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Deadline Reminder

FY2012 Internal Grant Deadlines Announced

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research has announced application deadlines for the next round of internal funding opportunities.

Applications for the FRIP, YIDP, and URSA grants are due on February 2, 2011 at 12:00 noon. URC applications are due on February 23, 2011 at 12:00 noon.

For more information on each of the internal grant programs, visit the OVRP website, available at:

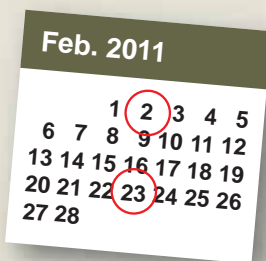
<http://www.baylor.edu/research/vpr/index.php?id=16766>.

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Federal Agency Notice

NIH Reduces Maximum Page Count for Grant Applications

As part of its agency-wide adjustment of the peer-review system, the NIH has implemented a shortened and restructured application format.

All applications submitted for due dates on or after January 25, 2010 must conform to the new standards. The page limit for R01 applications has been reduced from 25 pages to 12, with similar reductions in the permitted length of other types of applications as well.

More information on the new requirements is available in an announcement from the NIH on their website at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not-od-09-149.html>.



Student Spotlight

Baylor Grad Student Earns Scholarship for Groundwater Research

Stephanie S. Wong, a master's candidate in Geology, recently won a scholarship from the The National Ground Water Research and Educational Foundation for her poster, *Quantifying Groundwater Resources in Alluvial Aquifers Using GIS*.

Stephanie presented her poster at the 2010 NGWA Ground Water Summit and 2010 Ground Water Protection Council Spring Meeting in Denver.

Given in honor of the late Dr. Robert Farvolden, former senior science counsel for the National Ground Water Association, the scholarships were awarded based on the quality of the presentation, content (including contribution to groundwater science, engineering, management, or policy), and demonstrated insight on the chosen topic. Please join us in congratulating Stephanie on her outstanding contribution to research at Baylor!

Council on Undergraduate Research: Undergrad Research Highlights

The Council on Undergraduate Research has issued a call for submissions for the "Undergraduate Research Highlights" section of the Fall 2010 CUR Quarterly.

Highlights consist of brief summaries of peer-reviewed research or scholarly publications. Publications must have one or more undergraduate co-authors and must have been published in the last six months.

Submissions must conform to the proper CUR format to be considered. An example of a submission in the proper format is available online at:

<http://www.cur.org/quarterly/highlightsample.html>.

For more information on the feature series or to submit an undergraduate highlight, visit the CUR webpage, located at: http://cur.networkats.com/members_online/submissions/start.asp?action=welcome&cid=70.

This is a great opportunity to showcase the outstanding work our undergraduate students have done this year.

We urge all faculty to strongly consider submitting a feature on any notable undergraduate research or scholarly work.

ITS Insider

The newest feature of Research Tracks, ITS Insider provides tips and information from our friends in Information Technology Services to help you more effectively use technology in your research and scholarly activities.

Wireless Network: Not Recommended for Office Use

AirBear, Baylor's wireless network, was deployed to cover classrooms and common areas where students may gather. It is not intended to be a substitute for the wired network connection available in all faculty offices, and therefore, is not guaranteed to work in those areas.

Wireless, as currently deployed, is less secure and connectivity is less reliable, much like a cell phone. Exclusive use of a wireless connection would also have an adverse affect on the backup process. Although faculty may experience some wireless signal in their offices, this is based on their proximity to a classroom or common area.

ITS requests that the wired connections be used in all faculty offices to ensure better reliability, security and backups.

Computers Per Person Policy

Baylor provides each faculty member with a primary computer (classified as Category 1) that will be refreshed on a regular basis. With approval from your dean, additional computers are allowed to facilitate certain research needs or specialized job requirements. Additional computers will fall under Categories 2 - 6, and will not be automatically refreshed through the normal annual budget process.

For more information, contact Vicky Gerik at x4876 or call the HELP line at x4357.

OVPR Relocates to New Office

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research has moved from the 2nd floor of Pat Neff Hall to a new suite of offices on the 3rd floor.

Signage bearing the new suite numbers will be up soon. All OVPR staff phone numbers and e-mail addresses remain the same.

