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1. **SJSURF Workshop: Proposal Budgets 101, October 27th**

Part of writing a grant proposal is understanding the cost of your research project. Where do you begin when creating your budget? For example, do you plan to hire students, purchase supplies, rent space, or attend conferences? How will these costs affect your proposed budget?

SJSURF will hold the *Proposal Budgets 101* workshop on October 27, 2008 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library (MLK) 255/257. This will be a step-by-step primer on the components of a proposal budget and how best to build a budget in response to an RFP (request for proposal). Each of the major line items in a typical budget will be discussed in detail. Important topics such as salaries, cost-sharing, facilities and administrative costs, and allowable costs will be addressed.

Faculty and staff are welcome to attend all or part of the session, as their schedules permit. Lunch will be provided to those who RSVP. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Jerri Carmo at jcarmo@foundation.sjsu.edu or (408) 924-1429.

2. **Universities, Corporations Demand More Energy Research Funding***

As the Association of American Universities [reports](#), the Energy Sciences Coalition, the Science Coalition, the American Chemical Society, Microsoft Corporation, the Semiconductor Industry Association, and more than 40 universities have signed a petition to urge both presidential candidates to consider "a major investment in basic research to produce the technological advances and train the next generation of scientists and technicians that will meet the long-term energy challenge." The petition names these goals:

Increased federal support for basic energy research across government research agencies, including full funding of the America COMPETES Act;

* A multi-agency strategy to coordinate basic energy research efforts across federal research

agencies;

- * Support for basic energy research in the physical sciences and engineering as well as in social and behavioral sciences, economics, and complex systems;

- * New educational efforts to create the talent base required to create a clean-energy future;

- * Increased support for high-risk, high-payoff basic energy research; and

- * Better connections between government-sponsored basic and applied energy research programs to ensure the quick transfer of basic research discoveries to the commercial market.

For additional information, contact Tobin Smith, AAU's Associate Vice President for Federal Relations, at 202/408-7500.

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3. Conferences Planned on Global Challenges*

The National Academy of Sciences has [announced](#) that, in partnership with the Royal Society in London and with support from the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Foundation, it will operate a forum to hold scientific conferences and meetings in the U.S. and U.K. on "pressing topics of worldwide scientific concern with benefit to all people." The forum's establishment is another sign that demonstrating a global perspective is imperative to securing federal and private support for scientific research. NAS president Ralph Cicerone names agriculture, energy needs, and climate change as three worldwide challenges the NAS partnership with the Royal Society will address.

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4. Funding Opportunity: NSF International Collaboration in Chemistry (ICC)

Recognizing the importance of international collaborations in promoting scientific discoveries, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and its counterpart agencies in Germany (DFG), Austria (FWF), UK (EPSRC), China (NSFC) and France (ANR) seek to enhance opportunities for collaborative activities in chemistry between U.S. and foreign investigators. The NSF Chemistry division will accept new bilateral collaborative research proposals, which are not currently funded by other sources, with each of the partnering agencies. The proposals should establish new partnerships between US researchers and researchers from either Germany, Austria, UK, China or France.

For more information, please contact Jeanne Dittman at jdittman@foundation.sjsu.edu or 924-1434. Guidelines can be found at http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08602/nsf08602.pdf?govDel=USNSF_25.

5. NIU Offers "Quick Guide" for Peer Review*

The Faculty Development and Instructional Design Center at Northern Illinois University has developed a [Quick Guide](#) to promote education and training in the responsible conduct of research. It is intended to provide self-paced learning for novice researchers participating in the peer review of research proposals and scientific articles submitted for publication. The objectives of the guide are to increase awareness of common mistakes and dilemmas that novice peer reviewers can face; and offer strategies for providing constructive criticism to the authors of these works. The Quick Guide is not meant to be a comprehensive resource on peer review but is intended only to be a supplementary resource for self-paced learning. For more information, contact the center at 815/753-0595 or facdev@niu.edu.

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6. Grants.gov Blog

Grants.gov has a blog that faculty researchers can use to find information regarding system status, funding opportunity updates, highlights, and more. Check out the blog at <http://grants.gov.blogspot.com/>.

7. Grants.gov Microsoft Vista and Office 2007 Compatibility

Grants.gov is not compatible with Microsoft Vista and Microsoft Office 2007. Application compatibility with Vista is a major problem across all Windows applications. Grants.gov uses Adobe Reader and PureEdge viewer, both free products to allow the applicant community to complete Grants.gov forms. The currently supported version of Adobe Acrobat Reader with Grants.gov forms is 7.0.9 and 8.1.1. Adobe Reader 8.1.1 is compatible with Vista, Mac and other operating systems, and allows the user to view and complete application packages with Grants.gov. Grants.gov is migrating to Adobe Acrobat Reader for completing forms, and PureEdge viewer will continue to be supported in the short-term. It is recommended that you download Adobe Reader 8.1.1 at this time. For more information, please see the Grants.gov [document](#) regarding MS Vista and MS Office Compatibility. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Dittman at jdittman@foundation.sjsu.edu or 924-1434.

8. Professor's Conviction Serves as Warning*

As a 70 year-old retired professor awaits sentencing for conspiracy, fraud, and violation of the Arms Export Control Act, the academic community must decide what lessons his case teaches. J. Reese Roth faces 160 years in prison and more than \$1.5 million in fines for what he calls a misunderstanding. "My understanding was that [the restriction] only applied to things that worked, and we had not shown that," Roth said during his trial, according to the [Associated Press](#).

The *it-doesn't-apply-to-me* defense is one few research administrators would accept blindly from a principal investigator, yet there remains no universal understanding of export control regulations. The Roth case serves, at least, as an example of how severe the consequences of violations can be, and as a nudge to review or, where necessary, establish clear institutional policies and communicate them to researchers.

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9. Research Integrity and Scientific Misconduct Clearinghouse Announced*

The American Association for the Advancement of Sciences and the National Academies have launched a website to give students, researchers, administrators, and policymakers access to a range of resources on avoiding scientific misconduct and preserving research integrity. A section on policies, codes, and guidelines provides links to agency guidance and to policies and positions issued by higher education institutions and associations. See [website](#) for details.

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10. Fellowships

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

Program: Art History & Conservation Fellowships

Agency: Metropolitan Museum of Art

Next Deadline: Nov 7, 2008

http://www.metmuseum.org/education/er_fellow.asp

Program: Congressional Fellowship Program
Agency: American Political Science Association
Next Deadline: Dec 1, 2008
http://www.apsanet.org/content_3540.cfm

Program: NEA Literature Fellowships
Agency: National Endowment for the Arts
Next Deadline: Jan 9, 2009
<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/LitTranslation/GrantProgDescription.html>

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