Office of Research Development

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Mission

The Office of Research Development promotes, stimulates and advances the diverse research enterprise across Northwestern University through:

• Facilitating collaborations and interdisciplinary programs
• Supporting the pursuit of funding opportunities
• Promoting the submission of outstanding proposals
• Guiding early career investigators
Funding Opportunities

- ORD focuses on Federal Funding: NIH, NSF, DoD, DoE, NEH…
- Northwestern Office of Foundation Relations
  [http://www.northwestern.edu/foundationrelations/](http://www.northwestern.edu/foundationrelations/)
- FSM Foundation Relations
- Northwestern Office of Corporate Engagement
  [http://corporate.northwestern.edu/about/index.html](http://corporate.northwestern.edu/about/index.html)
- FSM Corporate Partnerships & Business Development
ORD Supports the Pursuit of Funding Opportunities

Anticipate, monitor, identify and disseminate funding opportunities and related information to targeted investigators

- Large biomedical and physical sciences federal grants
  - FSM Research Office sends NIH TOC
- “Limited Submission” funding opportunities
- Disseminates Foundation and Corporate funding opportunities
- Cleared Concepts - NIH
- Notice of Intent to Publish a FOA – NIH
- Dear Colleague Letters – NSF
- Information of new federal funding initiatives in collaboration with OGR
- Social Sciences and Humanities grants
Diversify Your Portfolio – Federal Funding

- NSF [nsf.gov/funding](http://nsf.gov/funding)

  - Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis; Autism; Bone Marrow Failure; Breast Cancer; Defense Medical Research and Development; Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; Gulf War Illness; Joint Warfighter Medical (Coming Soon); Lung Cancer; Military Burn (Coming Soon); Multiple Sclerosis; Neurofibromatosis; Neurotoxin Exposure Treatment Parkinson's Research; Orthotics and Prosthetics Outcomes; Ovarian Cancer; Peer Reviewed Alzheimer’s; Peer Reviewed Cancer; Peer Reviewed Medical; Peer Reviewed Orthopedic; Prostate Cancer; Psychological Health/Traumatic Brain Injury; Spinal Cord Injury; Trauma Clinical Research Repository (Coming Soon); Tuberous Sclerosis Complex; Vision
Diversify Your Portfolio – Non-Federal Opportunities

• Foundations

• Professional Societies

• Corporate funding
  o Baxter – also postdocs

• Internal (aka pilot, seed) funding
  o Cancer Center, NUCATS, NMF Research, Brain tumor institute, The Alzheimer’s Disease Core Center (ADCC) …
Where Can You Find Funding Opportunities?

• Email announcements from ORD

• We provide free access and guidance on using funding opportunities data bases:
  
  o **SciVal Funding** [www.funding.scival.com](http://www.funding.scival.com)
    
    ✓ Does not require log-in or password from campus
  
  o **COS Pivot** [pivot.cos.com/funding_main](http://pivot.cos.com/funding_main)
    
    ✓ Need to set log-in and password
  
    o Search regularly by using appropriate key words and filters
  
    o Set up email alerts

• Federal agencies websites, search and set up alerts:
  
  o [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
  
Where Can You Find Funding Opportunities?

• Foundation Directory on-line:
  ✓ http://www.library.northwestern.edu/
  ✓ Click on “electronic journals”
  ✓ Type: Foundation Directory Online
  ✓ Click on Foundation Directory Online and follow the prompts
  ✓ Sign in with NU NetID and password

• For Foundations related information contact FSM Foundation Relations Senior Associate Director, Traci Galbaugh t-galbaugh@northwestern.edu
Finding Collaborators

• Contact ORD

• Northwestern Scholars
  http://www.scholars.northwestern.edu/

• FSM Profiles
  http://fsmweb.northwestern.edu/faculty/
ORD Promotes the Submission of Outstanding Proposals

- Reach out to new faculty, present at new faculty orientations
- Provides personalized service to faculty from all disciplines (smaller scale proposals, single investigator, etc)
  - Clarify and confirm sponsor’s expectations and guidelines
  - Enhance faculty communications with program officers
  - Advise on strategic approaches to developing a proposal
- Outreach
  - “ORD Presents” workshops (NSF CAREER, Limited Submissions, NIH P30...)
  - Organize federal agencies grant writing workshops
  - Provide institutional subscription to research development and grant writing resources
  - Manage the Institutional Limited Submissions Process
Limited Submission (LS)

- Funding opportunities that the number of applications submitted from any given institution is limited by the sponsor

- ORD manages the institutional process for selecting NU nominees for Federal, Foundations and Corporate funding opportunities, on behalf of the Vice President for Research

- NU has established a transparent, efficient and effective process for selecting successful nominees
Northwestern’s LS Process

http://www.research.northwestern.edu/ord/funding/limited-submissions/

- Identification of LS funding opportunities
- Dissemination of LS announcements
- Letter of Intent (LOI)
- Internal proposals
- Review
- Notification
- Nomination
Limited Submission: Dissemination of Announcements

- Targeted and inclusive dissemination
- Subject: LIMITED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: ..... 
- Summary of opportunity and eligibility criteria
- Link to the sponsor’s website
- Key dates: LOI, internal proposal submission, notification, sponsor deadline
- Instructions: LOI form, internal proposal components, upload information
- All announcements and their status are posted on ORD’s website
- You can opt-in to receive all announcements
Limited Submission: LOIs and Competition Announcement

• Submission of the LOI by the deadline is required, but no binding

• Based on institutional interest:
  o First come, first served
  o Applicants are authorized by ORD to submit a proposal to sponsor
  o A competition is required, all applicants are invited to submit internal proposals
Limited Submission: Review Process

• The Limited Submission Advisory Committee is charged with selecting the most nationally competitive applicants

• Senior faculty from FSM, WCAS, McC, SESP and SoC
  o In cases that only FSM faculty are eligible, or, all the applicants are from FSM, the process is delegated to FSM

• Humanities ad hoc panel is invited as necessary

• Ex officio and ad hoc reviewers are invited as appropriate

• Panel review (video-conference between campuses)

• Selection is requires approval by the VPR
Limited Submission: Notification

- Nominees are notified by email by the stated deadline
- Cc: VPR, Research Dean, Chair, OSR GO, Foundation Relations or Corporate Engagement as appropriate,
- Applicants that were not selected are notified as well
- Feedback is provided to all applicants
- If nominated to submit a Foundation or Corporate application, the appropriate Northwestern will assist you in writing the proposal and prepare for the interview as appropriate
Limited Submission
Biomedical Junior Faculty

- Amgen
- Beckman – *post doc*
- Brain Research Foundation
- Hartwell – *also post-doc*
- Mallinckrodt
- Packard
- Pew
- Rita Allen
- Searle
- Simons
Limited Submission: Outcomes

- Pew Biomedical Scholars
  (21 scholars nationally, annually)
- The Hartwell Foundation
  National awardee 2013, 2014
  (10 awardees from 15 institutions, annually)
- Packard Science and Engineering Fellows
  National awardee each year 2007-11, 2013
  (16 fellows from 50 Universities, annually)
ORD Locations

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Good Luck!