Research Tracks

Mark your Calendar

NSF Major Research Instrumentation Program

The deadline is approaching to apply for the NSF's Major Research Instrumentation program.

Because institutions are limited in the number of applications they may submit to the NSF, an internal review will be required prior to the NSF deadline.

Due to the holidays, the internal deadline to submit letters of intent to the OVPR is December 4, 2009, at 12:00 pm.

More information on the program and our internal requirements is available on the OVPR website, located at: http://www.baylor.edu/research/vpr/index.php?id=68770.

McKethan Appointed Interim Director of Office of Sponsored Programs

We are pleased to announce that Lisa McKethan has been named interim director of the Office of Sponsored Programs.

McKethan has worked in Baylor's OSP since January of 2006. Prior to this appointment, she worked in contract administration in both the commercial and defense industries.

Lisa assumes this position following the departure of OSP Director Russell Brewer, who has accepted a position at Stanford University.

Lisa earned her bachelor's degree in accounting at Baylor. She and her husband (also a Baylor graduate) have three children.
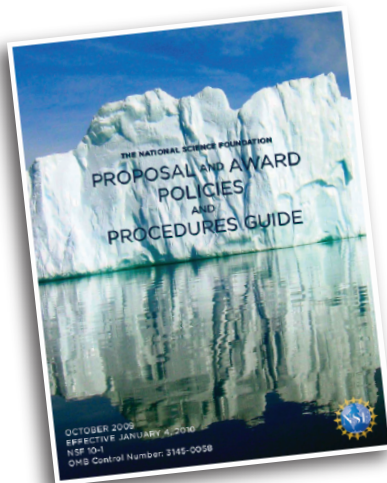
Please join us in congratulating Lisa on this new role.

NSF Releases New Guidelines for Proposals Submitted Next Year

The National Science Foundation has updated their Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide with new requirements applying to proposals submitted on or after January 4, 2010.

Investigators are responsible for meeting all requirements of these guidelines. The new guidelines are available on the NSF website, at: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf101.

Community of Science Offers Enhanced Search Capabilities

Community of Science (COS) has made a number of improvements to enhance the usefulness of its funding search tools.

COS users can now save an unlimited number of searches on their COS Workbench, giving them the option to create specialized searches for each research project. The "Share Search" option also allows users to easily email search results to colleagues.

For more information about COS or other funding search utilities, contact Blake Thomas at Blake_Thomas@Baylor.edu.

AHFDP Funding Complete for Fall Semester

The OVPR has announced that all funds allocated for Arts & Humanities Faculty Development grants have been distributed for this semester.

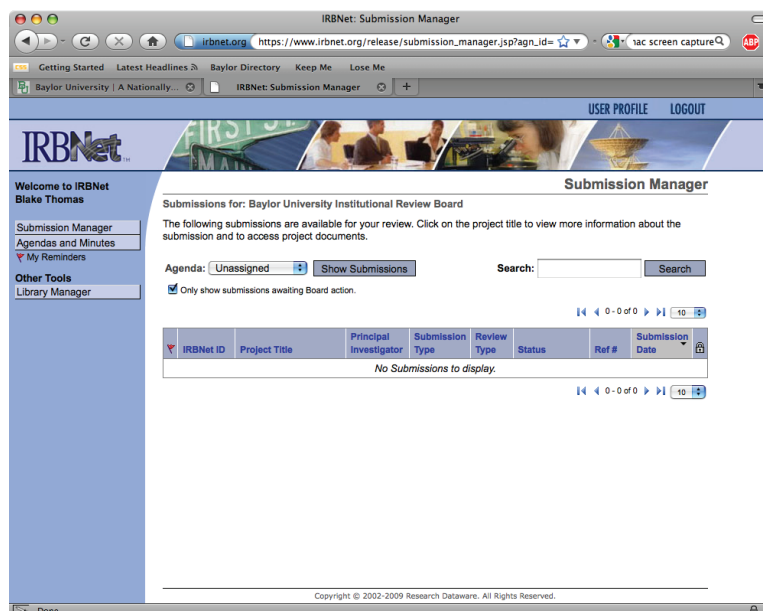The OVPR will make another announcement when funds are available.

IRBNet Brings Streamlined Process for Submission, Tracking of Human-Subjects Protocols

Starting next month, Baylor's Institutional Review Board will be moving to a new system for management of research protocols. The new tool, IRBNet, provides an easy online method for investigators and IRB members to review and act on proposals.

Investigators will submit their research protocols to the committee through the IRBNet system, and the online toolset will help administrators and IRB members review and act on the proposals in a timely manner.

The new system is slated to roll out on November 24, 2009. Closer to the transition, further announcements will be made regarding sign-up and training procedures for investigators.

If you have any questions related to the IRBNet system, please contact Damon Crisman at Damon_Crisman@Baylor.edu.

Federal Agency Grants

Opportunity Title	Full Proposal Due
NSF Computational Mathematics Grants http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5390	December 15, 2009
NEA Literature Translation Projects Fellowships, FY2011 http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/LitTranslation/index.html	January 7, 2010
NSF Discovery Research K-12 http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08609/nsf08609.htm	January 7, 2010
NEH America's Media Makers: Development Grants http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AmMediaMakers_development.html	January 13, 2010
NSF Mathematical Biology Grants http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5690	January 13, 2010
International Collaboration in Chemistry between US Investigators & Counterparts Abroad http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf09608	January 29, 2010
NEH Challenge Grants in United States History and Culture http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/CG_UShistory.html	February 3, 2010
Ethics Education in Science & Engineering http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08530/nsf08530.htm	March 1, 2010

Foundation Grants

Opportunity Title	Full Proposal Due
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Research Grants http://www.afsp.org/index.cfm?page_id=0535FDA2-FA7D-AAE8-D7A9A6BCFFE3574B	December 1, 2009
Deafness Research Foundation Research Grants http://www.drf.org/research+grants	December 8, 2009
Allen Foundation Grants https://www.allenfoundation.org/commoninfo/aboutus.asp	December 31, 2009
Welch Foundation Research Grant Program http://www.welch1.org/GrantsPrograms/ResearchGrants/index.asp	February 1, 2010

QUESTIONS?

To learn more about locating and applying for funding opportunities, contact the Office of the Vice Provost for Research at research@baylor.edu.