



ORSP News

Office of Research and
Sponsored Programs

March 2007

Federal Agencies Operating Under Continuing Resolutions

On February 15, 2007, President Bush signed H.J.Res.20, a continuing resolution to fund most federal agencies for the 2007 fiscal year that began on October 1, 2006 and runs through September 30, 2007. Those agencies, including the National Science Foundation (NSF) and National Institutes of Health (NIH), had been operating under a short-term continuing resolution that was due to expire at midnight on Feb. 15.

The President's action came one day after the Senate approved the \$463.5 billion bill. It provides funds for all agencies except Defense and Homeland Security. Congress completed action on those agencies' appropriations last year, but left the remaining FY 2007 funding bills to await action by the next Congress.

The measure funds NSF at the same level as FY 2006, except for the Research and Related Activities Account, which was increased by \$334.74 million over the figure for FY 2006, in keeping with the President's request for increased funding for the American Competitiveness Initiative.

NIH has received an appropriation for the remainder of FY2007 through P.L. 110-005: *Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, FY 2007*. This now allows NIH to fully implement the FY2007 fiscal policies. Faced with a markedly increased number of applications and applicants for grant support at a time of flat budgets with no inflationary adjustments, NIH has taken proactive steps in fiscal year 2007 to manage its portfolio of investments in biomedical research. NIH is committed to buttressing core areas of vulnerability, such as the ability of new investigators to compete for support in these difficult financial times, and protecting their investment in well-established investigators with little or no other significant support. Accordingly, NIH is adjusting the level of non-competing awards to protect the number of competing Research Project Grants.

With the enactment of PL 110-005: *Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007* on February 15, 2007, the NIH has funding for the remainder of FY2007. Under this resolution, the following specific guidance applies:

- **Non-competing continuing research grants will be funded at 97.1% of the FY2007 committed level. Future years are to be adjusted as well by applying the same reduction factor to each commitment.**
- **Any non-competing continuing research grant already issued in FY2007 at a reduced level, will be restored to the 97.1% of the committed level, adjusting future years as well.**
- This does not apply to Ks, Ts & T-like mechanisms, Fs, or SBIRs/STTRs--these mechanisms will be funded at the committed level.

Each Institute/Center (IC) will manage its portfolio by using uncommitted funds and the savings from not funding inflationary increases for non-competing awards in FY 2007 to maintain the stability of the NIH investigator pool by reaching approximately 9600 new and competing Research Project Grants, a number similar to that of FY 2005.

New Faculty Workshop

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs presented the *New Faculty Workshop* on Tuesday, March 6. The workshop was well-attended. Faculty ready to tackle the arduous but rewarding process of preparing proposals and working towards external funding support attended. If you were unable to attend, please contact Sabrina Cerezo by email at scerezo@brooklyn.cuny.edu to obtain the workshop presentation and handouts.

We welcome the opportunity to speak with you individually to explore funding opportunities pertinent to your research area. Please contact our office to schedule a meeting.



Information about future workshops will be announced soon.

NIH Says Electronic Grant Submission Works for MacIntosh and Windows Users

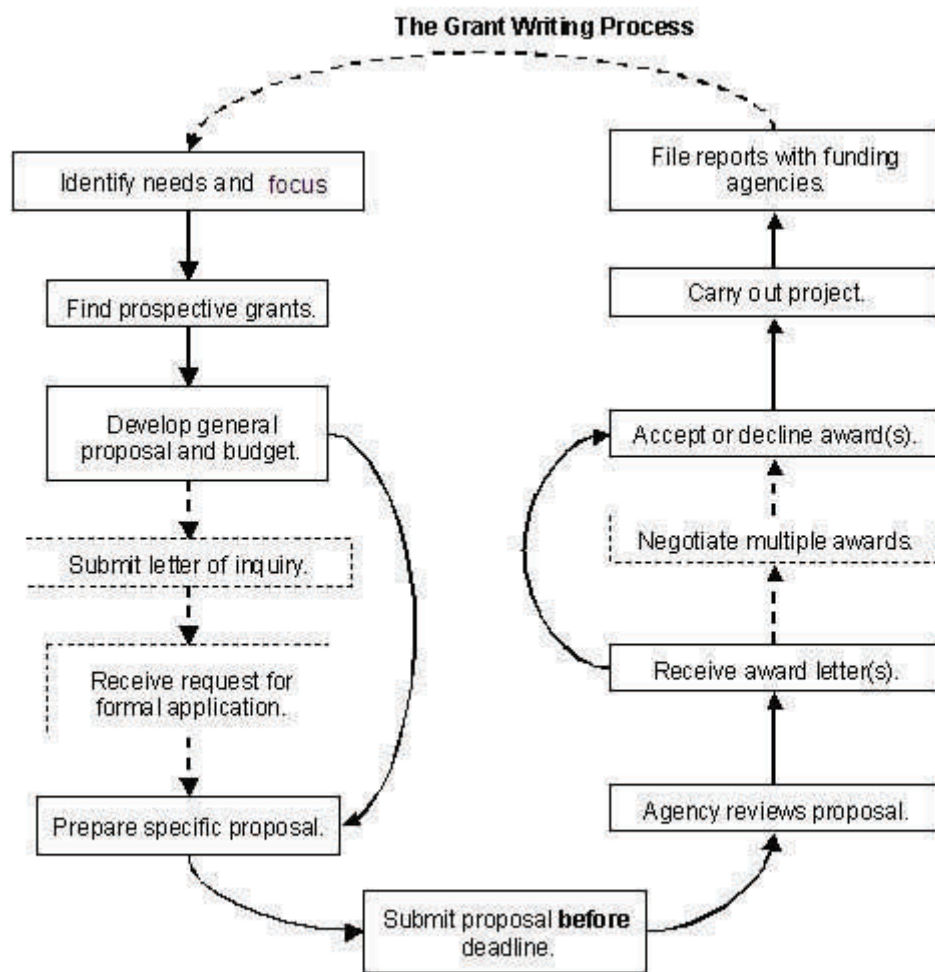
Curious about how MacIntosh users are faring with the electronic submission process? Although scientists have largely welcomed the shift to electronic grant submission, those who use MacIntosh computers have been concerned by news reports that the grants submission software is less compatible with Mac than with Windows' operating system. The Grants.gov and eRA Commons systems for accepting and processing grant applications are fully operational. NIH has received a total of over 18,000 electronic applications to date. This number includes submissions from both PC and MacIntosh computers. The issue that has been discussed in the press is the PureEdge Viewer software that is required for applicants who use Grants.gov's forms-based solution. This software allows an applicant to open, manipulate and submit application packages. The original version of the viewer worked only with windows-based machines or on Macs using PC emulation, so NIH partnered with Grants.gov to provide free access to an NIH-hosted Citrix service that allows Mac users to manipulate the forms. This Citrix server has allowed many Mac users to use the PureEdge software. IBM is developing Mac-compatible PureEdge viewer software and an early release version is available on the Grants.gov website. The viewer, in its current state, has significant limitations but a new version that addresses many of those limitations is expected soon. The PureEdge Form Viewer is a short term solution. Grants.gov is moving to an Adobe forms solution that will be completely platform independent this spring. NIH anticipates funding opportunities to transition from using PureEdge application forms to Adobe forms in the summer/early fall of 2007. ORSP will post updates as this transition takes place.

Important Notice Regarding Timely Proposal Submission

Due to the growing number of electronic proposal submissions, it is more important than ever that faculty contact the ORSP as early in the process of preparing a proposal as possible to discuss the administrative, financial and managerial concerns of the project and sponsor requirements. All proposals require the endorsement of relevant Chairs and/or Deans. ORSP's deadline for receipt of a complete 'near to final'

version of a proposal is 5 working days prior to the sponsor's receipt date. This gives us adequate time for review of the proposal, changes where necessary, and electronic submission to the sponsor.

An important reminder regarding electronic applications submitted to NIH: NIH allows us two business days to check the assembled application, after which the submission process is complete. However, if the two day window falls after the submission deadline and an applicant chooses to 'reject' the application for a reason other than an eRA Commons or Grants.gov system failure, the application will be considered late and may not be accepted.



----- dashed lines indicate possible additional steps

Writing successful grant applications is a long process that begins with an idea. Although many people think of grant writing as a linear process (from idea to proposal to award), it is a circular process. The diagram to the left provides an overview of the grant writing process and may help you plan your proposal development.

Selected Grants Awarded (November-January)

Dowd, Terry	NIH	\$174,774
Eckhardt, Ronald	NSF	\$86,182
Gurland, Gail	CUNY	\$2,500
Hainline, Louise	USDOENGY	\$722,000
Oppenheimer, Gerald	NEH	\$24,000
Parsons, Simon	University of Liverpool	\$47,668
Powell/ Hainline/Parsons/Tomkiewicz	NSF	\$3,000,000
Romer, Nancy	DYCD	\$305,016
Sklar, Elizabeth	US Dept of Education	\$25,489
Wilson, Donna	Mellon Foundation	\$40,000

Selected Proposals Submitted (November-January)

Bankoff, Arthur	NEH	\$29,850
Bar-Noy, Amotz	NSF	\$358,860
Brenner, Stacey	NIH	\$353,250
Contel, Maria	NIH	\$353,250
Cranganu, Constantin	Petroleum Research Fund	\$135,000
Juszczak, Laura	Institute for the Study of Aging	\$221,001
Kobrak, Mark	NSF	\$438,354
Kopec, Eckhardt/ Whitlock/Kogen	NSF	\$499,820
Magliozzo, Richard	NIH	\$336,161
Parsons, Simon	NSF	\$443,381
Polle, Juergen	USDOENGY	\$55,999
Raphan, Theodore	NSF	\$449,962
Sanchez-Delgado, Roberto	USDOENGY	\$637,879
Sklar, Elizabeth	NSF	\$426,514
Tung, Raymond	US-Israel BSF	\$108,560
Yanofsky, Noson	Missile Defense Agency	\$283,264

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

2008 McKnight Neuroscience of Brain Disorders Award

Deadline: April 2, 2007

The McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience supports innovative research designed to bring science closer to the day when diseases of the brain can be accurately diagnosed, prevented, and treated. To this end, the McKnight Neuroscience of Brain Disorders Award assists scientists working to apply the knowledge achieved through basic research to human brain injury or disease. Up to six awards are made annually, each providing \$100,000 per year for three years. To apply, submit a two-page letter of intent explaining how McKnight award support would permit new approaches and accomplishments toward the development of translational research. The selection committee will invite a small number of applicants to submit more detailed proposals, which will be due October 1, 2007. For further information visit www.mcknight.org/neuroscience/.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants

Deadline: April 3, 2007

NEH has recently launched a Digital Humanities Initiative, of which the Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants is one facet. As part of the initiative, NEH is interested in receiving applications for projects that use or study the impact of digital technology. Digital technologies offer humanists new methods of conducting research, conceptualizing relationships, and presenting scholarship. Digital humanities projects deploy these technologies and methods to enhance our understanding of a topic or issue. NEH is also interested in projects that study the impact of digital technology on the humanities--exploring the ways in which it changes how we read, write, think, and learn. Complete program description, guidelines, and application instructions are available at the NEH website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/digitalhumanitiesstartup.html>.

2008 March of Dimes Research Program

Deadline: April 30, 2007

All qualified scientists with faculty appointments or the equivalent, at universities, hospitals and research institutions, are invited to submit applications for research grants directed at the prevention of birth defects. Research subjects appropriate for support by the March of Dimes include basic biological processes governing development, genetics, clinical studies, studies of reproductive health, environmental toxicology, and social and behavioral studies. Complete program description, guidelines, and application instructions are available at : <http://RESEARCHGRANTS.MARCHOFDIMES.COM>.



Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

Boylan 2158
2900 Bedford Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11210

Phone: 718-951-5622

Fax: 718-951-4744

<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/bc/offices/orsp/>

For additional information on newsletter content, contact Sabrina Cerezo, Senior Grants Specialist, ORSP News Editor.

BROOKLYN



COLLEGE

RESEARCH FOUNDATION (RF) UPDATES

- An important scheduling change involving Brooklyn College's RF Field Services Representative, Clark Lantz. Clark will now be on campus every **Tuesday** from 9 am—5 pm. If you would like to schedule a meeting with Clark please email him at Clark_Lantz@rfcuny.org.
- Fringe Benefit Update: Effective July 1, 2007 the Research Foundation of the City University of New York shall increase the Full-time/ Part-time A Fringe Benefit rate by ½ of 1% to 35.5% and effective January 1, 2008, it shall increase the Full-time/ Part-time A Fringe Benefit rate by an additional 1% to 36.5 %.
- Please be aware that monthly health insurance premiums have risen effective January 1, 2007.
- The RF will be conducting an *Immigration Seminar* on campus on Tuesday, March 13 (room location to be announced). The seminar will be on F, J, and H1B visas and on permanent residence. Open to all RFCUNY and CUNY employees. Please RSVP to Christina Sferruzzo at x5622 by March 9.

Foundation Corner: The Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Study and Conference Center: Scholarly Residencies at the Bellagio Center. A Bellagio residency provides time for critical thinking, disciplined work, individual reflection, and collegial engagement, uninterrupted by the usual professional and personal demands. The Center typically offers one-month residencies for no more than 12 scholars and scientists at a time. Individuals in any discipline - and from any part of the world - are welcome to apply. Space is reserved for both academic projects, as well as projects that align with the Foundation's mission to expand opportunities for poor or vulnerable people and to help ensure that globalization's benefits are shared more widely. Alignment can reflect policy analysis, applied work, and/or basic scholarship, or any combination thereof. Residency cohorts include artists, writers, non-governmental organization practitioners, policymakers, scholars and scientists from around the world. Meals and informal presentations of work provide an opportunity for residents to engage with each other. During special dinners, residents also have the chance to interact with the participants of international conferences that are hosted in various buildings on the Center's property. The combination of private time for work and reflection and informal gatherings is an important part of life at the Center. The Foundation seeks applicants who are able to demonstrate a history of significant achievement in their respective fields.

For additional information, visit http://www.rockfound.org/bellagio/bel_scholar.shtml

Selected Recent Funding Opportunities sent via Brooklyn College Announcements by Barbara Naso, ORSP Director:

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Link</u>
AUG 16	NSF	Cultural Anthropology Scholar Awards	http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07544/nsf07544.htm
APR 1	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation	John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library Fellowships and Internships	http://research.history.org/Fellowships.cfm
May 22	NSF	Science of Science and Innovation Policy	http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07547/nsf07547.htm

*Please be advised that Barbara Naso periodically sends email announcements of upcoming funding opportunities to individuals and departments. If you are interested in pursuing one of these funding opportunities, please notify us; this allows us to plan time to work with you as the proposal takes shape. Please let us know if you would like us to search for specific funding opportunities and receive individual announcements.