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#### What is ORSP?

- Pre-Award: helps faculty to identify new grant opportunities, and to prepare and submit competitive proposals
  - Send potential funding opportunities
  - Assistance with proposal preparation
  - Electronic and/or hard-copy submission
  - Liaise with funding agency

#### What is ORSP?

- Post-Award: helps faculty manage their grants
  - General assistance with grant/contract project management
  - Liaise with grant accounting office and funding agency
  - Assistance with award negotiation, subawards, and budget revisions/carryovers, reporting

# **Common Misconceptions about ORSP**

In our 2011 ORSP User Satisfaction Survey we found that much of the user dissatisfaction that was reported came as a result of the following misconceptions:

- Misconception 1: ORSP is a General Research Support Office
- Misconception 2: ORSP Submits all University Proposals
- Misconception 3: ORSP Establishes the Majority of Policies.

#### **MSU Research Profile**

- For FY 2011
  - \$44, 159,524 in proposals submitted
  - \$8,461,700 awarded
- Submit an average of 12 proposals per month, with a total of 137 in FY2011

# Why Apply for a Grant?

- Fund research/programming that produces publications
- Fund travel to professional conferences
- Fund support services and professional activities for students
- Develop new curriculum

# **Proposal Development Process**

- 1. Notify us of your intention to apply for a grant
- 2. Contact the funding agency to discuss your project
- 3. We work with you to prepare your proposal
- 4. Complete Routing Form and proposal
  - ORSP Proposal Submission Policy: All proposals must be uploaded online or submitted to ORSP at least 3 work days prior to the deadline
  - ORSP Final Review and Submission

# Elements of an Outstanding Grant Application

- New or original ideas
- Pilot data
- Focused, incisive research plan
- Knowledge of published relevant work
- Experience in the essential methodology
- Evaluations, sustainability, contingency plans

# **Budget Preparation**

- ORSP Assists in Budget Development
  - Allowable and Unallowable Costs
  - Errors and Oversights
  - Budget Templates
  - Budget Justification Templates

#### **Advice for New Researchers**

- Consider partnering with a colleague at another university. Serving as a Co-Investigator builds research credentials
- Apply for small grants to get preliminary data that can be leveraged in applying for larger grants
- Become a peer reviewer of proposals at a relevant federal agency. You will learn how agencies evaluate proposals
- If grant is not awarded, carefully review the peer comments. Revise and resubmit the proposal if possible. Chance of success improves on subsequent submissions

# Sample of Potential Funding Sources

- NEH National Endowment for the Humanities
- NIH National Institutes of Health
- NSF National Science Foundation
- NJCH New Jersey Council for the Humanities
- US Department of Education
- State of New Jersey

Department of Education

**Historical Commission** 

# **Identifying Grant Opportunities**

- <a href="http://grants.gov/-">http://grants.gov/-</a> Grants.gov
  - A central storehouse for information where applicants can locate and apply for federal grants on over 1,000 programs
- http://www1.infoed.org/
  - A company that facilitates and streamlines the research administration process

#### How to Use InfoEd International

#### SPIN search

- Use your keywords for a basic or advanced search
- Federal, state and private funding opportunities on your screen

### New! Spin Qs

- Easier way to quick search
- Searches similar keywords for you
- Can exclude Federal opportunities from your results

#### **How to Use InfoEd International**

- Automate Funding Searches in 2 Simple Steps
  - 1. Complete a faculty research profile
  - 2. Return the faculty research profile to ORSP
- ORSP will take the information on your faculty research profile and use it to create an InfoEd "SMARTS" account for you
- InfoEd will deliver funding opportunities to you via "SMARTS" emails

# **Post Award Services**

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#### **Post-Award Services**

Services to help you manage your grant:

- Understanding employment procedures
- Guidance on travel request
- Navigating the procurement process
- Requesting an extension from the funding agency
- Requesting prior approvals from funders
- Revising grant budgets
- Assisting with submission of program reports

# Post-Award Services in the Division of Finance & Treasury

The office of Grant Accounting assists in all financial matters on your grant:

- set up and assign accounts
- review and approval of expenditures
- preparation and submission of financial reports
- invoicing on subawards

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#### **Internal Awards**

 Separately Budgeted Research (SBR) awards are for projects involving scholarly, creative, or research efforts

- Student/Faculty Research (SFR) awards support research projects for students to work with faculty
- Summer Grant Proposal Development (SGPD) awards enable faculty to develop and submit proposals for foundation or government agencies for programs, research, training, etc.

### **Internal Awards Process for FY2013**

- December 2011: next cycle will be announced.
  Guidelines and applications will be available on the ORSP website
- February 2012: applications are due to your Dean's office. Applications are then reviewed by college committees
- Forwarded applications are then distributed to the University Research Committee for its review

#### **Internal Awards Process for FY2013**

- Funding decisions are announced in Spring 2012
- Next round will fund projects beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Summer Grant Proposal Development awards begin June 1, 2012

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