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OFFICE FOR SPONSORED PROGRAMS

OSP Updates and Funding Opportunities Announcement

February 2022

OSP Announcements and Reminders

OSP Exchange

REMINDER: OUR RESCHEDULED SESSION IS TUESDAY!

We will be partnering with the A&S Service Center and Corporate & Foundation Relations for a very important training event on proposals and budget preparation. This will be held virtually.

Session details:

February 8, 2022

Topic: *Pre-Award Budgeting and Preparations- Hot Topics*

****All Departmental Research Administrators and Research Faculty are encouraged to attend ****

Zoom details:

<https://bccte.zoom.us/j/93037891719>

To register or for any questions, please contact Jennifer Lopez at jennifer.lopez@bc.edu.

*View slides and footage from our previously held OSP Exchange, visit our website at www.bc.edu/osp and click on the OSP Exchange icon.

Important OSP Policy updates

Revised OSP Travel Policy and Guidance

OSP has updated and revised our OSP Travel on Sponsored Programs Policy and our Travel and Meeting Costs on Sponsored Awards Guidance.

The new policy and guidance documents can be found here:

<https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/research/sites/vice-provost-for-research/sponsored-programs/research-policies.html>

Notable changes within our policy are as follows:

- 1- AirBNB used as lodging is no longer an unallowable cost. However sufficient documentation must be presented for reimbursement to ensure cost is allowable, allocable, and reasonable to the project being charged.
- 2- The new policy broadly references Uniform Guidance 200.475 (e) with regards to airfare costs.
- 3- The purchase of car rental insurance for a basic car rental during a business-related trip specifically related to a sponsored project is now considered allowable, unless otherwise restricted by sponsor.

Managing Awards for Success

Successful award management is one of the most important factors in reducing administrative burden. Here are some best practices to follow throughout the life of the award.

Proposal Development

Award management starts at proposal development! This is the time to identify items that will need to be addressed at time of award such as hiring needs, potential compliance holds, and large purchases required at the start of the project.

Notification of Funding

As soon as you are aware that a project will be funded, you should take the following steps:

- Determine whether an advance account is needed
- Ensure all compliance issues have been resolved
- Start paperwork and process for new hires
- Start the paperwork and process for equipment or other major purchases needed

We want to take the opportunity to remind you to use advance accounts to your advantage! Advance accounts can significantly reduce work by eliminating the need for cost transfers and labor re-distributions once the award comes in.

Award Received

Once the award is received and the account setup is complete, the following should be done:

- Review the terms and conditions of the award
- Be familiar with programmatic and financial reporting requirements
- Effort and payroll
- Review the budget
- Identify subawards and work with OSP to ensure contracts are drafted and executed

Monthly Award Management

Regular reviews of grant accounts are essential and an important aspect of reducing burden.

- Review expenditures for allowability
- Review effort and salary plans with the PI
- Review burn rate
- Address deficits
- Determine if any prior approval requests are required

Three to Six Months Prior to End Date

In addition to the regular monthly review, this is the time to determine if a no cost extension will be needed and if all deliverables have been met.

When awards are managed well, there are significant reductions in cost transfers, labor re-distributions and other processes like effort certifications and closeout become easy. It also significantly reduces the likelihood of deficits or returning funds at the end of the award.

Government Funding Opportunities

Please contact your Department Research Administrator or [OSP Team Representative](#) if you need assistance with the application.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Challenge America National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)	Deadline April 21, 2022	Learn more
Planning for Collaborative Digital Editions in African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American History and Ethnic Studies <i>National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)</i>	Deadline June 8, 2022	Learn more

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Racial Equity in STEM Education <i>National Science Foundation (NSF)</i>	Deadline March 22, 2022	Learn more
Innovations in Graduate Education (IGE) Program <i>National Science Foundation (NSF)</i> (LIMITED SUBMISSION)	Deadline March 25, 2022	Learn more

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND HEALTH

NARMS Cooperative Agreement Program to Strengthen Antibiotic Resistance Surveillance in Retail Food Specimens (U01) Clinical Trials Not Allowed <i>United States Department of Health and Human Services</i>	Deadline April 1, 2022	Learn more
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GERMINATION: Germination of Research Questions for Addressing Critical Societal Challenges

National Science Foundation (NSF)
(LIMITED SUBMISSION)

Deadline
August 27, 2022

[Learn more](#)

Division of Integrative Organismal Systems Core Programs (IOS)

National Science Foundation (NSF)

You can apply for this opportunity at any time.

[Learn more](#)

Plant Biotic Interactions

National Science Foundation (NSF)

You can apply for this opportunity at any time.

[Learn more](#)

FOR MORE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[National Institutes of Health](#)
[National Science Foundation](#)
[Department of Defense](#)
[Pivot-RP](#)

Foundation and Corporate Grants

Please contact [BC Corporation and Foundation Relations Office](#) if you would like to pursue any of the following corporate or foundation funding opportunities. The team can provide assistance with writing, editing, institutional information, and application submission.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

General Research Grants: Projects

Gerda Henkel Stiftung | Gerda Henkel Foundation

Deadline
June 1, 2022

[Learn more](#)

Grants

Carnegie Corporation of New York

You can apply for this opportunity at any time.

[Learn more](#)

Grants

Corning Incorporated Foundation

You can apply for this opportunity at any time.

[Learn more](#)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Existing Educational Program Evaluation Grants

Brady Education Foundation

Deadline
April 1, 2022

[Learn more](#)

Opportunity Awards

James S. McDonnell Foundation (JSMF)

Deadline
April 1, 2022

[Learn more](#)

Sponsored Research Program

Project Management Institute, Inc. (PMI)

Deadline
April 25, 2022

[Learn more](#)

Nonprofit Grants

State Street Corporation

You can apply for this opportunity at any time.

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Grants

Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

You can apply for this opportunity at any time.

[Learn more](#)

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND HEALTH

Medical Research Grants

Robert J. Kleberg, Jr. and Helen C. Kleberg Foundation
(LIMITED SUBMISSION)

Deadline
March 31, 2022

[Learn more](#)

The Audacious Project

Technology, Entertainment, Design (TED)

You can apply for this opportunity at

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any time.

Grants
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

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this opportunity at
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Grants
Open Road Alliance

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