

RESEARCH TRACKS

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Workshops

Proposal Writing Seminars

Hosted by the Foundation Center

October 28, 2003

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street
Dallas, TX 75201

Locating Funding Opportunities and Collaborative Expertise

November 5, 2003

3:30 - 5:00

January 7, 2003

10:00 - 11:30

Jones Library, Rm 105

Upcoming Funding Database Workshops will cover the use and attributes of the numerous funding databases supplied by Baylor. The main focus of the workshop will include the use of the Community of Science, a diverse online tool for locating funding opportunities and promoting research and scholarship activities for all academic disciplines.

For more information, please contact Jeff Steely, Assistant Director of University Libraries Client Services, at 710-2464. Sign up online at

<http://its.baylor.edu/index.php?id=3968>

Baylor Sciences Building

Before long, the new [Baylor Sciences Building](#) will be opening for classes. A substantial portion of the masonry will be completed this month, but a good deal of work remains for the scheduled fall 2004 occupancy. To read details about the classrooms, atrium, laboratories and other components of the building, see the [September 2003 update](#). More information at

<http://www.beckgroup.com/baylorsciences/>

Faculty Research Investment Program Has Been Extended

Availability of funds has allowed the Faculty Research Investment Program to be extended for yet another award cycle. **The deadline is November 1, 2003.**

Coordinated by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, the Faculty Research Investment Program is designed to stimulate research/creative activities and enhance the ability of faculty to compete for external research funds. As such, these funds (at least **\$10,000** but not more than **\$25,000**) are primarily used to: (1) purchase equipment or update existing research equipment; (2) aid faculty members in establishing research/creative activity programs that will be competitive for significant external grants; (3) promote multidisciplinary research/creative activities; and (4) provide "seed" support for productive faculty members wanting to redirect their scholarly activity within their current area or initiate investigations into new and emerging areas.

Additional information, including eligibility, requirements, and application procedures, can be obtained from the [Internal Funding Opportunities](#) page on the Research website, or by calling the Office of the VRP at 710-3763.

Baylor Announces Faculty Research Investment Awardees

The first round of Faculty Research Investment Program funds was recently presented. Awardees for the September deadline included: Dr. Kevin Pinney's *Novel Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors for Autism Treatment*, Dr. Bob Kane's *Mechanistic Studies of Photochemical Tissue-Bonding Agents*, Dr. Joa-Ann Tsang's *Gratitude and the Moral Motive: Does Gratitude Lead to Prosocial Reciprocation* and Dr. Owen Lind and Dr. Laura Lind for postdoctoral support related to *Zooplankton and Bacterioplankton control of phytoplankton biomass along a trophic gradient*. Additional funding recipients will be announced after the November 1 deadline.

Postdoctoral Program Awardees Announced

Recipients of the postdoctoral fellowship awards through the [Baylor Postdoctoral Program](#) were recently announced and included Drs. Kevin Pinney, Robert Kane, and Mary Lynn Trawick; Drs. Kevin Chambliss, Bryan Brooks, and Peter Van Walsum; and Dr. Terrill Saxon.

The University, through the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, supports 12-month postdoctoral research fellowships for Ph.D. granting departments. These postdoctoral research fellowships are funded by the University and have minimal teaching responsibility. Salaries are competitive at a national level. The initial appointments are funded for a period of one year, with application for a second year extension allowed for successful fellows. Candidates must hold a Ph.D. degree and be committed to excellence in research at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Colloquium Series

November 4, 2003

Mario Aparicio-Razo

Varian, Inc
Sugarland, Tx

Ion Trap Mass Spectrometry: Past, Present and Future

Marrs McLean, Room 131
3:00 - 4:00 pm

December 3, 2003

Allen Thomas

Senior Research Scientist
Array BioPharma
Boulder, Colorado

Trends in Modern Medicine: A Chemist's Perspective

Marrs McLean, Room 131
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Pruit Memorial Symposium

Baylor University invites you to join us for our annual Pruit Memorial Symposium, *The Schooled Heart: Moral Formation in American Higher Education*, as we explore these and related questions about the nature of and need for moral formation within the context of American higher education.

October 30 – November 1, 2003
All Day Event

<http://www3.baylor.edu/IFL/Pruit2003.htm>

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For comments or suggestions on future articles, please contact the Office of the Vice Provost for Research at research@baylor.edu.

NSF Reaffirms Revised Cost Sharing Policy

As of April 1, 2003, NSF proposal writers at Baylor should conform to instructions in the [NSF Important Notice No. 128](#) issued on January 24, 2003. The notice reiterated the NSF's commitment to a transparent cost sharing policy and altered some application procedures specifically pertaining to cost-sharing. For more information concerning these changes see the posted [FAQs on the cost sharing policy](#). If a representative at an NSF Office cannot tell you exactly how much cost sharing is required in an application for a particular program or in an unsolicited proposal to a specific division, contact the Office of Sponsored Programs at 710-8614. [Additional information](#) is found on the Research website.

NIH Roadmap to Revamp Research Procedures, Goals, Grants

In a move to transform the nation's medical research capabilities and speed the movement of research discoveries from the bench to the bedside, National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D. has laid out a series of far-reaching initiatives known collectively as the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research. The NIH Roadmap builds on the tremendous progress in medical research achieved, in part, through the recent doubling of the NIH budget. In setting forth an ambitious vision for a more efficient and productive system of medical research, the NIH Roadmap focuses on the most compelling opportunities in three main areas: new pathways to discovery, research teams of the future and re-engineering the clinical research enterprise.

To be part of the NIH Roadmap, scientific initiatives had to be deemed of high potential impact, had to enhance the disease and mission-specific activities of all of NIH's 27 institutes and centers, and had to respond to the needs and concerns of the public. The NIH will begin to implement all of the initiatives in fiscal year 2004. For more information, visit the [NIH Roadmap website](#) or the [NIH website](#).

Grantseeking 2: Writing Successful Grant Proposals

The [Center for Nonprofit Management](#) in Dallas will be hosting a half-day workshop providing, "an advanced understanding of successful grant seeking and an in-depth understanding of the components of a proposal. Topics include where to go to conduct public and private sector prospect research, tips on how to track the grant seeking process, what data to gather, and what makes a good proposal. In addition, you'll learn three important questions to ask before you write a proposal and how to complete your proposal. Sample proposal formats will also be distributed and reviewed! If you know the basics, and are ready to gain a better understanding of the complex world of grant seeking, this class is for you!" For more information and to register, please consult the [Seminars page](#).

[The Foundation Center](#) will also be hosting a proposal writing seminar in Dallas on October 28. See the [seminars page](#) for additional information.

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