ORSP Announcements

Brown-Bag Your Lunch with ORSP!
ORSP is pleased to announce its first brown-bag seminar!

**Topic:** Finding Suitable Funding Opportunities  
**When:** Thursday, April 19, 2012  
12:00pm—1:00pm  
**Where:** University Hall, Room 4116  

Space is limited. E-mail orsp@mail.montclair.edu to RSVP, today!

ORSP User Satisfaction Survey Results

The responses from ORSP’s 2011 User Satisfaction Survey are in. Stay tuned for the results as they will be published in the April 2012 edition of In-the-Know!

National Institutes of Health

2013 Budget & NIH Research Grants

NIH’s budget request for FY 2013 is $30.86 billion, the same overall level as fiscal year 2012. In FY 2013, the NIH proposes to:

- Support 9,415 new and competing research project grants (RPGs), an increase of 672 above fiscal year 2012.
- Maximize resources for investigator-initiated grants, and to continue focusing on resources for young, first-time researchers by:
  - reducing non-competing RPGs by 1%
  - negotiating the budgets of competing RPGs to avoid growth in the average award size from fiscal year 2012.
- NIH will continue following current policies that allow new investigators to receive grants at rates equal to those of established investigators.
- NIH will establish a process for additional scrutiny and review of awards to any principal investigator with existing grants of $1.5 million or more in total costs. The review will be conducted by an institute’s or center’s advisory council. This is similar to a policy NIGMS has had for many years.
NASA is seeking proposals from accredited U.S. universities on behalf of outstanding early career faculty beginning their independent careers. This inaugural solicitation (Space Technology Research Opportunities for Early Career Faculty) seeks to sponsor research in specific, high priority technology areas of interest to NASA.

Specific topic areas were selected because they can best benefit from early stage innovative approaches provided by U.S. academic institutions. The research will investigate unique, disruptive or transformational space technologies or concepts.
NSF Budget Positions U.S. to Maintain Competitive Edge

National Science Foundation (NSF) Director Subra Suresh detailed the president's $7.3 billion fiscal year 2013 budget request for the agency, emphasizing that new knowledge resulting from federal investments in science and technology is needed to ensure the nation's future prosperity and global competitiveness.

The fiscal 2013 budget for NSF includes an increase of $340 million, or 5%, over the fiscal 2012 enacted budget level. Specifically, the NSF fiscal 2013 budget request is designed to:

- Strengthen fundamental research and education to bolster innovation, support economic growth, foster opportunities in the private sector, spur high-technology job creation and address complex societal challenges.
- Support transformative research in advanced-technology manufacturing by investing in research that makes manufacturing faster, cheaper and smarter, including research in materials sciences, robotics and nanotechnology.
- Address national challenges in environmental sustainability, through investments in clean energy and manufacturing, water and ocean resource management and response to natural disasters.
- Improve national security and reduce cyber vulnerabilities by developing high-quality digital systems, new technology to mitigate threats and a well-trained, cyber-security workforce.
- Enhance science and math education by disseminating evidence-based learning and infusing scientific discovery into kindergarten through undergraduate education needed to ensure the nation's future prosperity and global competitiveness.

Important Updates from NSF

- **Dear Colleague Letter - Interdisciplinary Research Across SBE Seminars**
- **Making Waves—OCE’s Director’s Message**
  - Updates on the NSF’s budget, program solicitations, policy news, and OCE staff changes
- **NSF March Current**
- **2011 Financial and Performance Highlights**
- **NSF Report on Support of Cloud Computing**
- **ARRA Acceleration Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for NSF Principal Investigators with Awards Funded Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)**