



University of New Hampshire

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## RESEARCH, ECONOMIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH UPDATE

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Dear Colleagues,

For several weeks, we have been watching our country go through an incredibly difficult and emotionally charged period. The murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and countless others fill me with disgust and outrage.

I have been spending some time thinking about my own culpability in perpetrating racism, in particular anti-Black racism, and how through my own actions, I can be a better and more effective ally. I reject racism in all its forms and have joined others in demanding that justice be served to those who perpetrate the killing and hate crimes against Black people and other people of color. As a privileged white woman, I will listen, learn, and most importantly, act and speak out against racism whenever I see it.

I have also been thinking about things that our office can do to combat anti-Black racism in research, innovation and engagement. Our team will be working on a plan over the next several months and will be soliciting input from the community. If you have ideas you'd like to share, please [send me a note](#).

Sincerely,

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### COVID-Related Funding

COVID-19-related funding opportunities and resources particularly suited to UNH are [here](#). A [Quick Guide](#) to the resources is also available. Information is updated daily. Please send any new opportunities or resources to [Lynnette Hentges](#).

### Virtual Town Hall

The Research Operations staff (Shawn Banker, director, University Instrumentation Center; Louise Griffin, senior director for research and sponsored programs; Brad Manning, director, environmental health and safety; Mark Milutinovich, senior director for research and large center development; Beth Potier, manager, research communications; and Julie Simpson, director, research integrity services) will host the next virtual town hall Monday, June 29 at 1:30pm. The team will discuss how research projects are progressing and answer questions about lab access or other research-related topics. [Register](#) in advance.

### NSF MRI Information Session

On July 9 at 1:30 pm, the Research & Large Center Development Office (R&LCD) will offer a one-hour information session via Zoom about the [NSF Major Research Instrumentation \(MRI\) Program](#), which assists institutions with acquisition or development of major research instrumentation generally too costly or inappropriate for support through other NSF programs. The session provides details about the MRI program, guidelines for UNH's Limited Submission Programs pre-application process, and resources available from R&LCD and the University Instrumentation Center (UIC). [Register](#) by July 7 at 5 pm.

### UIC: Open for Business

The [University Instrumentation Center](#) is operational and available for approved research activities; it is great to see researchers able to utilize our top-notch equipment. A [formal process](#) — which includes a CEMS-based online training program to be completed prior to UIC lab entry as and UNH-required steps such as the Health Self Attestation requirement — has been established to gain access to UIC instruments. We are not currently able to provide new user training, but [contact us](#) if you have a specific need. The UIC is also actively supporting external clients in meeting their

testing and instrumentation needs. This is a key revenue source for the UIC as well as a great service to our regional partners.

### Research Integrity Services Q & A

Do you or others on your team ever wonder whether HIPAA, export controls, or other regulations apply to your research? Or are you looking for some friendly guidance about how to navigate those regulations that you know apply? Contact [Research Integrity Services](#) and Contracts & Export Controls staff for informal Q&A sessions by Zoom about any of our topic areas – for just one person, or for a group of researchers.

### Show Us Your Research!



Communications and Public Affairs is looking for eye-catching research and scholarship, particularly field work, to photograph this summer. Contact [Beth Potier](#) with ideas.

### Fall Courses of Interest

INCO 791/GRAD 981 - National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Preparation: This course is designed to enable seniors and graduate students to receive information, guidance, and support in applying for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship program. Undergraduate student [registration](#). Graduate student [registration](#).

GRAD 930: Ethics in Research and Scholarship (offered online in fall 2020): This is an interdisciplinary graduate

seminar where students explore a wide range of issues related to the ethical conduct of research and scholarship. This course helps prepare students to conduct themselves as researchers in accordance with today's standards for scientific integrity and professional ethics. Classes are predominantly discussion-based, relying on case analysis; guest speakers address topics from a variety of perspectives. Completion of this course meets the graduate school's incoming PhD student RCR training requirement as well as the NSF's and the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture's RCR training requirement. More information is [here](#), or contact the instructors, [Maria Emanuel](#) or [Julie Simpson](#).

### UNH Hand Sanitizer Production

The Facilities, Equipment and Instrumentation COVID Response Team will produce a pilot run of about 300 gallons of spray hand sanitizer using WHO and FDA recipes to use across the UNH campuses in the fall. The expectation is to utilize student volunteers with direct oversight of chemistry and CEPS faculty and staff and Environmental, Health and Safety staff members to produce hand sanitizer at a much-reduced cost over other wholesale outlets.

### CEMS Service

[UNHCEMS](#), the chemical inventory tool developed by the Research Computing Center and the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, will serve the Employee Health Attestation form (EHA) at all campuses.

### Extension News

[The National Science Foundation awarded UNH a \\$1.49 million grant to support UNH's Master Teaching Fellowships](#) in high-need N.H. school districts. Principal investigator [Lara Gengareilly](#), Extension specialist and Leitzel Center affiliate associate professor, leads this effort that involves UNH Department of Education and the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences. Extension continues to provide important [COVID-19 information](#) to the state, such as [Parent Questions About Summer Camps Amid Covid-19](#) (picked up by [media](#)), [Farmers Markets Pandemic Guidance](#), [The Pandemic Effects on Economic Development](#) [webinar], [Farmer Mental Health Care](#), [Creating Outdoor Dining Spaces during COVID-19](#), and [COVID-19 Impacts on the Nature Economy](#).

### Good News

[NOAA recently funded](#) several UNH researchers for projects that aim to improve sustainability of the region's aquaculture and fisheries. UNH Manchester's Kelly Kilcrease and Yvette Lazdowski were [honored by the American Accounting Association](#) for their book "Manchester's Shoe Industry." Please send research news — high-impact results, new grants, awards and more — to [Beth Potier](#).

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