

## Office of Sponsored Programs Bulletin December 2009

The SJSU Research Foundation (SJSURF), Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) Bulletin is a monthly publication informing the SJSU academic community about sponsored program information, trends and opportunities. To view the OSP Bulletin online, visit the SJSU Research Foundation website at <http://www.sjsufoundation.org/>.

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### 1. **SJSURF Holiday Closure Schedule**

The SJSU Research Foundation will be **closed** Monday, December 21, 2009 – through Friday, January 1, 2010. No proposals will be processed during this time. The Foundation will re-open Monday, January 4, 2010. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to working with you in the new year.

### 2. **Handy Tools for Finding External Funding Opportunities**

The SJSU Research Foundation has several tools to inform the SJSU academic community about external funding:

#### **a. Funding Alert System**

The SJSURF Sponsored Programs Office uses the Funding Alert System to disseminate grant funding opportunities to SJSU faculty and staff. Faculty sign up for “keywords,” which are entered into a database. Matching funding opportunities are emailed directly to participating faculty. New sign-ups can be done anytime through this link: <http://www.sjsufoundation.org/html/sjsuf-faculty-resources/FundingAlertSignUp.htm>. Keyword changes can be made anytime by emailing a new request to [nriley@foundation.sjsu.edu](mailto:nriley@foundation.sjsu.edu).

We are also piloting a monthly deadlines report that faculty may receive directly from the Grants Resource Center for external funding opportunities in their areas of interest. If you would like to participate in the pilot, please contact Kristin Nwakobi at [knwakobi@foundation.sjsu.edu](mailto:knwakobi@foundation.sjsu.edu).

#### **b. Funding Databases**

SJSURF subscribes to two funding databases exclusively for SJSU faculty: Sponsored Projects Information Network (SPIN) and Community of Science (COS). Community of Science refers to scientific research. These databases are searchable by elements such as keyword, sponsor, title, and deadline. Both databases are found at: <http://www.sjsufoundation.org/html/sjsuf-faculty-resources/locating.htm>. Both databases may be accessed by SJSU faculty on campus, or off campus if a “profile” in the database is set up first.

#### **c. Funding Searches**

SJSURF offers individual funding searches for faculty who have a specific topic/interest area and are ready to look for funding. Faculty can mail specific requests to [nriley@foundation.sjsu.edu](mailto:nriley@foundation.sjsu.edu) by attaching a brief summary of funding topic.

#### **d. Grant Application Deadlines**

SJSURF posts a periodic "Grant Application Deadlines" in Quick Links on our home page ([www.sjsufoundation.org](http://www.sjsufoundation.org)). This report shows all the funding opportunities we have sent through our Funding Alert System for a certain period. Faculty can periodically check here for important funding deadlines coming up.

#### **e. OSP Bulletin**

This SJSURF OSP (Sponsored Programs) Bulletin is posted on the SJSURF home page ([www.sjsufoundation.org](http://www.sjsufoundation.org)) in "Quick Links." This is in addition to it being emailed to subscribers. Back issues are posted at: [http://www.sjsufoundation.org/html/sjsuf-faculty-resources/locating\\_steps.htm](http://www.sjsufoundation.org/html/sjsuf-faculty-resources/locating_steps.htm). Faculty may subscribe anytime at: [http://lists.sjsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/osp\\_bulletin](http://lists.sjsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/osp_bulletin). Pertinent upcoming fellowships are mentioned at the end of each Bulletin. We are currently working to notify *all* faculty in our funding alert system whenever a new OSP Bulletin is published.

#### **f. ARRA Funding Opportunities**

SJSURF has provided a special website about the American Recovery Act of 2009. For information about Recovery Act Funding opportunities, frequently asked questions, and how SJSU faculty can participate, please click on <http://www.sjsufoundation.org/html/misc/recoveryARRA/index.htm>. This link is accessible through SJSURF's home page ([www.sjsu.foundation.org](http://www.sjsu.foundation.org)).

### **3. What Happens to your Old Proposal Files?**

Once a year the Sponsored Programs Managers review declined proposal files and purge those that are no longer needed. Each year letters are sent out to PIs regarding old declined proposals. We are currently targeting proposals with start dates of 2007 or earlier. If you receive such a letter and you would like to have your declined (or otherwise non-funded) proposals sent to you in hardcopy, scanned pdf, or both, please reply as directed in the letter. If we do not hear from you or you tell us that you do not want your declined proposal, then the hardcopy of your proposal will be destroyed.

### **4. ARPA-E Announces \$100 Million More for Green Energy**

On December 7, 2009, Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced that a second round of funding opportunities for transformational energy research projects is available through the Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy (ARPA-E). During a joint presentation with Commerce Secretary Gary Locke, Chu reported that \$100 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding will support projects to accelerate innovation in green technology, increase America's competitiveness, and create jobs. Proposals are sought in three areas: Innovative Materials and Processes for Advanced Carbon Capture Technologies (IMPACCT); Batteries for Electrical Energy Storage in Transportation (BEEST); and Electrofuels. Concept papers are due by **January 15, 2010**. The deadline for full applications has not yet been set.

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### **5. DOE Increases Emphasis on STEM Workforce Development**

There is a range of opportunities available for energy workforce development and research support from the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science:

- The [Used Energy-Related Laboratory Equipment Grant Program](#) provides used laboratory equipment to institutions with limited research facilities. This program accepts proposals year-round and frequently updates its equipment list.
- The [Pre-Service Teacher Program](#) places undergraduate students, who have decided on teaching careers in STEM disciplines, in paid summer internships. During this 10-week program, students receive mentorship from a Master Teacher who is currently working in K-12 education, a \$425 per week stipend, and travel benefits. Applications are due **February 1, 2010**.

- After a \$12 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) allocation, the newly-created [Office of Science Graduate Fellowship Program](#) will support 80 students pursuing graduate training in basic research areas relevant to the Office of Science, such as physics, biology, chemistry, mathematics, engineering, and computer science. Fellows will receive a yearly stipend of \$35,000 for living expenses and up to \$10,500 a year toward tuition. Fellowships are for three years and applications will be due in fall 2010.
- The [Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship Program](#) offers paid internships for students pursuing careers in science and engineering. While participating in a 10-week summer term (May through August), or a 16-week term in the fall (August through December) or spring (January through May), students work with scientists and engineers on projects related to DOE laboratories' research missions. Students receive a \$425 weekly stipend and some travel reimbursement. (See website for application deadlines.)
- The [Faculty and Student Teams Program](#) provides faculty-student teams with hands-on research opportunities at DOE national laboratories. Teams from universities with limited research facilities and those institutions serving populations underrepresented in the STEM fields are encouraged to apply. Applications are due **February 1, 2010**.

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## 6. NIH LISTSERVS

NIH has a LISTSERV (bulk electronic mail distribution list system) that NIH Program Directors and staff use as a communication tool. Users can choose to join as recipients to receive posted messages and participate in topical discussions. The following link displays a list of available LISTSERV lists: [https://list.nih.gov/cgi-bin/show\\_list\\_archives](https://list.nih.gov/cgi-bin/show_list_archives) .

The listservs included at the link indicate whether they are for NIH employees only or for faculty and principal investigators.

## 7. NIH AREA Program Announcement Extended

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) [has confirmed](#) that it will extend the parent R15 Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) [program announcement](#) (which expired in January 2009) until January 8, 2010. A new R15 parent announcement will be published later this year.

Applicants should note these immediate changes: the funding limit for AREA awards increased to \$300,000 direct costs, plus applicable facilities and administrative costs, over a project period of up to three years. Applicants should use the modular budget for direct cost amounts up to \$250,000 or the detailed budget for direct costs amounts above \$250,000. For additional information, contact Mary Ann Guadagno at 301/594-4786 or [guadagma@od.nih.gov](mailto:guadagma@od.nih.gov).

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## 8. Fellowships

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

Program: NCAR: Postdoctoral Support in the Atmospheric Sciences

Agency: National Science Foundation

Next Deadline: Jan 05, 2010

[http://www.asp.ucar.edu/pdf/postdoc\\_fellowship.php](http://www.asp.ucar.edu/pdf/postdoc_fellowship.php)

Program: Jefferson Science Fellows Program at the U.S. Department of State  
Agency: National Research Council  
Next Deadline: Jan 15, 2010  
[http://www7.nationalacademies.org/fellowships/Jefferson\\_Science\\_Fellows](http://www7.nationalacademies.org/fellowships/Jefferson_Science_Fellows).

Program: Research Associateship Programs  
Agency: National Research Council  
Next Deadline: Feb 01, 2010  
<http://www7.nationalacademies.org/rap>

Program: Research Experiences for Undergraduates Internships  
Agency: American Museum of Natural History  
Next Deadline: Feb 01, 2010  
<http://tinyurl.com/y9s3z7z>

Program: Langley Aerospace Research Summer Scholars (LARSS) Program  
Agency: National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
Next Deadline: Feb 01, 2010  
<http://research.nianet.org/larss/index.html>

Program: Mary Switzer Research Fellowships  
Agency: U.S. Department of Education  
Next Deadline: Feb 01, 2010  
<http://www.ed.gov/programs/resfel/index.html>

Program: Research Fellowships  
Agency: National Gallery of Art  
Next Deadline: Feb 15, 2010  
<http://www.nga.gov/resources/casvafllws.shtm>

Program: Grants Program (Advanced Graduate Students & Recent PhDs)  
Agency: American Museum of Natural History  
Next Deadline: Feb 15, 2010  
<http://tinyurl.com/y8zaeq3>

Program: Resident Fellowship in Ethics  
Agency: U.S. Naval Academy  
Next Deadline: Feb 15, 2010  
<http://www.usna.edu/Ethics/>

Program: Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF)  
Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce  
Next Deadline: Feb 16, 2010  
<http://www.surf.nist.gov/app.htm>

Program: AICR Research Grant Programs (Fellowships)  
Agency: American Institute for Cancer Research  
Next Deadline: Feb 19, 2010  
<http://tinyurl.com/ylr5f6t>

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