UNC’s Office of Research Development’s FUNDAMENTALS provides researchers with updates related to extramural funding, on-campus research development and other timely information in support of Carolina’s research enterprise.

Creativity Hubs Pilot Awards Announced

Of the 38 proposals received, the Vice Chancellor for Research announced seven Creativity Hubs Pilot Award winners. These seven teams are challenged to develop a model hub of bold new ways to advance research at UNC involving convergence of UNC’s strengths, in order to accelerate new discoveries and solutions. The teams will then compete for full Creativity Hub funding later this spring.

See Recipients and Projects

Limited Submissions Process

The Office of Research Development facilitates the University’s selection process for all limited submission grants and awards (any time a sponsor limits the number of proposals that the institution can submit). The limited submission process normally begins with ORD receiving
information about the opportunities and then distributing this information to the University. We make every effort to identify limited opportunities; however, there are always new ones. If you find a limited award that is not on our list or a limited grant that is not on our calendar within a few months of the deadline, please forward to Denise Lindley, Limited Submissions Coordinator.

Additional information and a calendar of current opportunities are posted on the ORD Limited Submissions webpage.

**UNC University Limited Submissions Process Flow Chart**

1. ORD Obtains information about Current Opportunities
2. ORD Sends Notification to the University community
3. ORD Works with Faculty
   - To determine pre-nomination eligibility
   - To assist with questions about nominations
4. Nomination for Internal Selection
   - Grants – Self Nomination
   - Large S – VCR Strategic Decision
5. Internal Selection Process
   - Verify Eligibility of Nominees
   - If Strategic Choice: Process Ends
6. Internal Peer Review Process
   - Committees Represent Expertise on Campus
   - ORD Facilitates and Provides Agency and Grant Information
7. Selection of UNC Nominee(s) by Peer Review Committee
8. Review Feedback and Follow Up with Nominees
   - Submission Support
   - Alternative Funding Opportunities

*If the number of internal nominees exceeds the number of university submissions allowed by the agency, then an internal review is required to select the university nominee(s).*

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**Limited Submission Opportunities**

**NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM):**

**UNC Internal Deadline: January 16, 2018**

The S-STEM program provides Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) with funds for scholarships and also supports the implementation and testing of existing effective evidence-based curricular and co-curricular activities (e.g., evidence-based practices; professional and workforce development activities) featuring: (1) close involvement of STEM faculty, (2) student mentoring, (3) provisions of academic and student support, (4) adaptation of existing high quality evidence-based practices, and (5) recognition of S-STEM Scholars.

**Packard Fellowships for Science and Engineering:**

**UNC Internal Deadline: February 1, 2018**
UNC is among the 50 universities invited by the David and Lucille Packard Foundation to nominate two early-career professors for the Packard Fellowships for Science and Engineering. Packard Fellowships provide $875,000 over a five year period and support faculty members in the first three years of their faculty careers. Ideal candidates are creative scientists and engineers who dare to take risks and explore new ideas.

Internal Funding Opportunity:
Sleep Innovation Research Grants
The Department of Allied Health Sciences is accepting letters of intent (LOIs) for the Sleep Innovation Research Grant (SIRG) program. SIRG will support building sleep science at UNC by awarding one-year grants of $10,000. Letter of intent due: January 31, 2018

HPDP Soliciting Concept Notes for CDC Special Interest Projects
UNC’s Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (HPDP) is soliciting concept notes for the CDC’s recently announced Special Interest Projects:

SIP 18-001 Targeting Treatment Gaps: Describing When, How Quickly, And Why Persons with Epilepsy Are Referred For Specialty Care - It is anticipated that approximately $278,000 is available to fund 2 Prevention Research Centers for a 1-year project period.

SIP 18-002 Effect of Survivorship Care Plans on Cancer Survival - It is anticipated that approximately $450,000 is available to fund 2 Prevention Research Centers for a 1-year project period.

SIP 18-003 Enhancing Surveillance of Fluorosis - It is anticipated that approximately $300,000 is available to fund 1 Prevention Research Center(s) for a 1-year project period.

If interested, contact Alice Ammerman, UNC can apply through HPDP. SIP applications are limited to the CDC’s 26 Prevention Research Centers and many do not apply. HPDP can help with budget, internal review and other grant preparation support.

Anticipated Number of Awards: 5

See the RFA
OnPAR: Hope for Unfunded NIH Proposals

If you have a highly scored, but unfunded NIH proposal, there may be hope for funding through a public-private partnership called Online Partnership to Accelerate Research (OnPAR). OnPAR takes quality unfunded biomedical research abstracts and matches them with potential private funders, such as foundations or pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. Read More

UNC Research Spotlight
Mohit Bansal Receives DARPA Young Faculty Award

Mohit Bansal, Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science, is a recipient of the DARPA Young Faculty Award. Bansal is one of 28 national winners, and is only the second UNC faculty member to receive this prestigious award. Read more

SPIN: UNC's New Funding Search Database

The Office of Research Development has introduced SPIN to the University. SPIN contains over 40,000 funding opportunities from more than 10,000 federal and non-federal sponsors. Register a SPIN profile by visiting https://spin.infoedglobal.com.

Looking for one-on-one or group support for SPIN?

Contact Jonathan Foland, SPIN Administrator, at jonathan_foland@unc.edu or 962-6227, to schedule a consultation. You may also visit our SPIN webpage for additional resources.
Faculty Consultation Hours

The Office of Research Development offers weekly consultation hours for faculty to meet one-on-one with ORD staff to: identify research goals, clarify funding needs, and learn how ORD can support individual and team-based research programs. Consultation hours are Tuesday mornings, 9:00am to noon. Request a consult through our website, by emailing ord@unc.edu, or by calling our office at (919) 962-7503.

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