Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy Thanksgiving from the Division of Research!

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Events
Previously announced events are listed here: Events and Workshops

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- Florida Institute of Oceanography
  New opportunities are available through the FIO. Please follow this link to view: http://fio.usf.edu/opportunities

- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Funding Opportunities
  Please visit the following websites if you are interested in applying for any of the grants:
  Noguchi Post-Doctoral Training Fellowship in Infectious Diseases - Due November 30

- DEADLINE APPROACHING! Faculty Research Seed Grant Program

Proposals due December 2
The Division of Research is pleased to announce the Faculty Research Seed Grant Program with a total funding available of $350,000. The third year of this program strives to foster increased extramural funding by facilitating the development of innovative research collaborations. The maximum award amounts are now $25,000 for Collaborative Awards and $7,500 for Individual Awards. A principal investigator may apply for both a Collaborative and an Individual award.

The objectives of the seed grant program are to:

- Encourage groups of researchers to collaborate on new avenues of research that otherwise would not be possible if explored independently.
- Assist early stage researchers to establish themselves as independent investigators by facilitating a record of preliminary research that will lead to successful grant applications in the future.
- Support researchers who received favorable reviews for their proposals but were unsuccessful with funding due to recommendations to perform additional research or testing.

While the competition strives to support excellence in all areas of funded research, an important aspect to consider this year is the opportunity for undergraduate students to work on the project as part of the Distinction Through Discovery QEP program. The number of awards funded will depend on the quality and types of proposals submitted.
For more information about applying for the Faculty Research Seed Grant Program, click http://dorsrv1.fau.edu/SeedGrant.
**Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative Grant Competition**

**Pre-proposal Due January 15, 2014**

Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative (GoMRI) announced that it plans to award up to $105 million to support research consortia investigating the effect, and the potential associated impact, of hydrocarbon releases on the environment and public health, as well as to develop improved spill mitigation, oil detection, characterization, and remediation technologies. The funding under this program, known as RFP-IV, will support research in the Gulf of Mexico conducted by consortia of four or more institutions between 2015 and 2017. It is anticipated that each team will be funded at levels between $1 million and $7.5 million per year. For more information, visit: www.gulfresearchinitiative.org.

**Division of Research Active Internal Awards**

The Division of Research would like to remind you that, in addition to the currently open Faculty Seed Grant Awards, three other award opportunities are available:

- Researcher and Scholar of the Year: Applications due January 27, 2014
- Faculty Mentoring program: Applications due January 10, 2014
- Dissertation Year Award: Applications due March 21, 2014

Information about these awards can be found at: http://www.fau.edu/research/internal_awards.php.

- Previously announced funding opportunities are listed here: Sponsored Programs Funding Opportunities

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW! Seeking Input: Decadal Survey of Ocean Sciences (DSOS 2015)**

The National Research Council is conducting a Decadal Survey of Ocean Sciences (DSOS 2015) and is interested in your input. The purpose of this decadal study, sponsored by the NSF, is to “develop a list of the top ocean science priorities for the next decade in the context of the current state of knowledge, ongoing research activities, and resource availability. The DSOS committee’s report will present a compelling research strategy for increased understanding of the oceans over the decade 2015-2025.”

The DSOS committee feels strongly that this report must be informed by broad and thoughtful community input from across the entire spectrum of ocean sciences. One of the ways we are soliciting community input is through a Virtual Town Hall: http://nas-sites.org/dsos2015/. The site provides more detailed information on the committee’s statement of task, as well as a complete list of the DSOS committee members. Please go to the website and contribute your comments regarding the top ocean science priorities for the next decade.

- **NEW! Stay signed up for Research-L**

OIT has identified close to 400 email addresses in the Research-L Listserv list that consistently send back “undeliverable” messages. In an effort to maintain the Research Listserv, OIT will be removing those email addresses from the list. If you, or any of your colleagues, stop receiving Research-L (which is the way this news blast is distributed) you will need to opt-in again at the following link: http://www.fau.edu/research/researchcomm/rsch-l.php.

- **grantsERA Scheduled Interruption**

**December 11, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

The Office of Sponsored Programs will be upgrading computer hardware for its grantsERA portal. Please note that grantsERA will not be accessible on December 11, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. in order to allow the Division of Research IT Department to migrate the application to a more robust server. Please plan your use of grantsERA accordingly. We appreciate your cooperation.

- **Request to Receive Graduate Tuition Benefits for Graduate Research Assistants**

Principal Investigators (PI) requesting a tuition waiver for graduate research assistants -- either because the funding source of a research grant or contract does not allow for the budgeting and payment of graduate tuition or the funding source of a research grant or contract does allow for tuition to be paid but the PI is requesting a tuition...
waiver anyway -- the PI must submit the Request to Receive Graduate Tuition Benefits for Graduate Research Assistants form. This form must be submitted and approved by the appropriate Proposal and Contract Administrator in the Office of Sponsored Programs at least 15 days prior to the sponsor’s submission deadline. Once approved, this form must be submitted along with the proposal to the Office of Sponsored Programs.

The form is accessible either via the following path: Graduate College/Faculty and Staff/Important University Policies/Graduate Assistantships page under Faculty/Staff Resources in the menu area or at the following Graduate College Forms link: http://www.fau.edu/graduate/currentstudents/graduateforms/index.php.

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**FAU Research in the News**

**FAU and Peaceful Mind/Peaceful Life Offer Workshops on Seeking Inner Peace** - November 19, 2013

**FAU Student Team Selected to Participate in 2014 Maritime RobotX Challenge** - November 14, 2013

**FAU Partner 'Go SOLAR-Florida' Receives Department of Energy Grant to Increase Use of Solar Energy** – November 8, 2013

**FAU Engineering Honor Society Students Promote STEM in Local Schools with MindSET Program** - October 23, 2013

**FAU’s Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine 1 of 15 Nationally to Receive Planning Grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to Increase the Diversity of the NIH-funded Workforce** - October 23, 2013

**FAU Faculty Awarded NIH Grant to Study Effect of 'Sit N Fit' Chair Yoga Program on Osteoarthritis Patients** - October 23, 2013

**FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine Researchers Call for More Research on Alternative Medicine Therapies for Low Back Pain** - October 21, 2013

**FAU Harbor Branch to Host National Workshop on Global Issues Facing Estuaries** – October 18, 2013

**FAU’s Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine Professor is Senior Author on American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists Consensus Statement on Diabetes-cancer Relationship** - October 15, 2013

**FAU Professor to Serve as German Research Ambassador** – October 9, 2013

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