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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dr. E.P. Sanders, emeritus professor, Duke University, presents, “Christianity, Judaism, and Humanism”

 March 1, 3:30 p.m., TBB
Miller Chapel


1996 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Sir Harold Kroto, presents at the Gooch Stephens Lecture Series.

 March 22, 8 p.m., BSB B110
 March 23, 4 p.m., BSB B110

Dr. David Dooley, provost and vice president for academic affairs, Montana State University

 April 13, TBD

Simon Conway Morris, professor, Cambridge University presents, “The Burgess Shale and the Cambrian Explosion”

 April 24, TBD

NEW INITIATIVES WITHIN THE OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS

By: Russell Brewer

Over the past year, the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) has undertaken a number of initiatives designed to provide better service to the Baylor faculty and streamline the research administration process. The first change was the addition of new staff members to ensure that personalized services can keep pace with the growth of research on campus. This change allows the OSP to assign designated grants coordinators for individual schools or colleges. By handling the entire project from proposal to award closeout, the coordinators can provide complete project oversight and assist the faculty with any questions they may have throughout the life of a research project.

The process for institutional routing of research proposals has also been changed in a number of ways. The first step in this process was the implementation of an online routing form allowing for a much quicker review and approval process. The number of administrative reviews for proposal submission continues to be reduced as well. Since implementation of these new procedures, there has been a substantial increase in both the number and quality of proposals submitted on behalf of Baylor University.

Additionally, a new awards management system, COEUS, is being finalized for use by the Baylor faculty and is scheduled to launch

this spring. This system will allow users to view research projects within a comprehensive database. The system will track specific details about their projects such as award terms, project period information and deliverable dates, as well as comprise a listing of all projects in a single location.

This spring will also mark the transfer of research-related duties from Grants Accounting to the OSP. This change allows the entire research administration infrastructure to be housed in the same location, creating a true “cradle to grave” research office. Two new staff members have been approved for this activity, once again increasing office efficiency in working with faculty and sponsors.

The past year has seen a great deal of change and the Baylor faculty and staff have been very helpful and patient in working with the OSP during the implementation of these changes. OSP has an aggressive agenda for the coming year, designed to further increase and enhance service and efficiency. Staff within both the OSP and the Office of the Vice Provost for Research welcome and encourage feedback from both faculty and staff that are engaged in research activities.

The OSP is located on the fourth floor of Pat Neff Hall and can be reached at 710-3817.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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SPRING INTERNAL GRANT DEADLINES

University Research Committee

Deadline: March 19, 5 p.m.

Award will be announced in April.
Grant will last from June 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008

For more information, application procedures, eligibility requirements, and sample abstracts, click [here](#).

Faculty Research

Investment Program (FRIP)

Deadline: March 23, 5 p.m.

Grant will last from June 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008

For more information, application procedures, eligibility requirements, and sample abstracts, click [here](#).

Young Investigator

Development Program (YIP)

Deadline: March 23, 5 p.m.

Grant will last from June 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008

For more information, application procedures, eligibility requirements, and sample abstracts, click [here](#).

Arts & Humanities Faculty

Development Program (AHFDP)

Deadline: Grants submissions accepted all year long

For more information, application procedures, eligibility requirements, and sample abstracts, click [here](#).

Faculty Travel Assistance

Grants Program

Deadline: Grants submissions accepted all year long

For more information, application procedures, eligibility requirements, and sample abstracts, click [here](#).

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE OVPR WEB SITE

Recently added links to the Research Web site.

“[For Researchers](#)” - Link to internal and external funding sites, electronic and administrative resources, policies, forms, Community of Science and more.

“[Research Directory](#)” - Link to Research@Baylor, Intellectual Property and technology Transfer, Sponsored Programs and Contracts, IRB, IA-CUC, Institutional Biosafety Committee, Risk Management, Internal Audit and more.

IN THE NEWS

NSF Regional Grants Conference in Oklahoma City, OK

The second National Science Foundation Regional Grants Conference of fiscal year 2007 will be held in Oklahoma, City, OK and hosted by Oklahoma State University on March 19-20, 2007, with optional FastLane sessions on the 18th.

Key representatives from the National Science Foundation as well as your colleagues - faculty, researchers and grant administrators - representing regional colleges and universities will participate.

Baylor Researcher Creates First Temperature Record for the North American Great Plains - Says Results “Unexpected”

While temperature records dating back thousands of years already exist for certain regions of the United States, like the East Coast and the Northwest, no such record exists for the North American Great Plains. But now, a Baylor University researcher, along with a team of scientists, has developed a new method to measure temperature fluctuations in the Great Plains, creating a temperature record for that area of the country dating back 12,000 years. It is the first such record for the Great Plains, a region in the central part of North America stretching from southern Canada to north Texas.

Social Science Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship-Application Deadline March 1

The Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF) is a strategic fellowship program designed to help graduate students in the humanities and social sciences formulate doctoral dissertation proposals that are intellectually pointed, amenable to completion in a reasonable time frame, and competitive in fellowship competitions. The DPDF program is designed to intervene at a critical moment in the career development of graduate students in the humanities and social sciences by aiding their transition from students to researchers.

2007 National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Scholarship Program Announced

On March 14, 1903 the National Wildlife Refuge System was created when President Theodore Roosevelt signed an Executive Order to establish Pelican Island as a bird reservation along the central Atlantic coast of Florida. In 2003, the National Wildlife Refuge System celebrated 100 years of conserving wildlife and habitat through refuges.

UPCOMING CLASSES

There are a number of upcoming classes designed to assist faculty with grants. **To register for the following classes, you will be required to log in to the “Professional and Organizational Development” Web site at <http://www.baylor.edu/pod>.**

Financial Matters: Grants & Office of Sponsored Programs (Part A) (2/28)

This seminar explains the pre- and post-award services of the Office of Sponsored Programs, proposal and budget preparation, proposal processing and submission, research compliance, and stewardship of sponsored activities will be covered as part this session. This session is designed for deans, department heads, principal investigators, and any other personnel involved in the proposal process.

Financial Matters: Grants & Grants Accounting (Part B) (2/28)

This session is for the administrative staff and others responsible for administering a grant. This session is the “how-to” session.

Electronic Grant Proposal Submission and Routing (3/28)

Electronic Grant Proposal Submission and Routing (4/25)

This seminar explains the proposal submission process, including the electronic proposal routing system and proposal routing form, currently being used by the Office of Sponsored Programs. The electronic proposal routing system involves the use of digital signatures using the Digital ID capabilities of Adobe Acrobat (version 7.0), as well as the use of Baylor’s BearSpace, as a resource for coordinating the submission of proposal materials for review/approval.

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