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From The Director's Desk

Happy Autumn Cougar Family!

You are already halfway through the semester. Can you believe it? In two short months the semester will be over.

I would like to extend a huge congratulations to all the faculty and staff who have been actively involved in the proposal development, proposal submission, and project award phases! You all have been doing incredible work for Columbus State University and the students who benefit from your active involvement.

Sponsored programs are an ideal way to fund your research, special projects, and programs. OSP currently manages a little over 50 awards and approximately \$15M. With these dollars, students benefit from participating in scholarly research and real-world experiences making them more competitive and prepared to enter the workforce or continue their studies at the graduate level. This would not be possible without your steadfast commitment to student success and scholarship.

Keep up the great work that you do each day!



Warmest regards,
Dr. [Laneika K. Musalini](#)
Director, Office of Sponsored Programs

Reminders & Deadlines

PAST DUE

(Overdue) August 21, 2023: Spring & Summer Time & Effort Reporting Deadline

If you have a grant managed through OSP, please submit Time & Effort reports for your spring and summer effort to grants@columbusstate.edu today. These were due on **August 21st**. You may request an updated Time & Effort form from OSP.



October 23, 2023: **SciENcv**

SciENcv goes live for NSF submissions.



October 24, 2023: **SPIN PLUS Virtual Workshop**

This workshop will introduce you to the SPIN funding database, which is used to help find grant funding. Please register in LibCal by **October 23rd** at <https://columbusstate.libcal.com/event/11378171>



November 13, 2023: **Cougar Pursuit Kickoff & Networking Event**

Please register in LibCal by **November 8th** at <https://columbusstate.libcal.com/event/11387906>



January 26, 2024: **University Grant Application Deadline**

University grant applications are due by **January 26th!** Please contact your dean about the opportunity to apply or check online at <https://www.columbusstate.edu/academic-affairs/university-grants.php>

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

Real-Time SPIN PLUS Training



October 24th @ 12:00PM: The Office of Sponsored Programs will host a real-time, virtual SPIN PLUS training facilitated by InfoEd.

If you would like to learn more about SPIN PLUS and how to use the program most effectively, please register for this **1-hour training**. You may register at <https://columbusstate.libcal.com/event/11378171>

The Office of Sponsored Programs offers SPIN PLUS, 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.

Gain access to SPIN here: <https://mycsu.columbusstate.edu/resources/sponsored-programs/funding.php>

Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) On Your Side

OSP staff would like to continue providing the best service possible for all constituents. The team works diligently to manage all sponsored grants and contracts, which requires a great deal of focus. **If you would like to meet with an OSP team member, we kindly ask that you schedule an appointment in advance. Appointments may also be scheduled via email.**

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SciENCv Replaces Biosketch for NSF Proposals



To comply with the National Security Presidential Memo 33 (NSPM-33), federal agencies are expanding the types of information that must be disclosed on current and pending/other support and biosketch documents, requiring investigator certification of the accuracy and completeness of this information, and standardizing the reporting forms. A table entitled [NSPM-33 Implementation Guidance Pre- and Post-Award Disclosures Relating to the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending \(Other\) Support](#) lists the types of support and information that must be disclosed. Investigators must disclose all sources of support received through their primary appointments at Columbus State University and any support they receive directly from a source outside of Columbus State University. Federal agencies and Columbus State University strongly encourage the use of Science Experts Network and Curriculum Vitae (SciENCv) and Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) to prepare these documents.

All NSF solicitations closing after October 22, 2023, will require a SciENCv. Formally NSF required the biosketch using the biosketch template, that is no longer. **Biosketches are going away after October 22nd and SciENCv will be required for all application submissions to NSF.** 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 \(nsfpolicyoutreach.com\)](#)

Resource: My colleague, **Dr. Sheila Lischwe**, at Clemson University has graciously agreed to share the webinar that she hosted for her faculty and staff to prepare them for the arrival of SciENCv as a resource. You may access the [video here](#).

Cougar Pursuit Kickoff Is Back!



Cougar Pursuit is a comprehensive grant writing workshop series sponsored by the Office of Sponsored Programs and the Graduate School. The program consists of five workshops that are designed to prepare participants for their grant writing and proposal development journey.

This is a cohort style program. For the second cohort, we are adding a virtual component so that faculty members on both campuses can participate. All faculty members are invited to participate. The program outline and content are the same as the first cohort. See the tentative schedule below. **To attend the upcoming Kick-off & Networking event, please register via LibCal.**

- **November 13, 2023, at 1PM EST:** Kick-off & Networking Event (216 Illges Hall or virtual by request) - **Food will be provided!**
 - **January 9, 2024, at 12:30PM-2:00PM EST** (virtual)
 - **February 6, 2024, at 12:30PM-2:00PM EST** (virtual)
 - **March 5, 2024, at 12:30PM-2:00PM EST** (virtual)
 - **April 2, 2024, at 12:30PM-2:00PM EST** (virtual & in-person)
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Celebrating Newly Funded Projects

From **August 2023 to September 2023**, the following projects were awarded to CSU's faculty. Please help us celebrate our colleagues!

Gregory Blalock, *GOALS, Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities, \$10,000 & Inclusive Post-secondary Education Programs, Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities, \$34,385*

Monica Frazier, *LSAMP, National Science Foundation, \$611,508*

Clifton Ruehl, *Monitoring Stream Conditions, Columbus Water Works, \$14,400*

Rosa Williams, *Georgia Space Grant Consortium, NASA through Georgia Tech, \$10,000*

Congratulations!

Funding Opportunities

External Opportunities (via grants.gov):



Affordable Learning Georgia, Affordable Materials Grant:

Round 24

Deadline: October 30, 2023 [[more information](#)]



National Science Foundation, Enabling Partnerships to Increase Innovation Capacity (EPIIC) NSF 23-634

Deadline: December 15, 2023 [[more information](#)]

Internal Opportunities:

University Grant Application Deadline

Deadline: January 26th

<https://www.columbusstate.edu/academic-affairs/university-grants.php>

Grant Writing Tip

Planning is Key!

Whether you are submitting a new proposal or developing a budget, planning is key. It is good to draw a road map or project work plan for your grant funded projects. This tool will help you to see the big picture while focusing on the minute details of planning, implementing, and executing your project down to the last cent of your budget. Always have an idea of where you are going so that you do not get lost or go over budget. **The grants administrators in OSP can help you build your budget and spend efficiently throughout the life of the grant. Do not hesitate to reach out.**



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