Message from the Director

Over the past couple of months, both the Office of Sponsored Programs as well as the research community have seen a major milestone, the complete and successful transition to myResearch Grants which is now mandatory for all research proposal submissions. We have continued to receive very positive feedback from the users as well as valuable recommendations. The OSP team continues to focus on migrating existing grants, contracts and awards activities into myResearch. The article “myResearch Grants - updates; myResearch Agreements news” provides information regarding important enhancements based on recommendations for the continuous improvement and streamlining of processes. We will soon launch myResearch Agreements which will streamline the management of agreements by maintaining a single repository for all types, including research, data use and clinical trial agreements. Users will have a chance to simplify workflow for agreements, while effortlessly tracking third party and internal communications.

This month, under Ask OSP, we are introducing you to an interactive instruction program offered by RF named “Learning Tuesdays”, which helps RF and SUNY employees strengthen their skills, knowledge, and abilities in different areas of the RF business.

We welcome your feedback on the Bulletin. Thank you for taking the time to read and give us your thoughts!

Sincerely,

Alina Azzam-Stroia

Please continue to recommend subscription to the Bulletin on this website: https://research.stonybrook.edu/node/10061. Previously released Bulletins can be viewed here: https://research.stonybrook.edu/node/10466
Please help us make improvements by providing feedback.
As of July 1, 2018, myResearch Grants has been the sole active research proposal routing system. COEUS ceased operation on June 30th and is no longer accessible to the campus.

Training for myResearch Grants is ongoing and the article below, *Upcoming Training and Workshops*, provides additional sign up information. The training sessions provide an overview of myResearch Grants proposal and endorsement process and will include a demonstration on how to develop a funding proposal, and enter budget and credit split information. We encourage attendance to one of myResearch Grants trainings in either East or West Campus locations at a convenient time in order to prepare for future submissions. The link to register is: 

https://stonybrookuniversity.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Gsnw81hVhu3dVX

The link to OSP’s video presentation can be accessed here:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kP__AI_eMjU

Helpful reference training guides are posted here:  
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FEBOvITnHhoWOC39ASZ9PUCayy3kvXz6ylVW8-1NqTE/edit

**Important changes:**

- The development team for myResearch has added a new feature to allow updating and replacement of mandatory attachments after routing.

  The button labeled **Update Funding Proposal Attachments** allows a PI or a designated proposal team member with edits rights the ability to swap out attachments, instead of adding revised documents and relabeling them.

  The button is located on the left hand side and will allow users to replace required attachments by clicking and choosing updated files. **Please note any change in faculty effort, salary or budget will require a Recall of the funding proposal from routing.**

- **If a sponsor does not appear on the list of sponsors within myResearch Grants, please submit the Request Add New Sponsor Form.** Since the process to add a sponsor might take 24-48 hours to activate, the system has been customized to allow users to select TBD and route their applications in order to prevent delays. Note that this will not apply to TBD Foreign due the need for extended time to complete an export control in-depth review.

- Effective immediately, designated members of a proposal team have the authority to submit applications on behalf of principal investigators. On the Certifications and Representations page, one of the options must be selected. See screenshot below.

  Note that once proposals are routed, the principal investigators will receive an email notifying them of a submission on their behalf. If they feel that the submission was done in error or if they do not authorize the submission, they must notify OSP within 24 hours.
In order to request a budget modification to a proposal created in myResearch Grants, prior to an award being issued, log into myResearch Grants and look up your application. The status will appear as Pending Sponsor Review. Once you click on the name of your proposal, you will see two additional tabs on the left side of the screen.

Click on **Budget Revision Additional Personnel** if you need to add personnel whose effort needs to be captured in the revised budget. If not applicable, proceed to the next step which would be the creation of a revised budget. Under **Working Budgets**, click on the budget version you would like to revise. Once it opens, select **Make a Copy** tab on the left side of the Budget module. Follow the steps to create and save the revised budget. Once done, return to the home page of your application and click on **Budget Revision** tab. Follow the steps and submit your request.

The **Add Attachments** tab on the left side of each application is NOT for submission of mandatory proposal documents. Verbiage has been added to clarify that function.

1. **Add relevant internal attachments only.** DO NOT include attachments that are mandatory for routing. Those should be uploaded under **Edit Funding Proposal/Required Routing Documents smartform**.

The OSP implementation team has been working on developing the ability to migrate existing grants, contracts and awards activities into myResearch. Until that is finalized, for transactions already in progress that were not previously submitted through myResearch as well as awards that are scheduled to end before June 30, 2019 or December 31, 2019 (for no cost extensions only), the current paper endorsement (Institutional Approval form) process will be in effect. A matrix outlining the intended uses for myResearch now and in the future is posted here: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FijMiLow6VTCFo9jxwFN4zJ5z8UuLu3h6iuP_fg0sNY/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FijMiLow6VTCFo9jxwFN4zJ5z8UuLu3h6iuP_fg0sNY/edit#gid=0)

If you are expecting a modification to an award, such as a continuation, supplement, etc, please contact your OSP grant or contracts specialist to learn if and how it can be processed through myResearch.

For any questions or comments related to myResearch Grants, please email us at: ovpr_myresearchgrants@stonybrook.edu.

**myResearch Agreements** has been designed to streamline management of agreements by maintaining a single repository for all types, including research, data use and clinical trial agreements. Investigators will have the opportunity to effortlessly track and log third party and internal communications, and also gain insight into process bottlenecks with real-time turn-around reporting throughout every step. For full future and benefits, read more on OSP’s website [http://research.stonybrook.edu/coeus/index.shtml#overview-](http://research.stonybrook.edu/coeus/index.shtml#overview-).

The module is expected to go live mid-September. Training will be offered through online manuals, work instructions as well as video tutorials. Additional information can be found at [http://research.stonybrook.edu/coeus/index.shtml#agreement-training](http://research.stonybrook.edu/coeus/index.shtml#agreement-training).

**OSP Announcements and Reminders**

**Update on Post-Doctoral Fringe Benefit Rates after July 1, 2019**

As announced in our previous issue of the Bulletin, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) approved the RF’s fringe benefit rates for fiscal years 2019 and 2020. Beginning in FY 2020, there will be a post-doctoral fringe rate projected to be 25%. We have received several inquiries regarding the benefits this rate supports, and are glad to provide the breakdown below:

Fringe Benefit Costs Retiree Health Insurance 7.9%, Social Security 6.0%, NYS Unemployment Insurance 0.3%, NYS Disability Insurance 0.1%, Group Health Insurance 7.4%, Group Life Insurance 0.1%, Long Term Disability Insurance 0.5%, Worker’s Compensation 0.8%, Dental Insurance 0.4%, Vacation & Sick Leave Payments 1.4%, MTA Expense 0.1%, Dependent Care Subsidy 0.1%.
Reminders:

- The new graduate student tuition rate has been changed for new and renewal proposals submitted to sponsors as of August 1, 2018. The new rate is $5,544/year/student. This rate will be held constant throughout the lifetime of the award if funded.
- Please note that **ALL** material transfer agreement (MTA) and non-disclosure agreement (CDA or NDA) questions and requests should be sent to the following email addresses:
  - MTA: sbu_mta@stonybrook.edu
  - NDA: sbu_nda@stonybrook.edu
  The Office of Technology Licensing and Industry Relations (OTLIR) will assist in the processing of all MTAs or NDAs.
- All inquiries made in connection with new or existing contracts, subawards and clinical trials are processed by the Office of Sponsored Programs. To ensure that we continue to provide timely services to you, your Department/Division/Center/Principal Investigators/Co-Investigators, kindly direct all inquiries, and especially supporting documentation, to our general e-mailbox: OSP_Contracts@stonybrook.edu. This will ensure all matters are logged in and routed to the Contracts/Clinical Trials Administrator assigned to assist you.
- Each month, under “Ask OSP”, the Bulletin will include a topic of interest related to grant or award processing, updated procedures or helpful hints on grant or contract award processing and administration. If you are interested in a specific topic, please email us at osp@stonybrook.edu.
- Important reminder: please contact your OSP administrator as soon as you identify a grant opportunity for which you want to apply. Advance notice will provide you with detailed attention to your proposal by your OSP administrator and will ensure that sponsor deadlines are met successfully. Our proposal submission policy can be found here: https://research.stonybrook.edu/sites/default/files/osp-deadline-policy-revision.pdf.
- Requests for an NIH eRA Commons Registration are processed via the following link: https://research.stonybrook.edu/node/10051

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Learning Tuesdays

Learning Tuesdays is an interactive instruction program that helps RF and SUNY employees strengthen their skills, knowledge, and abilities in all areas of the RF business.

**Watch Learning Tuesday Videos**

The 90-minute live panel discussions bring a broad range of ideas, experience, and perspectives to topics that span administrative, transactional, and compliance matters associated with research grant management and funding opportunities for faculty, students, and staff. CEU credits are available for some events.

Each panel includes central office and campus RF employees in a collaborative effort to communicate important information and share best practices across the enterprise. Viewers can email or phone in questions and comments during the live call-in sessions that are part of each program.

**Registration** is encouraged; instructions for connecting to a Learning Tuesday session will be provided upon registration. All Learning Tuesdays programs are **archived** and free to the public.

In addition to providing the latest information on compliance, policies, and procedures, Learning Tuesdays offers RF and SUNY employees the opportunity to participate on a panel.
Internal Training and Workshops

- **In-person myResearch Grants Training.** Two sessions will be offered during each training date, either in the Melville Library on Main Campus or in the HSC Computer Lab on East Campus. To sign up for one (or more) of the training sessions below, click the following link and fill out the myResearch Grants Training 2018 Registration Form.

  If you have any questions about the training dates, please contact Kathryn Belmonte in the Office of Sponsored Programs at ovpr_myresearchgrants@stonybrook.edu.

- The Office of Proposal Development (OPD) along with Grant Writers Seminars and Workshops (GWSW), will host this year’s ‘Write Winning Grant Proposals’ Workshop on **Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 from 8:30am to 5pm.**

  The target audience for this workshop is Stony Brook faculty, research scientists and postdocs. Space is limited, and registration is required.

  This highly successful event has been registered to capacity for the past four years, so please be sure to register by or before **Monday, August 13th.** Confirmation emails will be sent by Friday, August 17th. Please note that priority will be given to first-time attendees.

- The Office of Grants Management (OGM) offers hands on training in the use of the Research Foundation Report Center to all Principal Investigators and their administrators. This training uses current active Research Foundation sponsored awards/projects to demonstrate how to view encumbrances and expenditures. Please contact Cynthia Traub, 2-4886 or Cynthia.traub@stonybrook.edu to schedule a session.

External Conferences, Workshops and Seminars

- **NCURA Annual Meeting**
  Washington, DC, August 5-8, 2018
  [http://www.ncura.edu/Education/MeetingsConferences.aspx](http://www.ncura.edu/Education/MeetingsConferences.aspx)

- **NCURA Traveling Workshop**
  San Antonio, TX, September 5-7, 2018
  [http://www.ncura.edu/Education/MeetingsConferences.aspx](http://www.ncura.edu/Education/MeetingsConferences.aspx)

- **NIH Regional Seminar**
  San Francisco, CA, October 17-19, 2018

- **SRA International Annual Meeting**
  Orlando, FL, October 27-31, 2018

- **SRA International Basics of Research Administration**
  Milwaukee, WI, July 16-18, 2018
  [https://www.srainternational.org/meeting/theme/basics-research-administration-0?utm_source=SRA+International+Communications&utm_campaign=7730add328-Summer_Basics_Intro_2018_05_15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_dc20401f01-7730add328-441667233](https://www.srainternational.org/meeting/theme/basics-research-administration-0?utm_source=SRA+International+Communications&utm_campaign=7730add328-Summer_Basics_Intro_2018_05_15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_dc20401f01-7730add328-441667233)

Sponsor Updates
Grants.gov

Follow this link to access the July and August issues of Grants.gov Newsletter:

https://communications.grants.gov/app/w/VbVOL4gMfcucYGA0L0x0w/mdEUKn0wB6tjkPQtdKnEfQ/fPCh81KIdPsx1sJFAS763jCQ

https://communications.grants.gov/app/w/e0Cnx763Dt0myw0Y2gX9Vf5g/MwYCxl8JvJTiy84xIn6wA/hy7OlkY7YBe7lytKOL25mA

NIH Updates

NIH Now Allows Decimals in Effort Reporting Field in Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR)

Effective immediately, NIH has changed its RPPR format to allow effort reported in progress reports to include decimals. Until now, the system only allowed whole numbers and rounded up or down accordingly. The lack of the ability to include decimals contributed to significant inaccurate reporting when a PD/PI has contributed 20% effort or 2.4 calendar months, and the previous system feature rounded effort down to 2 calendar months.


NIH Extramural Nexus

The latest edition of NIH Extramural Nexus can be accessed here:

https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/

NSF Updates

The fifth edition of NSF’s Proposal & Award Policy Newsletter can be found here:


Links to Uniform Guidance, FAR, Glossary of Federal Budget Terms, Human Subjects Regulations and Index of U.S. Government Departments and Agencies

The information below will be included on a monthly basis and it provides the reader the opportunity to easily access the data related to:

- 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
  
  http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=d8620f07072b1d3802d12eee83da8fc1&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl

- Federal Acquisition Regulations
  
  http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=481894c2d486b3207fbb14d648a93cf56&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title48/48tab_02.tpl

- Glossary of Federal Budget Terms:
  
Matching Funds Boost Up Start-Up Tech Companies

Stony Brook University has released the first set of matching grant funds for vital research laboratory equipment to Nassau and Suffolk Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awardees. The matching State funds will allow Long Island companies to leverage the federal SBIR research funds to accelerate technology and manufacturing commercialization to create jobs and economic impact in the region. This $1.2 matching grant program is funded by an incentive package offered by Empire State Development and administered by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and The Research Foundation.

Startups face daunting challenges raising capital to develop and commercialize emerging technologies; many locally conceptualized at Stony Brook University, Brookhaven National Laboratory or Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. According to Stony Brook SBDC Regional Director, Bernie Ryba, programs such as these “help to further bridge the funding gap to assure entrepreneurial success.”

Thus far a total of $50,000 was released to four companies: Codagenix, Inc., a software-based vaccine developer with offices in Broad Hollow Bioscience Park in Farmingdale; Brookhaven Technology Group, a science and engineering technology innovator located in the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center (AERTC) at Stony Brook University; Applied DNA, a provider of molecular-based security and authentication solutions, located in the Long Island High Technology Incubator at Stony Brook University; and Nanoprobes, a nanoparticle research collaborative dedicated to finding cures for cancer and other serious diseases located in Yaphank.

For information about the program, please contact Martha Stansbury at the Stony Brook SBDC martha.stansbury@stonybrook.edu

BSF and NSF-BSF programs

The U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF) is supporting scientific cooperation between the two countries, by funding U.S. and Israeli researchers who wish to cooperate in cutting edge scientific research. It has two grant programs:

1. Regular Grant Program - active since 1974, receives applications in a wide range of fields, submitted together by American and Israeli scientists who wish to cooperate. Selection is on purely scientific merit using a conventional procedure (ad-hock reviews from around the world, and panels of Israeli and U.S. experts), and is done by the BSF. The BSF supports both the Americans and Israelis whose applications are granted.

2. NSF-BSF Programs - in recent years the BSF and the NSF have been cooperating in funding joint research programs of U.S. and Israeli PIs in 12 NSF divisions and several interdivisional programs. Submission of the joint application is by the American scientist to the NSF, which then carries out the selection process. The proposals are always part of the regular,
core programs of the relevant NSF division, and these are not “special programs” with special set aside budgets, or separate evaluations. If the NSF decides to fund the U.S. scientist, he receives a standard NSF grant, and the BSF is committed to fund his Israeli partner. These type of programs have been active since 2012, and the experience shows that the success rate of these joint applications is rarely lower and often higher than the overall success rate of the U.S.-only applications in the same competitions.

BSF is welcoming submissions to any of the following BSF and NSF-BSF programs and reminds you of the following deadlines in the coming months:

1. **BSF Regular Program.** Deadline for applications is November 20, 2018. The website opened on September 1, 2018. The regulations can be found [here](#).

2. **BSF program Prof. Rahamimoff Travel Grants for Young Scientists.** Deadline for applications by U.S. or Israeli PhD students is November 28, 2018. Call for Proposals can be found [here](#). (22 grants were approved in 2018).

These NSF-BSF programs have the following deadlines:

3. **NSF-BSF programs in Marine Oceanography.** Deadline for applications by the U.S. partner to the NSF is August 15, 2018 and by the Israeli Partner to the BSF is August 20, 2018. Call for proposals can be found [here](#).

4. **NSF-BSF program in Basic Plasma Sciences and Engineering.** Deadline for application by the U.S. partner to the NSF is October 19, 2018 and by the Israeli partner to the BSF is October 24, 2018. Call for Proposals can be found [here](#).

5. **NSF-BSF program in Materials.** Deadline for application by the U.S. partner to the NSF is November 1, 2018 and by the Israeli partner to the BSF is November 7, 2018. Call for Proposals can be found [here](#).

6. **NSF-BSF program in Computing and Communication Foundations.** Deadline for application by the U.S. partner is expected to be approximately on November 15, 2018 and by the Israeli partner to the BSF about a week later. Please follow the announcements in the coming weeks. Call for Proposals can be found [here](#).

7. **NSF-BSF program in Computer and Network Systems.** Deadline for application by the U.S. partner is expected to be approximately on November 15, 2018 and by the Israeli partner to the BSF about a week later. Please follow the announcements in the coming weeks. Call for Proposals can be found [here](#).

8. **NSF-BSF program in Information and Intelligent Systems (IIS).** Deadline for application by the U.S. partner is expected to be approximately on November 15, 2018 and by the Israeli partner to the BSF about a week later. Please follow the announcements in the coming weeks. Call for Proposals can be found [here](#).

9. **NSF-BSF program in Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases.** Deadline for application by the U.S. partner to the NSF is November 21, 2018 and by the Israeli partner to the BSF is November 27, 2018. Call for Proposals can be found [here](#).

10. **NSF-BSF program in Computational Neuroscience.** Deadline for applications by the U.S. partner to the NSF is November 27, 2018 and by the Israeli partner to the BSF is December 3, 2018. Call for Proposals can be found [here](#).

11. **NSF-BSF program in Atomic Molecular and Optical Physics - Experiment and Theory; Gravitational Physics - Experiment and Theory; Integrative Activities in Physics; LIGO Research Support.** Deadline for application by the
U.S. partner to the NSF is November 28, 2018 and by the Israeli partner to the BSF is December 4, 2018. Call for Proposals can be found here.

12. NSF-BSF program in Nuclear Physics - Experiment and Theory; Elementary Particle Physics - Experiment; Particle Astrophysics - Experiment. Deadline for application by the U.S. partner to the NSF is December 4, 2018 and by the Israeli partner to the BSF is December 9, 2018. Call for Proposals can be found here.

13. NSF-BSF program in Elementary Particle Physics - Theory; Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology - Theory; Physics of Living Systems; Quantum Information Science. Deadline for application by the U.S. partner to the NSF is December 11, 2018 and by the Israeli partner to the BSF is December 16, 2018. Call for Proposals can be found here.

These following programs have no deadlines and are open for submission throughout the year:

14. NSF-BSF programs in Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems is open to receive applications anytime throughout the year. Call for Proposals can be found here.

15. NSF-BSF programs in Ceramics and Condensed Matter and Materials Theory in the Materials division are open to receive applications anytime throughout the year. More information can be found here.

16. NSF-BSF program in Electrical, Communications and Cyber Systems is open to receive applications anytime throughout the year. Call for Proposals can be found here.

17. NSF-BSF programs in Earth Sciences is open to receive applications anytime throughout the year. Call for Proposals can be found here.

18. NSF-BSF program in Cyber Security is going to be open to receive applications anytime throughout the year. Call for Proposals can be found here.

19. NSF-BSF program in Marine Geology and Geophysics is open to receive applications anytime throughout the year. Call for Proposals can be found here.

20. NSF-BSF program in Molecular and Cellular Biosciences is planned to be with no deadline, starting in late 2018.

21. NSF-BSF program in Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS) is going to be with no deadline, starting in late 2018.

22. NSF-BSF program in Environmental Biology (DEB) are going to be with no deadline, starting in late 2018.

**New Funding Opportunity SUNY Website**

SUNY is offering a new, easy-to-access and user friendly web-based tool to assist you to find opportunities to support your research.

Key features include:
• Simple search and filter capability to identify grants applicable to your areas of specialty
• One stop search for federal, state and private foundation funding
• New opportunities added weekly

Site link: http://www.suny.edu/impact/research/grant-funding/
Password: research

Once you have been to the site, feel free to take a brief survey located here.

**NSF Standard Deadlines:**

A link to NSF due dates can be found here: https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_list.jsp?org=NSF&ord=date

**NIH Standard Deadlines:**

Please find deadlines for Competing Grant and Cooperative Agreement Applications below. Also, refer to the funding opportunity announcements for deadline information as not all applications are due on standard deadlines.

The chart below can also be found on the NIH web site https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/due-dates-and-submission-policies/due-dates.htm

**General Information**

- Grant applications and associated documents (e.g., reference letters) are due by 5:00 PM local time of application organization on the specified due date.
- Check the funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for due date information.
- If the FOA says "standard dates apply", refer to the table below using the activity code specified in the title of the FOA.
- Note that renewal/resubmission/revision applications may have different due dates than new applications. Read the table carefully.
- The AIDS and AIDS-related dates apply to all activity codes.

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- Effective. Sept 5, 2015 - N/A for SBIR/STTR Applications using Standard Due Dates
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**NOTES:**

The actual date of the Advisory Council may occur in the month before or after the month listed. For example, some ICs may actually hold the January Advisory Council meeting in February or the October Advisory Council meeting in September.

Awarding components may not always be able to honor the requested start date of an application. Before incurring any pre-award obligations or expenditures applicants should be aware of NIH policy governing pre-award
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* Advisory Council Round for Cycle I applications (Cycle III for SBIR/STTR) may be August or October, and their earliest project start date may be September or December respectively.

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