Changes in the Research Office:
What Do They Mean for Your Project?
Submitted by Ruth Landry

Recently, the structure and focus of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) has changed and the infrastructure for sponsored program management at UL Lafayette has expanded. In the past, ORSP managed both the pre-award and non-financial post award functions related to sponsored programs at the university, in addition to managing necessary contractual and research compliance programs. In Spring 2010, the post-award and contractual compliance responsibilities previously handled by the ORSP were assumed by the newly formed unit, Sponsored Programs Finance Administration and Compliance (SPFAC). With this transition, ORSP is now focused on providing enhanced proposal development and pre-award services while continuing to support regulatory research programs.

Who Does What During the Project Life Cycle?
The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) and Sponsored Programs Finance Administration and Compliance (SPFAC) are committed to working together to provide excellent service to the UL Lafayette community throughout the entire sponsored project life cycle.

- Funding Identification Support: ORSP
- Proposal Development Assistance: ORSP
- Internal Proposal Review: ORSP
- Proposal Submission: ORSP
- Pre-Award Communications with Sponsor: ORSP
- Proposal Revisions: ORSP
- Award Negotiation/Acceptance: SPFAC
- Account Set Up: SPFAC
- Subcontract Issuance & Negotiations: SPFAC
- Award Administration & Modifications: SPFAC
- Project Reporting Support: SPFAC
- Project Close-Out: SPFAC

ORSP’s website has a new look! Check us out online:
http://orsp.louisiana.edu
ORSP Welcomes Dr. Twilley

The ORSP enthusiastically welcomes Dr. Robert Twilley as Vice President for Research. On August 15, 2010, he rejoined the UL Lafayette family, having previously served the university as a professor in the Department of Biology, as well as director and founder of UL Lafayette’s Center for Ecology and Environmental Technology. He earned the UL Foundation’s Distinguished Professor Award in 2000. His leadership and expertise are certain to ensure that UL Lafayette continues to develop as one of the Top 100 public research universities in the nation.

NSF Corner:

What Does “Transformative Research” Mean to NSF and What Does that Mean for Your NSF Submission?

As you probably have noticed when preparing proposals to NSF, the concept of transformative research is specifically mentioned in the NSF Intellectual Merit Review criterion. So what does the NSF consider transformative research? According to the NSF website:

Transformative research involves ideas, discoveries, or tools that radically change our understanding of an important existing scientific or engineering concept or educational practice or leads to the creation of a new paradigm or field of science, engineering, or education. Such research challenges current understanding or provides pathways to new frontiers. Transformative research results often do not fit within established models or theories and may initially be unexpected or difficult to interpret; their transformative nature and utility might not be recognized until years later. Characteristics of transformative research are that it:

- challenges conventional wisdom,
- leads to unexpected insights that enable new techniques or methodologies, and/or
- redefines the boundaries of science, engineering, or education.

So what does this mean for your NSF proposal?

NSF indicates that the potentially transformative nature of a proposal is only one of several characteristics considered during the review of a proposal. Though NSF does not specify how much weight is given to whether a proposal has the potential for transformative research when in the funding decision process, NSF states that the potential for transformative research is considered very positively in making a funding decision since promoting and funding potentially transformative research is a priority for the agency. As per the agency’s website, program officers are asked to identify potentially transformative research proposals for funding in all programs. They are also expected to provide guidance to panelists and ad hoc reviewers to identify potentially transformative research proposals in their review.

What if I have any idea for a potentially transformative research idea or approach that does not fit any other NSF program?

In addition to considering the potentially transformative nature of proposals submitted to all NSF programs, there are some NSF mechanisms specifically designed to fund potentially transformative research. One mechanism for new proposals is the Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER). This program can be used to support, “exploratory work in its early stages on untested, but potentially transformative research ideas or approaches. This work could be considered especially “high risk-high payoff” in the sense that it, involves radically different approaches, applies new expertise, or engages novel disciplinary or interdisciplinary perspectives.” If you think you have a proposal for potentially transformative research that is not appropriate for any other NSF program, contact the NSF program officer(s) whose expertise is most germane to the proposal topic. They will determine the appropriateness of the work for consideration under the EAGER mechanism.

For more information about NSF and the concept of transformative research go to: http://www.nsf.gov/about/transformative_research/index.jsp
NIH Corner: NIH Eliminates 2-Day Error Correction Window
Submitted by Ruth Landry

On August 16, 2010, NIH announced that it will be eliminating the 2-day error correction window for proposals submitted through grants.gov beginning with due dates on or after January 25, 2011. NIH joins two other federal agencies (AHRQ and NIOSH) in making this change to ensure consistent and fair deadlines for all applicants and to better align these agencies’ application submission processes with the submission processes of other federal agencies. Official NIH notice on this topic is online http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-10-123.html

NIH currently allows applicants to correct errors or warnings generated by the eRA Commons during the 2 business days after the submission deadline as long as the original application was submitted on time with all appropriate registrations in place. With this change, an error free application must be received by NIH by the deadline. To account for this change, ORSP will make it our goal to submit the NIH proposal through grants.gov at least 2 business days prior to the established deadline. This will allow time to correct errors and warnings generated by eRA Commons; to provide time to review the application in the eRA Commons; and to submit a revised application, if necessary, before the deadline. Remember that all institutional approvals must still be obtained prior to submission, so please provide adequate time for internal review prior to the submission deadline.

Oil Spill Related Projects Funded By NSF RAPID AWARDS
Submitted by Alise Hagan

The Rapid Response Research (RAPID) funding mechanism at NSF is used for proposals having a severe urgency with regard to availability of, or access to data, facilities or specialized equipment, including quick-response research on natural or anthropogenic disasters and similar unanticipated events. Two teams of UL Lafayette researchers proposed and were awarded RAPID projects related to effects of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Investigators: Suzanne Fredericq (Biology), Darryl Felder (Biology)
Title: Impacts of the Deepwater Horizon crude oil spill on the diversity of macroalgae and macrocrustaceans inhabiting deepwater hard banks in the NW, NE and SE Gulf of Mexico
Program: Global System Science
Amount: $185,608 for one year.

Investigators: Azmy Ackleh (Math), Nabendu Pal (Math), Natalia Sidorovskaia (Physics)
Title: Modeling of Short-Term and Long-Term Marine Mammal Population Trends in the Vicinity of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Using Passive Acoustic Monitoring Cues
Program: Mathematical Biology (Office of Multidisciplinary AC)
Amount: $192,197 for one year

BORSF Central! Programs, Deadlines, Resources & MORE
Submitted by Alise Hagan

Deadlines for the FY 2010-2011 Board of Regents Support Fund Programs (BORSF) are right around the corner. Get ready by visiting BORSF Central – your one-stop-shop for all things BORSF – available online at http://orsp.louisiana.edu. There you’ll find the following resources to assist you in writing a competitive BORSF proposal:

- Budget templates and narrative outlines
- Eligible disciplines, program deadlines, and submission information
- Dates, times, and locations for BORSF-specific training sessions, including: RCS, ITRS, Enhancement, and ATLAS sessions, one-on-one sessions with the BORSF program managers, and one-on-one session your pre-award administrator (also see the Training Calendar in this newsletter for more information!)
- Links to Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and Consultants’ Reports available on the BOR website: http://web.laregents.org/programs/borsf-programs/

Remember that your Pre-Award Administrator is a valuable resource as well. She can share with you copies of top ranked proposals in your discipline from past competition cycles, and will thoroughly review your proposal package (including narrative and budget) prior to submission.

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BORSF Central!  Continued from page 3

Research Competitiveness Subprogram

The RCS program is available to researchers who are currently not competitive for federal support but show strong potential for achieving national research competitiveness in an area funded by the federal government. Research funded through this subprogram must make fundamental contributions to knowledge in eligible disciplines rather than simply seek to apply existing knowledge.

Eligible Disciplines:
Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, Computer & Information Sciences, Earth/Environmental Sciences, Engineering A, Mathematics, Physics/Astronomy, Social Sciences

Important Deadlines:
Sept 9: BOR required Notice of Intent due to ORSP
Sept 20: NOTICE OF INTENT DUE TO BOR VIA LOGAN
Oct 6: Submit proposal to Dean
Oct 13: Proposal due to ORSP from Deans
Nov 8: PROPOSAL DUE TO BOR

Industrial Ties Research Subprogram

ITRS supports research efforts that show significant potential for contributing to the development and diversification of Louisiana’s economy in the near term. Funded projects are required to involve significant private sector or Federal funding or, at a minimum, include a plan to leverage substantial Federal or private sector funding in the near future; and link research efforts to existing Louisiana business or industry.

Eligible Industries:
Data & Telecommunications, Environmental Technologies, Existing Principal Industries (ex.Petrochemicals & Agribusiness), Food Technologies, Louisiana Culture & History, Materials, Medical & Biomedical, Micro Manufacturing

Important Deadlines:
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Nov 1: PROPOSAL DUE TO BOR

Traditional Enhancement

The Traditional Enhancement Program provides funds to develop the infrastructure of academic, research, or agricultural units and promote the State’s economic development. A spectrum of enhancement activities, from equipment purchases to curricular redesign, are allowed and encouraged. Most disciplines are eligible on a rotating basis. Traditional Enhancement also encompasses a special Multidisciplinary subprogram.

Eligible Disciplines:
Business, Chemistry, Education, Mathematics, Physics/Astronomy

Important Deadlines:
Sept 2: Email ORSP your Intent to Apply
Sept 22: Submit proposal to Dean
Sept 29: Proposal due to ORSP from Deans
Oct 25: DUE TO BOR

Awards to Louisiana Artists & Scholars

The ATLAS Program provides support to faculty members in arts, humanities, and social sciences disciplines to complete major scholarly and artistic productions with the potential to have a broad impact on a regional, national, and/or international level. The primary focus of ATLAS is the scholarly or artistic merit of the proposed work. Projects are assessed based on their necessity, importance, originality, and likelihood to have an impact on a broad academic and/or artistic community.

Eligible Disciplines:
Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences

Important Deadlines:
Sept 2: BOR required Notice of Intent due to ORSP
Oct 8: NOTICE OF INTENT DUE TO BOR
Oct 20: Submit proposal to Dean
Oct 27: Proposal due to ORSP from Deans
Nov 22: PROPOSAL DUE TO BOR

Graduate Fellows Program

The program provides fellowships to promote recruitment of superior graduate students in various disciplines. UL Lafayette can only submit one application per eligible discipline, so all interested applicants must contact the dean of the Graduate School.

Eligible Disciplines:
Agriculture, Biological Sciences, Business, Chemistry, Computer & Information Sciences, Earth & Environmental Sciences, Education, Engineering A & B, Health & Medical Sciences, Mathematics, Physics/Astronomy

Important Deadlines:
Nov 15: PROPOSAL DUE TO BOR
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Join the conversation.
Get the latest news and announcements from ORSP.

User Name: ULLafayetteORSP
Welcome: Robin Blanchard  
Submitted by Abby Patterson

Robin Blanchard joined ORSP in July of 2010 as the Administrative Assistant after 13 years with the Rapides Parish Sheriff’s Department. She serves as the first point of contact for ORSP, receiving telephone calls and visitors, and making referrals and appointments as necessary. Robin assists with the routing of proposals and administrative paperwork for the office, formatting FundingNotice prior to distribution, and scheduling meetings and training events. Robin has recently moved to the Lafayette area and is looking forward to working with UL Lafayette faculty and staff.

FundingNotice:  
Take Our Survey & Make FN Work for You  
Submitted by Abby Patterson

Since January of 2009, ORSP has compiled and distributed issues of FundingNotice to faculty and staff email inboxes advertising funding opportunities available from federal, state, and private agencies. We are committed to continuing this service and are exploring ways to improve its effectiveness, but we need your help!

We invite you to share your thoughts on FundingNotice. Tell us:

- Is FundingNotice helpful to you in finding opportunities that meet your research interests?
- Is there a better way for us to deliver this information to you?
- Are we sending the information you need as often as you need it?
- What are some keywords that are representative of your research interests?

Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey to assist us in fulfilling our mission to support our community of scholars. Your participation is much appreciated! The survey can be found at the following link (It is really short...we promise!):

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ORSPFundingNotice

If you are not receiving FundingNotice in your inbox, email orsp@louisiana.edu to be added to the mailing list.

Top 10 Reasons to Visit ORSP’s NEW Website  
Submitted by Abby Patterson

10. User-Friendly & Attractive Design!  
The new website was designed with YOU in mind. Resources for finding funding proposal development, submission, and compliance are just a click away.

Check out the “Investigator Toolbox”: it’s full of policies, procedures, and supplementary documents relevant to proposal development, budget, and research compliance.

8. Get to know your ORSP Staff!  
Uncertain who your Pre-Award Administrator is? Have a compliance question? Not sure who to contact in ORSP? Check out the Staff Directory, in the “About ORSP” section!

7. Funding Resources!  
Check out “Finding Funding” for links to searchable databases, email alert services, agency sponsor links, CISE and SMARTS/GENIUS/SPIN information, and archived versions of FundingNotice.

6. Proposal Development & Grant Writing Resources!  
Need information on what to include in the Broader Impacts section for an NSF proposal? The ORSP website offers general agency and program specific information and links to assist you in writing a successful proposal to any agency.

5. Easy to Find Rates & Institutional Information!  
What are the current indirect and fringe rates? Who is the university’s authorized representative? How much should I budget for tuition? You can find all these answers and much more under “Rates & Institutional Information”.

4. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)!  
Find answers to nearly 40 of your most burning questions about proposal development, internal review, approval, and submission in the ORSP FAQs, located in “Proposal Preparation & Submission”.

3. Education and training for new & seasoned investigators!  
The “Education and Training” section lets you peruse the list of upcoming ORSP trainings held on-campus; link to online training; and access other training materials.

2. Excel Budget Worksheets & Effort Calculator!  
Budget not adding up? Use the budget worksheets – it does the work for you by automatically calculating fringe and indirect costs. Don’t forget to check out the effort calculator – and many other resources too – in the “Investigator Toolbox”.

1. Samples & Templates Now Available!  
Need assistance writing a budget justification or NSF postdoc mentoring plan? Having trouble completing a Grants.gov application package? The “Investigator Toolbox” is full of samples and templates to assist you.
Fall 2010 Training Calendar

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**Session Descriptions**

**Finding Funding & Proposal Basics:**
All you need to know about finding funding, and preparing and submitting proposals at UL Lafayette.

**BORSF Program Information Sessions:**
Eligibility requirements, deadlines, and important program-specific information for each of the BORSF programs (RCS, ITRS, ENH, ATLAS).

**BORSF Program Managers Visit:**
Sign up for a 15 minute session with a Program Manager from the Board of Regents to ask them your proposal-specific questions.

**IACUC Webinars:**
Obtain insights and Q&A regarding the responsibilities of oversight of live vertebrate animal research, and understand IACUC function and its regulatory requirements.

**One-on-One with Pre-Award Administrators:**
Your Pre-Award Administrator is coming to a location near you! Come and go as you please at this informal meet-and-greet. Bring questions about your BORSF proposals or about any other proposals in the works.

**Writing Successful Proposals:**
Learn secrets of writing successful proposals during this webinar.

**Budget Development: Techniques and Tips:**
Budget basics at its best.

**Foundation Funding:**
Finding and preparing proposals for foundations.

**NIH Short Form:**
Learn how to incorporate the recent changes to the NIH Short Form into your proposal package.

**Locating Funding Opportunities:**
COS, SMARTS/GENIUS, grants.gov – we’ll teach you how to maneuver these search engines and customize searches for your research interests.

Want to register?
Contact ORSP!
rlb@louisiana.edu or 2-5811
Research Compliance Corner  Submitted by Robin Broussard

Welcome back, everyone! Stay up to date on guidelines and form revisions by checking the Research Compliance Website http://orsp.louisiana.edu/compliance/index.shtml. Don’t know if your research needs approval or which committee Chair to contact? Then contact Dr. Robin Broussard, Research Compliance Coordinator, for assistance (robin.broussard@louisiana.edu or 2-1419).

IACUC

The Guide for Care and Use of Lab Animals: A prepublication version of the 8th edition of the Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals is available online http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12910. The print version is expected in the fall or winter. This will be the Guide used as a reference for IACUC inspections and review of animal procedure statements in the future, so take a look at it!

Pain and Distress in Fish Article: The IACUC office has a copy of the ILAR Journal issue on Pain and Distress in Fish (Vol. 50(4)). Contact Robin to review this issue.

IBC

New Chair: Dr. Tom Pesacreta will serve as the IBC Chair beginning this fall. Please forward all applications for using recombinant DNA, select agents or other biosafety items to Dr. Pesacreta in the Biology Department. He may be contacted via email (tcp9769@louisiana.edu) or phone (2-5769).

BMBL 5: The CDC has published the final version of Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL), 5th edition. A free PDF is available online at http://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/BMBL.pdf. The IBC will be using the 5th edition for review of research applications.

IRB

New Chair: Dr. Nicole Mueller will serve as the IRB Chair beginning this fall. Please forward applications for research using human subjects or private information to Dr. Mueller in the Communicative Disorders Department. She may be contacted via email (nmueller@louisiana.edu) or phone (2-6489).

NIH Online Training: Reminder!! Everyone performing research with human subjects must complete the NIH online training (http://phrp.nihtraining.com/users/login.php) and turn in a certificate of completion!

RSC

Chair/Radiation Safety Officer: Dr. Gary Glass has been appointed the Chair and Radiation Safety Officer. Please contact Dr. Glass concerning usage of radioactive materials or radiation producing devices. He may be contacted via email (glass@louisiana.edu) or phone (2-6184).

Radiation Manual, Forms Available Online:
Forms for obtaining permission and using radioactive materials and radiation producing devices: http://orsp.louisiana.edu/compliance/usrc.shtml.