

## From The Director's Desk

### Happy New Year!

I hope that you all are off to a great start in this new year and new semester. As the spring semester commences, please be reminded that the **Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP)** is here to partner with you. We are available to assist you with finding research funding, thinking through project ideas, developing proposals, and managing your grant awards. Remember that OSP is the official university authority for submitting proposals and signing contracts for sponsored projects. We look forward to assisting you with expanding your research portfolio this year!

Research Quarterly will be issued twice each semester during fall and spring. If you have funding announcements that you would like to share in this newsletter, please submit them to [grants@columbusstate.edu](mailto:grants@columbusstate.edu).



Sincerely,  
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## Reminder

All proposals for funding must come through the Office of Sponsored Programs for vetting, official approval, and submission.

## SPIN Registration

The Office of Sponsored Programs offers **SPINPLUS**, the world's largest database of sponsored funding opportunities, as well as instructions on creating a profile and performing basic searches. SPIN is a database of national and international government and private funding that support higher education and research. The SPIN funding database is IP-address protected so you may connect to SPIN from any computer on the CSU network. SPIN becomes accessible from off campus with your username and password.

Register for SPIN here: <https://mycsu.columbusstate.edu/resources/sponsored-programs/funding.php>

## NSF Update

NSF has updated its Biographical Sketch and Current & Pending support forms! For all NSF proposal applications submitted after **January 30, 2023**, the new forms will be required. Watch the information webinar online at [2023 NSF Policy Office Webinar Series: NSF Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending \(Other\) Support: SciENCv and NSF Formats – NSF Policy Office Outreach \(nsfpolicyoutreach.com\)](#)

SciENCv will become **mandatory** for all Biosketches and Current and Pending documents beginning **October 2023!**

## 2023 Changes For Updated NSF PAPPG



- Chapter II.D.1.d, Proposal Certifications Provided by the Organization**, was modified to include a new certification by the AOR relating to the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 requiring that senior personnel are made aware of the certification requirements required by the Act. A second new certification regarding Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research (RECR) was added for proposals submitted on or after July 31, 2023. The certification replaces the existing RECR certification and expands the training requirement to faculty and other senior personnel and mandates that the training cover mentor training and mentorship. A third new certification requires the AOR to certify that any organization proposing to conduct research off-campus or off-site has a plan in place for this proposal regarding safe and inclusive working environments.

- Chapter II.D.1.e, Certification Requirement for Senior Personnel Specified in the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021**, is a new certification requiring senior personnel to certify that the information provided in their Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support documents are accurate, current, and complete. This certification will be included in both SciENCv and the NSF fillable format for proposals submitted or due on or after January 30, 2023.

- Chapter II.E.5, Proposals Involving Human Subjects**, provides greater flexibility in the form that a determination notice must take. The section also clarifies that a PI may conduct preliminary work that does not involve human subjects while the protocol is being developed or under review, consistent with organizational guidelines.

- Chapter II.E.9, Safe and Inclusive Working Environments for Off-Campus or Off-Site Research**, describes the new requirement for the AOR to certify that an organization has a plan in place for safe and inclusive research for any proposal that proposes to conduct off-campus or off-site research. This section also provides considerations for plan development, communication, and dissemination.

- Chapter II.F, Other Types of Proposals**, includes the requirement to submit a Concept Outline for the following proposal types: Planning, Rapid Response Research (RAPID), Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER), and Research Advanced by Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering (RAISE) prior to the submission of a full proposal. The coverage also identifies the Program Suitability and Proposal Concept Tool (ProSPCT) as an option for use in submission of the Concept Outline.

- Chapter IX.B.1, Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research (RECR)**, has been amended to apply the requirement to provide appropriate training and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of research to undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, faculty, and other senior personnel. The revised section also identifies that the content of the training must address mentor training and mentorship.

- Chapter IX.C, Research Security**, has been added as a new section on NSF policy on research security including the overall goals of NSF's research security initiatives, organizational requirements for post-award disclosure of current support and in-kind contribution information, and when PIs and co-PIs must update current support in annual and final project reports.

## Changes To The Supplemental Pay Form

**Supplemental Pay Forms for grants are now located in eQuest.** Please notify the Office of Sponsored Programs ([grants@columbusstate.edu](mailto:grants@columbusstate.edu)) in advance regarding supplemental pay on grants and sponsored projects.

## Celebrating Newly Funded Projects

Congratulations to all of our grant award winners!

### Fall 2022 University Grant Recipients:

**Stephen Jessup**, College of Letters & Sciences, Radar and Modeling Analysis of Thunderstorm Initiation and Development, \$2,749

**Hannah Israel**, College of Arts, Solo Exhibition at the Ernest G. Welch Art and Design Gallery, \$2,473

**Daniel Holley**, College of Letters & Sciences, Synthesis and Characterization of High-Performance Polyimides for Post-Combustion Carbon Capture, \$3,578

**Kate Early**, College of Education & Health Professions, Improving Ultrasonography Measurements in Exercise Science, \$4,102

**Kalynn Pistorio**, College of Education & Health Professions, The Use of Technology to Increase Skills of Individuals with Disabilities, \$1,400

**Kerri Taylor**, College of Letters & Sciences, Synthesis and Biological activity of N-substituted benzothiazolium salts as biological agent against ALS cells and the effects of the TDP-43 Protein, \$3,593

### December 2022 to January 2023 external grants award winners:

**Johnnae Roberts**, African American Male Initiative, University System of Georgia, \$20,000

**Ben Kamau**, Affordable Materials Grant, University System of Georgia, \$10,800

## Funding Opportunities

### External Opportunities (via grants.gov):



**National Science Foundation, Experiential Learning for Emerging and Novel Technologies**  
**Deadline: March 2, 2023 (Pilot & Beginnings Track); September 14, 2023 (All tracks)** [\[more information\]](#)

**National Science Foundation, Racial Equity in STEM Education**  
**Deadline: October 10, 2023** [\[more information\]](#)



**National Endowment of the Arts**  
**Deadline: March 27, 2023** [\[more information\]](#)



**NHPRC-Mellon Planning Grants for Collaborative Digital Editions, National Archives and Records Administration**  
**Deadline: June 7, 2023** [\[more information\]](#)

### Internal Opportunities:

Keep your eye out for future opportunities!

## Upcoming Events

### Cougar Pursuit Grant Writing Series

This is a cohort style program offered in collaboration by the Graduate School and the Office of Sponsored Programs



**Monday, March 6th**  
 Reviewer Scoring/Award Management/Compliance  
 10 AM @ Frank Brown Hall (RiverPark Campus) Room 1010



**Monday, April 3rd**  
 Final Checklist/Questions/Celebration  
 10 AM Schuster (Main Campus) Room 130

## Grant Writing Tip

- Before drafting your proposal create a project work plan to layout the big picture of your project.
- Include your goals (no more than two per project), objectives, activities, timeline to accomplish each activity, who is responsible for each task/activity, anticipated outcomes, and the corresponding evaluative method. This will allow you to identify any gaps in your plan before you start writing. It will also help you to see where you are going, like a roadmap.



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