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Nominations open for achievement, promise, multidisciplinary awards

The Office of Research is soliciting nominations for three Chancellor's Awards for 2013 recognizing faculty who have shown exceptional professional promise, scholarly achievement, or multidisciplinary accomplishment.

Four faculty members will be chosen for the **Chancellor's Award for Research and Creative Achievement**. The awards will recognize tenured faculty who have received national and/or international recognition in their field and have shown that research and creative achievement are integral to the mission of the university. Only faculty with more than 10 years of professional experience beyond their terminal degree (by the end of 2012-2013) are eligible for nomination.

Four junior faculty will be selected for the **Chancellor's Award for Professional Promise in Research and Creative Achievement**. The awards will recognize faculty members ranked as assistant or associate professor who have received national and/or international recognition in their fields and show professional promise. Nominees must have less than 10 years in a tenured or tenure-track post, with a minimum of three years of service on the faculty of the University of Tennessee.

Small academic departments can nominate one faculty member in each category. Larger departments (20 or more faculty members) can submit two nominations.

Awardees in both categories will receive a certificate at the Chancellor's Honors Banquet on April 8, 2013, and a monetary award of \$3,000.

Nominations are also being accepted for the **Chancellor's Award for Success in Multidisciplinary Research**. This award — given in 2012 for the first time — honors a university research team that has succeeded in gaining major external resources and recognition for its multidisciplinary research.

Teams eligible for nomination must be composed of faculty from more than one academic college who have had success at gaining external resources and recognition for their team research. Nominees must have a minimum of three years of service on the UT Knoxville faculty.

Each academic department or budgetary unit, including research centers, can nominate one team.

The awards committee of the Research Council will screen nominations for all three awards and make recommendations to the associate vice chancellor. Nominations are made to

Research Awards Committee
1534 White Avenue
Campus 1529
Attn.: Ms. Jane Taylor

Key date for all nominations: Friday, January 25, 2013, at 12:00 noon — submission of original of cover sheet with signatures and one copy of supporting materials

Details

Research & Creative Achievement
<http://research.utk.edu/ca/carca.shtml>
Professional Promise
<http://research.utk.edu/ca/cappirca.shtml>
Success in Multidisciplinary Research
<http://research.utk.edu/ca/multi.shtml>

Other Chancellor's Award nominations sought

Notable UT Woman Award
Angie Warren Perkins Award
(Contact: papke@utk.edu)

Gene Mitchell Gray Pioneer Award and
Hardy Liston Symbol of Hope Award
(Details: <http://web.utk.edu/~cfb/awards>)

NIH sets spring 2013 as deadline for total compliance with public access policy

Processing of NIH noncompeting continuation awards will be delayed starting in spring 2013 if publications generated from those awards have not been posted on PubMed Central, the electronic archive for the agency.

The National Institutes of Health published notice of the upcoming reporting changes on November 16, 2012. The original requirements were initiated to make the results of NIH-supported research available to the public which funds it. Since the policy went into effect, some 1.5 million papers have been posted to PubMed Central, and more than 700,000 papers are downloaded daily.

Sally Rockey, NIH deputy director for extramural research, discussed the new reporting process in her blog on November 16, 2012. Rockey said that NIH researchers have complied with the public access policy "at an impressive rate" since it was first implemented in 2008.

"But there are still publications — and as a consequence, NIH awards — that are not in compliance," she wrote. "Thus, as of spring 2013 at the earliest, we will begin to hold processing of noncompeting continuation awards if publications arising from grant awards are not in compliance. . . ."

Rockey suggests that principal investigators work the reporting compliance into their planning process as they begin to write their papers. The agency has enhanced its "My NCBI" site to make collaboration on papers easier.

"We are giving funded organizations at least five months to prepare for our new process, and we hope you will use this time to assure that publications are in compliance with the policy long before this change in process begins," Rockey said.

Rockey advises researchers to review their publications list now and enter those papers that have received NIH support in the past year, so that they are in compliance in advance of the deadline.

Rockey blog: <http://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2012/11/16/improving-public-access-to-research-results/>

NIH Notice # NOT-OD-12-160: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-160.html>

NIH Public Access policy: <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/index.htm>

Proposal deadlines during the holidays

The University of Tennessee will be closed December 24-28, 2012, and January 1, 2013.

Faculty who have a proposal due in that period **must** ensure that their proposal is received in sponsored programs no later than

Monday, December 17, 2012.

Faculty who have proposals due the first week in January should submit their proposals to the Sponsored Programs unit as early as possible for proper review and submission.

NSF announces changes in Grants Proposal Guide for 2013

By David Smelser

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has released its Grants Proposal Guide for the upcoming year. On January 14, 2013, numerous changes will go into effect. These include several changes to how proposal sections are written as well as how they are prepared in NSF's Fastlane submission portal. For a summary of all the changes, visit NSF's website below. If you should have questions, contact me at dsmelser@utk.edu or 974-1840.

Details: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf13001/gpg_sigchanges.jsp

Applications sought for NIMBioS director

The National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis at UT is seeking applications for persons interested in directing the National Science Foundation program.

Details: <http://nimbios.org/positions/>

FY13 budgeting process starts for UTK organized research units

Budget proposals will be due February 8, 2013, for all current UTK Organized Research Units, as well as newly proposed ORUs. This announcement begins the annual competitive budget development process for ORUs that are seeking continued or new campus-level funding support. ORUs will need to prepare written progress reviews and funding proposals. Selected ORU directors will then be invited to give public presentations on their proposals and take questions at hearings that will be scheduled for early March 2013.

Key date: February 8, 2013, at close of business — submission of budget proposals

Details: <http://research.utk.edu/orus/>

EURēCA arrangements announced

The University of Tennessee 17th annual Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement will be held March 18-19, 2013, in the University Center Ballroom. The event highlights research and creative projects completed by UTK students in collaboration with a faculty mentor.

Key dates: January 25, 2013 — application forms due February 20, 2013 — abstracts due

Details: <http://research.utk.edu/undergrad/>

Outreach grants awarded to 8 UT projects

UT Outreach Incentive Grants have been made to eight projects seeking to extend their engagement with the community. Winners of the competition are **Clara Lee Brown**, family literacy; **Stephanie Cramer**, art in university-assisted schools; **Eugene Fitzhugh**, safe routes to school; **Susan Groenke**, high school seniors writing well; **Lynn Hodge**, partnerships in mathematics; **Alice Layton**, microbial diversity study for high schools; **Sally Parish**, student leadership and service ambassadors; and **Paul Terry**, colorectal cancer screenings.

Details: <http://service.utk.edu/2012-outreach-incentive-grant-winners/>

Tennessee Bureau of Health Services seeks to let contract for breast-feeding hotline

The Bureau of Health Services intends to secure a contract to provide a statewide, toll-free, dial-in, telephone-based assistance program known as the Tennessee Breastfeeding Hotline. The purpose of the hotline is to foster the healthy development of children by providing expert information about breastfeeding and lactation care to nursing mothers, their families and partners, expectant parents, and health care providers. The term of the contract shall be from February 1, 2013, through December 31, 2017.

NOTE: This request for proposals is a revision of an RFP published earlier in 2012.

Key date: January 7, 2013 — submission of proposal

Details: <http://tn.gov/generalserv/purchasing/ocr/documents/34353-13813.pdf>

November issue of funding newsletter posted

The November 2012 issue of *Research Development & Grant-Writing Newsletter* (Vol. 3, No. 3) is available on the Office of Research website, showcasing the following features and columns:

- No Tweaking, No Nudging, No Band Aids
- The Role of BAAs in Your Funding Strategies
- The Role of Context in a Successful Proposal
- Why Formatting Is Important
- Research Grant-Writing Topics in Brief
- Research Grant-Writing Web Resources
- Educational Grant-Writing Resources
- Agency Research News
- Agency Reports, Workshops & Roadmaps
- New Funding Opportunities
- About Academic Research Funding Strategies

NOTE: The newsletter is proprietary to Academic Research Funding Strategies LLC. The Office of Research subscription requires faculty and staff to use their net ID and login. The login process does not support all browsers.

Details: <http://research.utk.edu/news/rdgw.shtml>

Departments set nomination standards for Scholar-of-the-Week award

The UTK Office of Research awards the designation "Scholar of the Week" to faculty members, graduate students, and undergraduates in recognition of significant research, scholarship, and creative accomplishments.

Faculty scholars can be nominated only by deans, department heads, or other faculty members. Student scholars may be nominated by dean, department heads, or other faculty members, and by students who have validating information. Students must be recognized by peers as independent and original researchers, as verified by their record of publications or other scholarly achievements.

"Each department has a distinctive sense of what counts as a genuinely important research accomplishment," said Alan Rutenberg, who oversees the award process in the Office of Research. "We like to feature those members of the departments whose research accomplishments during the past 12 months count as important according to the high standards of the department."

Multiple nominations from departments are welcomed, and previously nominated scholars remain eligible for additional nominations.

Contact: Alan Rutenberg (arutenberg@utk.edu)

Details: <http://quest.utk.edu/scholar-of-the-week/>

Research training courses open for signups

The spring 2013 grant-writing workshop schedule has been posted and is open for registration.

Details: <http://research.utk.edu/training/>

Compliance training in IRB/human subjects research, responsible conduct of research, conflicts of interest, and export control are available online.

NOTE: Human subjects training is now required on for all investigators, co-investigators, and advisors on projects involving human subjects.

Details: <http://research.utk.edu/training/cal-comply.shtml>

Contact: ortraining@utk.edu

UT web site follows 'fiscal cliff' developments

As the federal sequestration of funds approaches at the beginning of 2013, the White House and Congress are in negotiations about how to balance budget cuts and revenue increases to avoid triggering the requirements of the 2012 legislation. The UT Office of Research is providing a web page that will update UT faculty and program personnel on late-breaking events, the background of the controversy, and its potential impact on university research and sponsored programs.

Up-to-date information will be available at http://research.utk.edu/fiscal_cliff

