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UT-CVM Research Funding on the Rise (Again)

Research and sponsored program funding at the CVM is on path to break another record this fiscal year. Since July 2005, the CVM has been awarded over $6.3 million in external funding.

Dr. David Milhorn, UT’s Vice President for Research, says that UT’s funding totals represent the confidence the research world has in UT “as a resource for advanced research, skilled instruction and training, and timely public service.”

Several of our researchers have already been awarded funding this quarter. In just three months, researchers at the CVM have been awarded $1,046,786. See page 3 for a breakdown of the total.


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Funding Deadlines Drawing Near

**Deadline** | **Sponsor** | **Program** | **$ Amount/yr.** | **URL**
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Apr. 15 | American Association for Lab Animal Science | Education/outreach programs for lab animal use | 30K +/- foundation. | aalas.org/
Apr. 21 | UT-CVM | Center of Excellence | up to 15K & 30K | Contact Lauren Witt
Apr. 24 | Lance Armstrong Foundation | Basic/clinical testicular cancer | 50K up to 2 yrs; 75K up to 3 yrs | www.livestrong.org
Apr. 27 | U.S. Army | Basic bio, life, cognitive, & neural sciences; and chemistry | 100K-400K | www.aro.army.mil/baa
Apr. 30 | Alternatives Research and Development Foundation | Reduce or replace animal models | 40K | www.ardf-online.org

New Faces

Filling the technical editor position for the college is Misty Bailey. Misty holds a master’s degree in English and previously taught English composition and literature at UT and several other area colleges. Misty says of her new job, “It’s very similar to grading student papers, except the writing is much better, I don’t have to assign grades, and people actually appreciate my comments!”

She also has editing and grant proposal preparation experience. Should you seek editing work, take your manuscripts, grant proposals, and other documents by her office in A306 or e-mail them to mbailey@utk.edu.

The Comparative and Experimental Medicine Graduate Program welcomed two new students for spring 2006.

Dr. Angela Lushy (inset, top) received her B.V.M. from UT in 2004 and is pursuing a Ph.D. under the direction of Drs. Claudia Kirk and Joe Bartges. Her research will focus on using positron emission tomography technology to detect the presence of pancreatic islet cell amyloid in cats. Pancreatic amyloid is increased in type II diabetes and is thought to cause islet cell destruction.

Dr. Ferenc Toth (inset, bottom) is a veterinarian from Hungary pursuing an M.S. degree under Dr. Nick Frank. Dr. Toth completed a large animal internship here in 2005. His research will focus on the effects of endotoxemia on glucose dynamics in horses.

Graduate Student Recently Overheard Saying . . .

“I’m looking for some quiet space of my own away from home and the lab, you know, to use just to store a few books and study.”

Look no further. Hodges Library on the main campus has graduate carrels available.

Located on floors three through six, these reserved desks are available to currently enrolled graduate students throughout the year, and they have ample desktop area. Books may be checked out to the carrel for the entire academic year.

Contact the Hodges Library circulation department at 974-4351 for more information.

Pendergrass Library’s Research Page Gets Makeover

Besides finding pertinent literature, what has a library got to do with research? Everything.

Our Pendergrass Library contains Web links specifically for researchers. There, you will find practical books to assist you in writing grant proposals and manuscripts as well as resources to help you convey your message visually through PowerPoint and illustrations.

If it’s help with statistics or EndNote you seek, the library’s Web page can point you in the right direction. And of course you can find online versions of just about every scientific journal via the library’s databases.

Contact Ann Viera for more information, and if you haven’t been taking advantage of the library’s services, take a look at what you’re missing:


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Community of Science

Community of Science (COS) is a research opportunity tool that allows registered users to receive funding alerts, search for experts in their field, and conduct literature research all in one location.

Funding alerts can be defined by each user so that only relevant funding opportunities are sent to an e-mail box. Up to five funding criteria sets can be created to search over 22,000 records that represent over 400,000 research opportunities worth more than $33 billion.

The COS expertise search feature allows users to browse over 480,000 profiles from over 1,600 institutions. Users may search by expertise, keyword, region, institution, or name to find research collaborators perfectly suited to their interests.

Using COS’s reference services, from one location, users can access several scientific databases, including MEDLINE, GeoREF, AGRICOLA, Federal Register, FedBizOpps/Commerce Business Daily, Funded Research, and U.S. Patents.

Anyone can set up a free account by visiting www.cos.com.

Over $1 Million in External Funding Awarded This Quarter

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Recent Publications...


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