

FUNDAMENTALS

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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.

CreativityHubs



Creativity Hubs Pilot Award

Creativity Hubs are evolving virtual research networks that concentrate talent and resources on bold ideas for defined periods of time. Creativity Hubs will create an environment where investigators can leverage new advances that keep Carolina at the forefront of creativity and innovation.

The [Creativity Hub Pilot Award](#) will promote the development of innovative ideas that emerge from cross-disciplinary interactions to address key challenges and/or develop new knowledge. Supported projects are for new work that has not been previously funded and is expected to lead to large-scale extramural funding from public or private entities. Pre-proposals are due **Monday, November 13, 2017**, by 5:00pm. For additional information, [visit the Creativity Hubs webpage](#), or send questions to creativityhubs@unc.edu.

The Creativity Hubs Pilot Awards are designed to support the [Vice Chancellor for Research](#)'s six strategic research priorities reflecting UNC's strengths where convergence in social sciences, humanistic scholarship, foundational research, health science, and the natural sciences will accelerate new discoveries and solutions to emerging challenges: the brain; cancer; data science; environment, opportunity, well-being, and culture; precision health and society.

Limited Submission Opportunities

[Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program](#)

UNC Internal Deadline: Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 5:00pm

The Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program provides fellowships to talented individuals whose vibrant, creative research addresses pressing issues and cultural transitions affecting us at home and abroad. The Program advances research in the social sciences and humanities and the Carnegie Corporation encourages nominations of scholars whose proposals incorporate, among other elements, historical precedents, cultural underpinnings, and moral arguments.

[NIH Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams \(RM1\)](#)

UNC Internal Deadline: Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 5:00pm

The NIH Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1) supports research to address complex and challenging biomedical problems through deeply integrated, multidisciplinary research teams. The program supports research in which funding **a team of interdependent investigators offers significant advantages over support of individual projects**. Such team-based efforts can produce convergent, lasting scientific benefits with high impacts.

[NSF Research Traineeship \(NRT\) NSF 18-507](#)

UNC Internal Deadline: Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 5:00pm

The NSF Research Traineeship (NRT) program is designed to encourage the development and implementation of bold, new, and potentially transformative models for STEM graduate education training. This round, the program places special emphasis on two high priority areas: **1) Harnessing the Data Revolution (HDR), and 2) Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems (INFEWS)**. The NRT program addresses workforce development, emphasizing broad participation, and institutional capacity building needs in graduate education. The NSF also released [a new FAQs for the NRT program](#).

[Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards](#)

UNC Internal Deadline: Thursday, November 30, 2017, at 5:00pm

The Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards Program supports the research and teaching careers of talented young faculty in the chemical sciences, **including biochemistry, materials chemistry, and chemical engineering**. Criteria for selection include an independent body of scholarship attained in the early years of their appointment and a demonstrated commitment to education, signaling the promise of continuing outstanding contributions to both research and teaching.

W. M. Keck Foundation Research Program

The [W.M. Keck Foundation's Research Program](#) application cycle has begun. The Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR) and the Office of Research Development are officially soliciting one-page concept papers ahead of Keck's pre-application counseling window, which will run January 1 – February 15, 2018.

To be considered for this cycle, please submit concept papers to Denise Lindley, limited_submissions@unc.edu, by **December 1, 2017**. [Click here to view the internal call](#), or visit our [Limited Submissions calendar](#).



Human Microbiome Award Opportunity - Agilent Early Career Professor Award Nominations

Nominations are open for the 2018 Agilent Early Career Professor Award. Each year, Agilent selects one professor to receive an unrestricted research award of \$100,000, an engraved commemorative plaque, and recognition on Agilent's website.

The topic of this year's award is "**contributions to the development and advancement of techniques and approaches for the study of the human microbiome, microbiome-host interactions and interaction between individual microbiome components.**"

This is a limited submission opportunity with UNC- CH being allowed only one nominee. [UNC's internal deadline is January 11, 2018](#).

RFI: Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure

NSF has released a [Request for Information \(RFI\) regarding existing and future needs for Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure](#), in the NSF science and engineering community. For this RFI, Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure is defined as investments requiring more than \$4 million, but less than \$100 million. UNC



plans to submit coordinated responses to this call, which will be spear-headed by the Office of Research Development. If you have suggestions and would like to participate in this RFI, please contact Nathan Blouin (nathan_blouin@unc.edu), Director of ORD.



SPIN is 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 to search for funding opportunities from off campus, set up and save search preferences, and receive funding updates through email. [Click here to learn more about SPIN.](#)

Visit <https://spin.infoedglobal.com> to register a profile.



Faculty Consultation Hours

The Office of Research Development offers weekly consultation hours for faculty to meet one-on-one with ORD staff, clarify funding needs, and learn about 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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