CLEAR Monthly Webinar (June 2020)

Hosted by Sponsored Research (OSR)
June 18, 2020
Today’s Agenda

- Announcements
- Introduction to Funding Institutional
- Buehler Center Evaluation Program
- New Subcontracts Team Processes
Announcements

• Staffing:
  – Subcontracts Team: Michael Sara - new position as Grants Officer; Backfill posting currently in process
  – Awards Management Team: Rajat Dawar has joined as a new Grants Assistant

• Upcoming NIH Cycle II Due Dates
  – R01 and U01 renewals, resubmissions, revisions: July 5 (Sunday)
  – K series renewals, resubmissions, revisions: July 12 (Sunday)
  – Both are subject to NIH Submission Policy for Due Dates on Holidays / Weekends
Introduction to Funding Institutional
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Major Activities

- Large proposal development
- Track and disseminate federal research funding opportunities (ORD Insight)
- Institutional limited submissions process
- Outreach/training activities to increase competitiveness of proposals
- Interdisciplinary team development
- Facilitate federal agency research partnerships
ORD INSIGHT

NORTHEASTERN'S WEEKLY GUIDE TO FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

May 12, 2020

News & Events

Assessment Tools for Biotechnology Products: The EPA is seeking research on the development of improved science-based human health and environmental risk assessments of new biotechnology products, including those developed through synthetic biology, genome editing, and metabolic engineering. This solicitation includes also specific awards for early-career researchers at the Assistant Professor level. Applicants should address at least one of the three research areas listed below:

1. Long-term stability, persistence, efficacy, and reliability of microbial biocontainment strategies, microbial synthetic genetic constructs, or microbial genetic restriction technologies.
2. Ecological effects/impacts of symbio organisms or by-products that are released into the environment.
3. Risks to human health from novel biomolecules produced using metabolic or genetic pathways by organisms used as manufacturing bioreactors.

Reminder to register for virtual DARPA Discover DSO Day: The event will be held on June 24 via webinar. Advance registration is required. DARPA anticipates releasing an updated Defense Sciences Office (DSO) BAA in June 2020, which will invite research in one or more of the following four thrust areas: Frontiers in Math, Computation & Design; Limits of Sensing & Sensors; Complex Social Systems; and Anticipating Surprise.

Funding Opportunities

Access to the Funding institutional database requires NU network, VPN, or log in using your Northwestern email address (free). Contact us if you experience difficulties or have feedback.

COVID-19

Full list of open opportunities

COVID-19 Funding and Resources: Are you seeking research funding related to COVID-19? Find a detailed list of more than 50 federal, foundation, and corporate funding opportunities as well as grant-related resources on ORD’s COVID-19 web page. In addition, ORD staff can assist you by identifying funding mechanisms that align with your project, finding collaborators, facilitating connections with program officers, and advising on strategic approaches to developing a proposal.

Funding

Research Development identifies and disseminates federal funding opportunities to faculty throughout the Northwestern community on a weekly basis. Please contact us if you would like to discuss any open federal funding announcements.

Subscribe to the ORD Insight to receive weekly federal funding announcements.

- COVID-19
- Limited Submissions
- Internal Pilot and Seed
- Federal
- Corporate
- Foundation
- Early Career
- Students and Postdoctoral Fellows
- Funding Opportunity Search Engines
- Funding Alerts

https://ord.northwestern.edu/funding/
Funding Search Engines

Use the following search engines to identify new funding opportunities that align with your research program and set up alerts to automatically send announcements to your inbox.

Comprehensive (Federal, Foundation, Corporate, etc.)

- **Elsevier Funding Institutional**
  
  Funding Institutional, the successor to SciVal Funding, is a tool containing data on funding opportunities and awarded grants, drawn from a wide range of governmental and private sources. More information about content and features can be found [here](https://ord.northwestern.edu/funding-opportunity-search-engines), and a Quick Start Guide is available [here](https://ord.northwestern.edu/funding-opportunity-search-engines). Features of the database tool include:

  - Database with 18,000+ active funding opportunities from more than 3,500 government and private funders around the world
  - Option to sign-in via institutional NetID credentials
  - Intuitive interface for saving searches, tracking and sharing funding opportunities, and establishing automated email alerts
  - Information on over 6 million awarded research grants to aid in discovering potential funders
  - Option to link with Scopus to generate researcher-specific funding recommendations

[https://ord.northwestern.edu/funding-opportunity-search-engines/](https://ord.northwestern.edu/funding-opportunity-search-engines)
Get funded
We help institutions increase grant success rates with funding insights, discovery, and decisions.

Get started 

Insights
Provides insight into the funding landscape by combining awarded grants, funder and funding opportunity data

Discovery
Identifies new funding sources through enhanced keyword or faceted search and tracking features

Decisions
Increases grant success rates with fact-based decision making and by identifying most eligible researchers and collaborators

https://www.fundinginstitutional.com/
To sign in with your NetID
Funding Institutional offers access to the following content:

4,300 government and private funding organizations, including 2,800+ funders in the U.S.

18,000+ active funding opportunities

$98+ Billion (USD) worth of active funding opportunity

6.3 million+ awarded grants

$1,6+ Trillion (USD) worth of awarded grants
Questions?
Buehler Center Evaluation Program
Buehler Center for Health Policy and Economics

- Faculty throughout the university
- Focus on health policy
- Specific research interest and data access
  - Violence prevention
  - Opioid related overdose
Evaluation Program

Mission: To provide high quality, state of the art evaluation services aimed at increasing use of quality evaluation findings to improve research, programs, services and activities.
Evaluation Program

• Services available
  – Proposal stage consultation
  – Evaluation plan development
  – Evaluation implementation oversight
  – Training for program staff in basic evaluation methods
  – Consultation on intervention development/modification relative to evidence base/evaluation findings
The way we work

• Strong and sustained partnerships with service providers, communities and policy makers
• Policies/interventions designed and operated by our partners – real world applications
• Multi-level data collection
• Multi-method data collection
• A focus on real world implementation issues
• Action-oriented framework for findings
Multi-level data collection

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Opportunities for NU Researchers

• Support along the research lifecycle
  – Planning
    • Evaluation plan/methodology
    • Grant submissions
  – Implementation
    • Evaluation project management
    • Data collection
    • Qualitative analysis
    • Tool review/creation
    • Logic model
  – Dissemination
    • Resources for communities
Opportunities for NU Researchers

• Project consultation
  – 1 hour sessions
  – Quick answers (basic tool review)
  – Beginning conversations about future, larger projects and how we can support

• Evaluation Training
  – Introduction to evaluation, focus groups, etc.
Next in our evaluation series:

Evaluation and Equity
July 31, 2020
10:30 am - 12 pm

Registration link pending

To get the update please email sarah.welch@northwestern.edu and I’ll add you to the announcement list.
The Buehler Center for Health Policy & Economics

Research Clinic Series: Ask an Economist

Welcome to Ask an Economist, a public service of the Buehler Center for Health Policy & Economics, designed to answer your economic questions. Our talented faculty hail from four different Northwestern schools and colleges and will be available to answer questions on a variety of economic topics to help you make more informed choices about your research plans.

Have a question? The Buehler Center can help! Come learn who else is doing research in your area. We offer support not only in economics, but also in the following areas:

- Evaluation
- Science/Anatomical Illustration
- GIS Mapping
- Policy
- Demography
- Qualitative Methods

Contact us at: buehlercenter@northwestern.edu

Research Clinic Dates:

Friday, February 21, 2020
10am – 12pm

Friday, March 13, 2020
10am – 12pm

Friday, April 10, 2020
10am – 12pm

Friday, May 8, 2020
10am – 12pm

Click to RSVP

All Friday clinics take place in the Lake Shore Conference Room on the 9th floor of the Rubloff building at 420 E. Superior St.
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Subcontracts Processing and Building Efficiency Initiatives
IRB / Subcontracts Updates

• Effective June 8, 2020
• Subcontracts will be issued and executed for requests pending documentation of subrecipient IRB approval
• Exceptions:
  – Department of Defense (DoD)-funded projects and other sponsor specific requirements
  – Foreign subrecipient entities
  – IAA/reliance scenarios (When Northwestern serves as IRB of record, signed IAA and Northwestern IRB approval letter required)
• Units are encouraged to identify IRB approval documentation process and shared repository
• Subcontract change request (CR) will not be revised
Sufficient Funds Verification

- **Effective June 15, 2020**
- Subcontracts team will rely on unit verification of sufficient funds allocated to subcontract budget lines in NU Financials
- Units encouraged to attach supporting documentation of sufficient funds verification to CR subcontract requests
- Subcontracts team will process re-budget in NU Financials if/when unit:
  - Determines there are insufficient funds and
  - Provides re-budget guidance in the subcontract CR request
- **Coming soon:** Customizable tool/excel worksheet on the [OSR Website Tools & Forms Page](#)
Subcontracts & DocuSign
DocuSign Implementation

• DocuSign platform for issuance and execution for outgoing subcontracts
  – Implemented on 6/15/20

• DocuSign Process
  – DocuSign ‘envelope’ sent to subrecipient for signature
  – Partially executed envelope returned to Northwestern via DocuSign
    • Subrecipient can sign in DocuSign or upload signed document to envelope
  – Agreement fully executed and sent to all parties (Subrecipient, Northwestern Requestor, ASRSP)
DocuSign Notifications

• Northwestern Requestors receive 2 emails via DocuSign
  – 1\textsuperscript{st} email when agreement issued to subrecipient (with link to agreement)
  – 2\textsuperscript{nd} email when agreement fully executed (with PDF file attached)

• Project specific details included in the subject line of the email
DocuSign Features

• **Automatic Follow-Up**
  – DocuSign sends scheduled notifications to subrecipients for pending agreements

• **Tracking Subrecipient Engagement**
  – History of when the agreement is received, viewed, downloaded, etc.

• **Streamlined Signature and Distribution Process**
DocuSign: Other Info

• **Updates to InfoEd Agreement Records**
  – Requestors can still track progress of agreement using InfoEd and GM055 report

• **Guidance and job aids posted to OSR subcontracts webpage**
  – [https://osr.northwestern.edu/subcontracts/](https://osr.northwestern.edu/subcontracts/)
Questions?
Thank you for attending!

Join us next month on Thursday, July 16, 12:00pm

Find meeting slide decks at:
https://osr.northwestern.edu/presentations/