

Office of Sponsored Programs Bulletin October 2009

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1. **Proposal Routing During Furlough Times**

ATTENTION Faculty! Please note that furlough days may affect proposals routing for signatures. To expedite routing to ensure deadlines are not missed please:

*Plan early!! Contact your Sponsored Programs Manager as soon as you have an interest in submitting a proposal or before you discuss the prospect with the sponsoring entity.

*Allow for one or two extra days in the routing process if a furlough day is scheduled before or near the due date.

*Refrain from sending RUSH proposals two or three days before the deadline. Notify SJSURF about proposal deadlines as soon as you know about them so we can begin assisting early in the process.

*Be prepared to have the proposal drafted and work with your Sponsored Programs Manager no later than two weeks before the deadline.

*The majority of sponsors recommend that you do not wait until the sponsor deadline to submit your proposal, and that to ensure successful submittal you plan to submit at least 2-3 days before the sponsor's listed deadline, if not sooner.

2. **Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Human Subjects Activity**

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) is a 10-15 member committee whose task is to: (1) review all research conducted by SJSU students, faculty, and staff that involves the use of human subjects; and (2) make sure this research is being done in compliance with university policy. The IRB has purview over any research in which people are asked to either participate physically or where information is sought through interviews, surveys, or observation. The IRB also has purview when information concerning individually identifiable people is being sought by a researcher through access to files, data bases, or a third party.

All proposals submitted on behalf of SJSU faculty, researchers and administration must have IRB approval if they contain Human Subject Activities. Human Subject Approval is sometimes required even when the nature of the research project or the program is not to collect data. Sponsors often

require research and education projects to have an evaluation component as part of the deliverables. The evaluation may include data collection and submittal of the data to the sponsor or to an external publication.

Forms and additional information are found at this link:

<http://www.sjsu.edu/gradstudies/irb/index.htm>

3. Grants.gov Announces 24-hour Support

On October 19, the Grants.gov Contact Center (support@grants.gov) began 24-hours a day, seven days a week support.

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4. Sponsor Spotlight - Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI)

The Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI) has been a consistent supporter of SJSU faculty research activity. With awards totaling over \$300K in the last six years, ETRI contributions have supported SJSU research projects ranging from Engineering to Humanities. ETRI has also sent five visiting scholars to SJSU.

5. How Professors Think

When making decisions about which of their peers' projects deserve millions of dollars in academic research funding, reviewers often consider both the diversity and the excellence of the proposals before them. This discovery is one of many in a new book, "How Professors Think: Inside the Curious World of Academic Judgment," by Harvard University sociologist Michèle Lamont.

"Although racial and gender diversity are the types of diversity about which there is most debate in higher education, the kind of diversity that my panelists are most concerned with is institutional diversity and interdisciplinary diversity," said Lamont in an interview with the National Science Foundation, which supported her work. According to Lamont, decision makers generally want money to be spread across many universities and research disciplines.

Lamont's book takes readers inside the rarely-seen culture of academic peer review that asks highly-reputable experts to examine and assess the quality of researchers' work before awarding large sums of money to academic institutions throughout the United States.

"I've always studied how people define worth," said Lamont describing her book. "So it was in some ways a continuation of my earlier work, but applied to a new realm of activity: academia." This book is available from Harvard University Press.

6. Fellowships

SJSURF receives notification of fellowship opportunities for faculty and students. This month's highlights include:

Program: APA Congressional Fellowship Program

Agency: American Psychological Association

Next Deadline: Jan 7, /2010

<http://www.apa.org/ppo/fellows>

Program: Women's Scholarship Fund Program
Agency: Talbots Charitable Foundation
Next Deadline: Jan 02, 2010
<https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/talbotswomen/instructions.php>

Program: Fellowship and Internship Program
Agency: Smithsonian Institution
Next Deadline: Jan 15, 2010
<http://www.si.edu/ofq/fell.htm>

Program: Fellowship Programs
Agency: Archaeological Institute of America
Next Deadline: Jan 15, 2010
<http://www.archaeological.org/webinfo.php?page=10007>

Program: Literature Fellowships: Translation Program
Agency: National Endowment for the Arts
Next Deadline: Jan 7, 2010
<http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/LitTranslation/index.html>

Program: ASM/CCID Postdoctoral Fellowships
Agency: American Society for Microbiology
Next Deadline: Jan 15, 2010
<http://www.asm.org/education/index.asp?bid=15497>

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