

In-The-Know

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Upcoming Events

National Institutes of Health

IACUC 101 Workshop

April 11, 2012—Irvine, CA

2012 NIH Regional Seminars

April 16-18, 2012 - Indianapolis, IN

June 20-22, 2012 - Washington, DC

14th Annual NIH SBIR/STTR Conference

May 30—June 1, 2012—Louisville, KY

National Science Foundation

MAST Center IAB Meeting

April 1-3, 2012—NJIT, Newark, NJ

Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

Online Seminar Series for IACUCs & IOs

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.

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Administrative Supplements to Existing Grants & Cooperative Agreements

Principal Investigators holding specific types of NIH research grants, listed in the full Funding Opportunity Announcement (PA-12-100), may be eligible for administrative supplements. Administrative supplements help PIs meet increased costs within the scope of the approved award that were unforeseen when the new or renewal application or grant progress report for non-competing continuation support was submitted. Applications for administrative supplements are considered prior approval requests (as described in [Section 8.1.2.11 of the NIH Grants Policy Statement](#)) and will be routed directly to the Grants Management Officer of the parent award. Although requests for administrative supplements may be submitted through this FOA, there is no guarantee that funds are available from the awarding IC or for any specific grant.

Helpful Links from the NIH

[eRA Commons Administrative Supplement Module User Guide](#)

[Rock Talk \(Blog\): Our Commitment to Supporting the Next Generation](#)

[Small Business Program Reauthorized](#)

All applicants are encouraged to discuss potential requests with the awarding IC. Additionally, prior to submission, applicants must review the awarding IC's web site to ensure they meet the IC's requirements. A list of those web sites is available at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/admin_supp/index.htm.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Summer Rocket Workshop

University faculty and students are invited to join RockOn! 2012. RockOn! is a weeklong workshop (June 16-21) where participants will work together to build experiment payloads for a NASA Terrier-Orion sounding rocket predicted to fly to an altitude of 73 miles. The flight will take place June 21, the last day of the workshop, weather permitting.

RockOn! 2012 will be held at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The annual workshop is held in partnership with the Colorado and Virginia Space Grant Consortia. Registration is open through May 1, 2012.

Early Career Faculty NASA Space Tech Research Opportunities

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.

National Science Foundation

NSF Announces Early Career Program

The National Science Foundation has announced its next round for the Faculty Early Career Development Program. Proposals are due by the date of the appropriate directorate deadline:

Directorate:	BIO, CISE, EHR, OCI	ENG	GEO, MSP, SBE, OPP
Deadline:	July 23, 2012	July 24, 2012	July 25, 2012

The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research within the context of the mission of their organizations. Such activities should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research. NSF encourages submission of CAREER proposals from junior faculty members at all CAREER-eligible organizations and especially encourages women, members of underrepresented minority groups, and persons with disabilities to apply.

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 \(ARRA\)](#)