

# In-The-Know

With the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs

Source: Managing Federal Grants

Welcome to the latest edition of *In-the-Know*! *In-the-Know* is designed to keep you informed of the most current happenings at Montclair State University's Office of Research & Sponsored Programs and Federal Funding Agencies.

## Announcements :

### *Join ORSP in Welcoming our New Director*



ORSP welcomes Frederic "Ted" Russo as its new Director. Ted joins Montclair State University from Worcester Polytech Institute where he was the Associate Director of Pre-Award Services since 2005.

### *Guidance : Addressing Human Subject Cash Incentives with National Science Foundation*

It recently came to ORSP's attention that the National Science Foundation (NSF) is paying particular attention to the proper handling of two conflicting human subject matters prior to granting awards. Payments to human subjects are auditable by NSF and other government entities and human subject confidentiality precludes making public the fact that an individual is or has been a participant in into conflict in carrying out human subject research protocols.

If applicable, to your project, the following language should be used in your budget justification:

*The Principal Investigator (PI) will prepare a check request for cash needed to pay research subject incentives. Grant Accounting will approve the request and forward to the Accounting Office.*

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## Upcoming Events:

### *Council on Undergraduate Research*

- [February 23-25, CUR Dialogues](#)
- [June 23-26, 14th CUR Conference](#)

### *National Institutes of Health*

- [March 9, SCAW IACUC Training](#)
- [March 19-21, IACUC 101 Workshop and PRIM&R IACUC Conference](#)
- [April 16-18, Regional Seminar](#)
- [June 20-22, Regional Seminar](#)

### *National Science Foundation*

- [March 19-20, NSF Grants Conference](#)
- [March 30, CISE Career Proposal Writing Workshop](#)

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*Subject Incentive Payment Receipts for individual subjects will be initialed by the subject and authorized by the PI before being sent to Grant Accounting as certification of the proper use of grant funds.*

To maintain confidentiality receipts will contain:

- *the subject ID*
- *date of visit*
- *payment amount*
- *grant account number*
- *IRB number*
- *subject initials*

To ensure documentation for auditing and reporting:

- *A Subject Reimbursement Log will be completed and kept within the patient source file for reference as needed by authorized personnel.*
  - *This log will contain subject ID numbers with necessary corresponding personal information for each research subject*

More details are available on the ORSP Website under [NSF Policies and Procedures](#).

If you have any questions, please contact one of our Pre-Award Officers:

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## **National Science Foundation**

### **"Vision and Change in Undergraduate Biology" Initiative Charts New Path for College-level Biology**

According to a rising chorus of biology educators, major changes in the teaching of undergraduate biology are needed to bring courses into the 21st century. Such changes are necessary because modern biology has undergone major transformations. Biologists are using emerging technologies and interdisciplinary collaborations to rapidly open new areas of biological research and pioneer new approaches that enhance our understanding of living systems.

Associated advancements in biology are helping society better address urgent problems involving climate, energy, food and health. At the same time, a communications revolution has created a hyper-connected world in which information flows fast and freely.

In response to these new realities, biology educators are considering ways to better prepare college students for careers in the life sciences and to promote biological literacy in our citizenry. In doing so, they have increasingly recognized that traditional undergraduate teaching approaches that aim to "cover it all" cannot accommodate the ongoing explosion of new information in biology.

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## **National Institutes of Health**

### **Notice of NIH's Creation of the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences and Anticipated Implementation Plan**

In a move to re-engineer the process of translating scientific discoveries into new drugs, diagnostics, and devices, the National Institutes of Health has established the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences. The

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action was made possible by Congress' approval of a fiscal year 2012 spending bill and the President's signing of the bill (Public Law 112-74), which includes the establishment of NCATS. Working closely with partners in the regulatory, academic, nonprofit, and private sectors, NCATS will strive to identify and overcome hurdles that slow the development of effective treatments and cures.

A [listing of programs](#) to be administered by NCATS are now available.

NIH is beginning the transfer of awards and pending applications moving to NCATS by assigning staff to applications and awards, setting up an Advisory Council to conduct the second-level of peer review, and issuing awards. Affected institutions and Project Directors/Principal Investigators will receive a series of e-mails over the next few months with information about the status of each award/application. Information about former NCRR programs moving into other NIH Institutes and Centers is available in Guide Notice [NOT-OD-12-026](#).

### [Notice of NIH Plans to Transfer All Programs, Awards, and Applications Associated with the National Center of Research Resources to Other NIH Institutes and Centers](#)

On December 23, 2011 the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) was abolished by Public Law 112-74. All existing awards and pending applications are being transferred to other Institutes and Centers (ICs) within NIH including the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences.

Project Directors/Principal Investigators (PDs/Pis) and institutional officials will receive multiple e-mails from NIH explaining where their NCRR applications and awards will be administered and identifying the appropriate NIH contact person for addressing questions. Some of these communications will be system-generated e-mails sent as changes are made in the eRA Commons regarding the transfer.

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### Current Federal Updates:

#### *National Institutes of Health*

##### [Preparing the Vertebrate Animal Section](#)

- The five points to be addressed when working with animals

##### [Research Matters 2011 Recap](#)

- A small sampling of the accomplishments made by NIH-supported scientists in 2011

##### [What's Behind the 2011 Success Rate](#)

- Rock Talk blog explaining the new trend in NIH success rates

#### *National Science Foundation*

##### [National Science Board Releases Report on NSF's Merit Review Criteria](#)

- The National Science Board's most recent report

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The changes will be made in the following order:

1. Applications intended for Advisory Council Review in January 2012
2. Currently awarded projects
3. Applications that were peer reviewed and received Advisory Council review prior to January 2012.
4. Applications intended for Advisory Council Review in May 2012
5. These transfers will not change any of the terms and conditions of the current awards or the level of funding anticipated for future non-competing awards (pending the availability of funds).

There will also be changes for:

- Submitted applications currently awaiting peer review
- Applications submitted in January 2012 and beyond
- Applications that have completed the two-level peer review process
- Current awards with future non-competing years
- Future resubmission and renewal applications to previous NCRR applications and awards

### [Administrative Supplements - Type 3](#)

Effective February 1, 2012, applicants have the option of submitting a request for administrative supplements electronically through Grants.gov or directly through eRA Commons.

Each process carries its own benefit:

Benefit of eRA Commons:

- The applicant can take advantage of the pre-population of data from the parent award.

Benefit of Grants.gov:

- Users can leverage the same process used for submitting competing grant applications.

eRA Commons will display all grants that are potentially eligible for an administrative supplement request on the "Admin Supp Status" screen. This should not be considered an invitation to submit or a promise of an award.

### [Overview of Electronic Submissions of Administrative Supplements](#)

### [NIBIB Welcomes Three New Members to Advisory Council](#)

- The National Advisory Council for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering's (NACBIB) Director Roderic I. Pettigrew, Ph.D., M.D., welcomes the following new members:
  - John C. Gore, Ph.D., Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville
  - Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D, CT Institute for Clinical and Translational Science, Farmington
  - Mark A. Musen, M.D., Ph.D., Stanford Center for Biomedical Informatics Research
- NACBIB of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) is comprised of scientists, engineers, physicians, radiologists, researchers, and other health professionals who represent disciplines in and outside of biomedical imaging and bioengineering. NIBIB is dedicated to improving the fundamental understanding, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease through biomedical technology research and training.