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March 2023

Announcements:

1. **The Spring 2023 Research Events Calendar has been updated.** Please see the last page of this newsletter for the revised schedule.

2. **Are you working on any research proposals this spring?** In order to be better prepared for any proposals that will be submitted this spring, we'd like to hear from you. Let us know what proposals you are currently working on or are thinking about in the next few months so we can plan ahead!

3. The **National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities** will host the Health Disparities Research Institute from August 7 – 11, 2023. This weeklong program supports the research career development of promising early-career minority health and health disparities researchers. The program will feature lectures on minority health and health disparities research, mock grant reviews, seminars/small group discussions, and opportunities to engage with NIH staff. Applications are being accepted via the HDRI online application system until 5 PM on March 13, 2023. More information can be found on their website.

4. Travel and Reimbursement Reminders:
   a. Travel Guidelines:
      i. Please remember that you are *required* to get *prior approval* from your supervisor for ALL travel; step-by-step video instructions are available here.
      ii. Flights and hotel bookings can be made using the Concur travel module;
      iii. Tax exempt forms for hotel and other purchases must be used, as tax is not reimbursed. If you are traveling with sponsored research funds, please ask Barb Carlson for the appropriate forms.
   b. Reimbursement Guidelines:
      i. All reimbursements must have your supervisor's approval and be submitted through CONCUR;
      ii. ***Amonzon purchases are not reimbursable***. If you need something from Amazon for a research project, please contact Barb Carlson.
      iii. If you need assistance with the CONCUR system for reimbursement from a sponsored project, please contact Barb Carlson.

5. SUNY RF TED@Work Series The SUNY Research Foundation (RF) has launched a new learning series open to all UB employees. Workplace learning should be driven by powerful ideas – which is the foundation for their new TED@Work program. Blending TED Talks with small and large group discussions, this program encourages new ways of thinking, beyond the scope of traditional learning. Sessions will be held one Friday per month at 10am from January - June. Sign up once to get access to the entire series. Register for TED@Work Series.

Featured Publication:

Yin, L., Yin, F., Silverman, R.M. "Spatial Clustering of Property Abandonment in Shrinking Cities: A Case Study of Targeted Demolition in Buffalo, NY's African American Neighborhoods," Urban Geography. Available at https://doi.org/10.1080/02723638.2022.2142404

Research Opportunity:

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation offers a grant opportunity entitled "Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity" and accepts proposals on a continuous submission basis. Evidence for Action (E4A) prioritizes research to evaluate specific interventions (e.g., policies, programs, practices) that have the potential to counteract the harms of structural and systemic racism and improve health, well-being, and equity outcomes. More information can be found at: https://spin.infoedglobal.com/Program/Detail/048087

Resources for Research:

1. UB has a license for REDCap, a secure web platform for building and managing online databases and surveys. With this free service, you can avoid adding the purchase of survey/DB programs in your research proposals.

2. The Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development (OVPRED) offers assistance in finding grant opportunities for researchers through UB Funding, grants for new and early career faculty, grants.gov, and limited submission opportunities.

3. In addition to the University at Buffalo's SPIN Funding Database to search for funding opportunities, other searchable databases include New York State Grants Gateway and SBIR/STTR Funding.

4. UB's Corporate and Foundation Relations staff members help faculty build relationships with businesses and foundations in ways that align with the university's research goals and support departmental activities. For more information call 716-881-8206.

5. Our Sponsored Project Services staff:
   a. Pre-proposal budget: Alyssa Caruso, acaruso5@buffalo.edu, (716) 645-4416
   b. Pre-award proposal: Brad Bermudez, bermude@buffalo.edu, (716) 645-4383
   c. Post-award analyst: Xiaohong "Sunny" Zeng, xzeng2@buffalo.edu, (716) 645-4400

Reminders:

1. Sponsored Project Services (SPS) is enforcing the 5-day deadline for all grant submissions. If your proposal is not received at least five days before it is due, they may not review it. All proposals for sponsored research must be submitted through UB CLICK.

2. In addition, all proposals for sponsored research are required to be reviewed by Barbara Carlson and Nick Rajkovich. If you plan to submit a grant proposal, please let Barb and Nick know at least a week in advance to ensure a quick turnaround. In general, it will take one business day to get through the school review process.

3. Finally, are you working on, or considering applying for, a sponsored grant? Please contact Nick/Barb as soon as possible so we can help you start the process!
   - Barb's email is carlsonb@buffalo.edu; her office is 232 Hayes Hall.
   - Nick's email is rajkovic@buffalo.edu; his office is in the Hayes 317 suite

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Date:	Session Title:
Friday, March 17	Research Training (COI/CLICK Submissions) 12:30 – 2:00pm in the IDEA Center, 309 Hayes Hall
Thursday, March 30	CAREER Award Seminar and Q&A Virtual Meeting via Zoom: https://buffalo.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEldu6opzooGtWvdQqoAmu8-pMb9Nh4Yllm *This virtual seminar will cover the basics of the CAREER Award with an emphasis on what makes the CAREER proposal process unique, as well as specific approaches to strengthen your proposal.*
Friday, March 31	ORA Office Hours 12:30 – 2:00pm in the IDEA Center, 309 Hayes Hall
Friday, April 14	Informal Research Conversation (Kristine Stiphany, PhD, AIA & Kate Nelischer, PhD) 12:30 – 2:00pm in the IDEA Center, 309 Hayes Hall Also will be broadcast on Zoom: https://buffalo.zoom.us/j/7168296910?pwd=cTV5WEVxK2FqRWJzYk96UjJCTnJoZz09
Tuesday, April 25	CAREER Award: Essential Elements Capen 107 (UB North Campus) Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/career-award-essential-elements-tickets-560696567527 *Proposal Managers and Editors from the Office of Research Advancement will lead an in-depth discussion on three essential elements of a successful CAREER proposal - the education plan, broader impacts, and evaluation plan - and share guidance on how to craft robust, thorough, and thoughtful plans for your proposal. Recent CAREER awardees will then share their experience with the CAREER program and provide insights on the proposal development process, followed by a Q&A with the awardees, proposal managers, and editor.*
Friday, April 28	ORA Office Hours 12:30 – 2:00pm in the IDEA Center, 309 Hayes Hall