RESEARCH, ECONOMIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH UPDATE

November 13, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updated F&A

The UNH rate schedule for externally funded research and sponsored programs has been updated with the recently approved federal facilities and administrative (F&A) cost rates.
COVID-19 Funding Resources

See COVID-19 Funding Opportunities, Research Priorities, and Resources and the Quick Guide - Resources Supporting COVID-19 Research for more.

Limited Submission Opportunities

Sponsors sometimes limit the number of proposals that UNH may submit to a specific funding opportunity. These Limited Submission Programs may require an internal competition. Current competitions with near-term deadlines: NSF EPSCoR Track-2 collaborations (internal deadline tomorrow, Nov. 13) and Dept. of Energy EPSCoR Implementation Grants (internal deadline Nov. 30).

NH BioMade Seed Funding

The New Hampshire Center for Multiscale Modeling and Manufacturing of Biomaterials (NH BioMade) has released a request for proposals for its 2021 Research Seed Funding Opportunity. Up to $50,000 is available to conduct pilot projects or collaborations with industry and up to $5,000 is available for the use of equipment at the UNH Instrumentation Center. Deadlines: Jan. 4, 2021, for letters of intent, Jan. 18 for applications.

Visitor Policy

To augment efforts to keep the campus safe and open, UNH has created a policy for visitors (including vendors, contractors and collaborators) to campus.

Reusing Data

Are you a researcher with experience using publicly accessible research data and/or producing new publicly accessible research data? If so, please consider participating in the NSF-sponsored Research Data Reusability Project. Researchers interested in participating in a virtual interview, online survey, and/or virtual workshop can complete this online form, which will take about 5 minutes. Contact Sarah Nusser with questions.

Research Commercialization Reminder

Remember to reach out to UNHInnovation to discuss your innovations and, when appropriate, begin the process of obtaining proper intellectual property (IP) protection. Commercialization of research is a priority for the university. Federal law requires the university to disclose patentable inventions, protect IP, and engage in tech transfer activity
when any portion of its research funding comes from the U.S. government. UNH policy further expands this to include all innovations, whether they are patentable inventions, tangible research products, creative works, software, or trademarks.

Public disclosure of your innovation could result in the loss of patentability. Submitting a disclosure of your innovation to UNHInnovation is the first formal step in obtaining proper IP protection and commercializing your innovation. If you are planning on presenting your innovation through publications, poster sessions, conferences, press releases or other public communication, you should complete a disclosure well beforehand. More information is here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

New England National Lab Day Webinar Series

Registration is open for the next New England National Lab Day webinar, on Thursday, Nov. 19, focusing on opportunities for students, graduate students and early-career researchers at U.S. Department of Energy National Laboratories. UNH, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy national laboratories, is hosting virtual workshops in fall 2020 and winter 2021. UNH researchers can join representatives from various DOE national labs to share insights for accessing DOE’s world-class scientific facilities and partnering to address society’s most pressing energy, environmental and national security challenges.

Office Hours

Research and Large Center Development
Tuesdays, Nov. 17 and 24, 3 – 4 p.m.
https://unh.zoom.us/j/97781120945

UNHInnovation
Tuesday, Nov. 17, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 23, 1 – 2 p.m.
https://unh.zoom.us/j/3290728887

Research Communications Academy

Now in its third year, UNH’s Research Communications Academy (RCA) trains faculty members, graduate students, and research-related staff to effectively communicate the power and impact of UNH scholarship with a broad audience. The 2021 RCA, which launches Jan. 13 and runs through the spring semester, will be all virtual via Zoom, and sessions are free and open to all. Registration is now open for sessions that will help you communicate to news media and policymakers, prepare better proposals and posters and harness the power of social media.
Good News

Congratulations to the 15 interdisciplinary research teams — representing 25 faculty and staff — who recently received funding from our Collaborative Research Excellence, or CoRE, initiative. UNH is flushing out COVID-19 by testing and monitoring campus wastewater. New research informs clinical decision making on the cognitive effects of COVID-19. Longer mud seasons and less snow could affect river ecosystems, UNH research finds. Cooperative Extension forester Steve Roberge is Cheshire County Conservation District’s Educator of the Year. UNH receives a grant to help small businesses in the state, and a new grant to Extension will help rural communities build resilience. UNH Extension staff are helping N.H. residents grow victory gardens. Please send research news — high-impact results, new grants, awards and more — to Beth Potier.