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1. **Welcome Back**

Welcome back to campus! We know that some of you have been working on proposal ideas during the summer. Please contact your sponsored programs manager to let them know about any proposals you are planning to go forward with in the near future.

2. **SJSURF Fall 2007 Grant Proposal Workshop Series**

SJSURF holds grant proposal workshops regularly for San José State University faculty and staff. Held in the MLK, Jr. Library, these workshops cover program guidelines, budget forms, submittal process, as well as tips for writing successful proposals. Workshops usually run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Faculty and staff are welcome to attend all or part of the session as their schedules permit. A small lunch will be provided. The first topic for the Fall 2007 semester is:

September 14 Proposal Budgets 101 MLK 255/257

While proposal budget requirements vary by project, program, and by sponsor, this workshop will provide budget fundamentals and helpful hints to get you started on your way to a realistic proposal budget.

To RSVP or for more information please contact Jerri Carmo at (408) 924-1429 or jcarmo@foundation.sjsu.edu

3. **NSF Pre-Award and Post-Award Guide Books - Changes in Designated Fonts**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has published the new *NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* (NSF 07-140), which contains documents relating to the Foundation's proposal and award process. This new publication applies to proposals submitted on or after June 1, 2007. It can be accessed at: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07140.

One of the important changes contained in the new guidelines is the use of designated fonts in proposals submitted to NSF. Proposers are reminded that the proposal must be clear, readily legible, and conform to the following requirements:

a. Use of only the approved typefaces identified below, a black font color, and a font size of 10 points or larger must be used:

--For Windows users: Arial, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype, or Georgia

--For Macintosh users: Arial, Helvetica, Palatino, or Georgia

--For TeX users: Computer Modern

A Symbol font may be used to insert Greek letters or special characters; however, the font size requirement still applies;

b. No more than 6 lines within a vertical space of 1 inch; and

c. Margins, in all directions, must be at least an inch.

Proposers are cautioned that proposals not in conformance with this guidance may be returned without review.

4. America COMPETES Act Signed into Law

An act signed into law by President Bush on 9 August is slated to double the research budgets of three of the government's agencies that fund physical science research. The America COMPETES Act (H.R. 2272) authorizes 100 percent boosts over 7 years to the research budgets of the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institute for Science and Technology (NIST), and the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science. Fully named the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education and Science Act (COMPETES), the legislation received overwhelming bipartisan support as it passed unanimously in the Senate and by a wide margin in the House.

Implementing priorities from the American Competitiveness Initiative, the new law compiles several different competitiveness bills that passed both the House and the Senate individually over the past year and a half. H.R. 2272 responds in part to the 2005 National Academies Report, "Rising Above the Gathering Storm" that warned that the United States could fall behind other countries in science, technology and innovation if we did not increase funding to ensure that U.S. students, teachers, businesses and workers continue to lead the world in those disciplines.

5. Grants.gov Extends Transition Time for Agencies to Develop New Applicant Form

Although originally intending for all agencies to transition to use of new, Adobe-based forms by the end of FY 07, Grants.gov has extended the time provided to agencies to fully transition to the new format into FY 08 according to the National Institutes of Health. The additional time allows Grants.gov to complete its development and testing of the new forms and provides agencies with greater flexibility in how they approach the transition. Applicants should continue use of the current Grants.gov forms pending notice of when in FY 08 the new forms will be ready.

6. News from the Center for Faculty Development

Dossier Consultations - Would you benefit from some one-on-one support in constructing your dossier? Amy Strage, Faculty-in-Residence at the Center for Faculty Development and Professor, Child and Adolescent Development, is available to consult with you on your dossier. Contact her directly at amy.strage@sjsu.edu to arrange a time to meet. Amy is generally available Monday through Friday.

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