH-supported research protect PI's, coworkers, study participants, institutions, individual/team research, and the NIH. For awardees who collect, store, process, transmit, or use federal data, information systems must be protected from unauthorized access as required by the Federal IT Security and Management Act (FISMA).

NIH Program Officials (PO) Can Help

POs develop research and research training initiatives, write funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) to solicit applications in support of those initiatives, manage a scientific portfolio, and monitor grant progress. Identifying the correct PO is based on your stage in the grants process. Use the RePORTER Matchmaker tool to find NIH funded grants on topics related to yours. Associated PO's to matched projects are identified.

Required Submission of Financial Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy

As of November 12, 2020, NIH funded recipients are required to submit their publicly accessible Financial COI policy to NIH via the eRA Commons Institution Profile (IPF) Module (IPF Module). A PDF of the FCOI policy must be submitted by the institutional signing official (SO) via the IPF Module under a new tab labeled, "Policy Documents". Applicants and recipients have until December 1, 2020, to comply.

"All About Grants" Podcast – Human Subjects' Protection/Monitoring Plans

Check out this podcast mini-series for some insights on how you know you are actually doing human subjects' research. Dawn Corbett, NIH's Inclusion Policy Officer, shares why human subjects' protection and monitoring plans are important in this next NIH's All About Grants podcast. What should be included, what should be left out, what are risks/benefits to study participants, how do reviewers assess it all, and so much more.

Check Out the New eRA Commons!

For those new to eRA Commons, links on how to use eRA systems are offered as large buttons for Applicants, Grantees and Reviewers. Online resources such as Quick Queries and iEdison (patent/invention reporting) are provided. Once authenticated into eRA Commons, a new page offers quick access to: Status, ASSIST, Personal Profile, and Account Management (i.e. Admin tab) via large buttons on left side of screen. See demo video: New eRA Commons Screens

NIH Review Meetings Via Zoom

"How to run better Zoom meetings" is a frequent topic of workshops, meetings, and staff conversations. Many reviewers must work from home now and can't completely absent themselves from family responsibilities. SROs are implementing more frequent breaks to accommodate this new reality. Cameos by pets/children are not "unprofessional", they're OK. Send your ideas on improving Zoom review meetings to Kristin Kramer, Dir., CSR's Office of Communications & Outreach.

GRANT FUNDING

Provost's Innovator Awards – PIA funding ($25,000 each) is intended for exceptionally creative investigators who propose groundbreaking, innovative, high-impact projects that are likely to establish new clinical approaches or achieve rapid commercialization. Faculty salary is not allowed. 3-4 awards will be awarded starting in January 2021. Outside collaboration with UARK is encouraged.

Development Enhancement Awards for Proposals (DEAP) – address comments/revisions for faculty members who have received a score/comments on an unsuccessful proposal to a federal agency/foundation with full indirect costs. DEAP grants ($25,000 max) help PI's obtain more data to address reviewer comments and increase a revised application's competitiveness. DEAP is strictly limited to strengthening reapplications following receipt of a scored proposal and must be submitted within 12 months of receiving review comments.

Faculty Research Enhancement (FRE) Awards
Available to UAMS faculty (Assistant professor or higher) for short-term activities that will strengthen/enhance their research capabilities (e.g., workshops, visiting an institution to learn a new method/analyze data). Up to $7,000 in support for transportation costs, lodging, meals, registration, supplies and facility fees. FRE awards may be submitted anytime.

CONGRATULATIONS

Research and Innovation - MVP
To get to know research support folks and their jobs, a team member who actively assists research is highlighted on the Research & Innovation website. This month's R&I MVP is Kimberly Krager, PhD, Research Associate, Division of Radiation Health, in the College of Pharmacy. Congratulations, Kimberly!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Showcase of Medical Discoveries – Digital Health and Innovation

Research and Innovation will host the 29th Showcase on **January 21, 2021** from **10:00 a.m.** until **noon.** The online event will highlight digital health research and assist in the connection and collaboration of UAMS clinicians and research faculty members. The series' ongoing goal is to highlight exciting health care research in Arkansas. Register HERE. Indicate the RSVP is for the Digital Health & Innovation Showcase.

Contact Andrea McBryde (AMcbryde2@uams.edu) for more information.

Research & Innovation - Onboarding event

A virtual Onboarding event will be held **January 27, 2021** from **1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.** with Q&A to follow. Register here. Indicate your interest in the Onboarding event.

R&I Division directors along with WPR Cancer Institute, Conflict of Interest, UAMS Library, and Institutional Advancement Corporations/Foundations will offer 5 minute presentations of their services.

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Research Support Information Network (RESIN)

Since we are unable to meet for monthly RESIN meetings during this temporary "new normal," Research & Innovation now offers a RESIN Handbook where presenters provide audio/video presentations of their latest research-focused information.

Check out the latest presentation, **Bioinformatics Core** by **Stephanie Byrum, PhD.**, Molecular Biology Dir., CTPR Systems Biology Bioinformatics Core
Past RESIN presentations are located in the RESIN Archives.

NEW RESEARCH AND INNOVATION TEAM MEMBERS

Aesha Abazid, MHA Student, will be assisting Kerrey Roberto, IACUC facilitator with updating and transfer of records during the Huron/Muse IACUC transition through April 2021.

For specific research information/groups, the Resources webpage has links to over 30 programs, procedures, and Research & Innovation teams.

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