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RESEARCH, ECONOMIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH UPDATE

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Dear Colleagues,

As you know, my brief time at UNH has been heavily consumed by standing up our state-of-the-art COVID-19 test lab, which has been essential to the safe operation of in-person activities on campus. Last week, I shared our success with the UNH Foundation Board. Here is a video about the lab that was part of my presentation. I hope you're as proud of our collective efforts as I am.

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Announcements

Transformation of our Research Administration Infrastructure

As part of the Huron FAR engagement, we plan to reinvent our research administration infrastructure and reimagine our engagement with the university's faculty and staff, as well as with sponsors, collaborators, and supporters of UNH's research mission.

In the next few months, we will launch and stand up a new organization — Research Administration Support Services (RASS) — to expand on the work of the Office of Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA). Additional positions will be added in the coming months to address critical needs.

We have also begun implementation of CAYUSE, an electronic research administration system, which will electronically route proposals, manage the submission and administration of compliance protocols and provide a portal for faculty and research staff to access the information and resources that they need to manage their portfolio of awards and agreements.

In this planned new structure, the key functions and staff of the SPA will be preserved and augmented with the addition of Research Administration Support Services (RASS). SPA will manage pre-award administration of externally funded grants, contracts and other agreements, and post-award activities for all of these programs. Because federal grants and contracts support 85% of UNH's research volume, our capacity to provide enhanced support for faculty as they compete for and launch federal and other government-funded projects is critical.

We will use this semester to work through the details of establishing RASS, recruit new staff, revise business processes and systems, and develop the needed workflow coordination between SPA and other UNH offices that facilitate our engagements with external sponsors and partners.

We appreciate your patience and look forward to working with the UNH faculty and staff as we develop this new administrative infrastructure and roll out new services through the year. While planning is underway this semester, faculty and staff should continue to use their current GCA's as their first point of contact.

USHOP

USNH's new e-procurement system, USHOP, is live. USHOP is a major milestone in the university's plan to modernize USNH's purchasing process. Principal investigators and principal investigator delegates are urged to take advantage of [training offered through IT](#). In addition to the training offered through IT, [USNH Procurement Services](#) offers support and real-time assistance.

COVID-19 Funding and Research Resources

See [COVID-19 Funding Opportunities, Research Priorities, and Resources](#) and the [Quick Guide - Resources Supporting COVID-19 Research](#). Many agencies are including COVID-19-related topics or priorities in the 2021 versions of their regular programs. Be sure to be on the lookout for them!

Research Development Newsletters

- Research Development & Grant Writing News – [Jan. 2021](#)
- Lewis-Burke's Monthly Defense Policy newsletter – [Jan. 2021](#)

Limited Submission Programs to Act on Now

Because some sponsors limit the number of applications from an institution, please contact [Mark Milutinovich](#) as soon as possible if you are interested in applying to any of the following:

- National Science Foundation (NSF) [Partnerships for Research and Education in Materials \(PREM\)](#) – NSF deadline is Feb. 5
- USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Equipment Grant Program – [UNH pre-proposal application deadline](#) is Feb. 15; USDA deadline is Mar. 16
- National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) [Grants for Arts Projects 1, FY2022](#) – NEA deadline is Feb. 11
- Be sure to watch for our email at the start of each month for a more comprehensive list or check [Current LSP Deadlines](#).

For PIs with Public Health Service Funding

As we start a new semester, all PIs on research projects funded by the Public Health Service (which includes NIH, CDC, HRSA and FDA; complete list [here](#)) are reminded that, if new graduate assistants or new staff are joining the research team, the PI may need to update the financial conflicts of interest in research (FCOIR) compliance information previously provided to Research Integrity Services. Contact Melissa McGee in Research Integrity Services via [email](#) or at 603-862-2005, and she will follow-up with new staff, as appropriate, regarding those PHS requirements.

IACUC Meetings

The [UNH Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee \(IACUC\)](#) has set its spring semester meeting schedule, which is available [here](#). For questions about the IACUC or the meeting schedule, please contact [Sue Jalbert](#) or [Julie Simpson](#) in Research Integrity Services.

IRB Meetings

The [UNH Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research \(IRB\)](#) has set its spring semester meeting schedule, which is available [here](#). For questions about the IRB or the meeting schedule, please contact [Melissa McGee](#), [Sue Jalbert](#) or [Julie Simpson](#) in Research Integrity Services.

Connect With Us on LinkedIn

Find updates on research, economic engagement and outreach and make connections on the new [UNH Research LinkedIn](#) page. On Twitter, follow @unhresearchnews.

Science Policy Updates

President Biden has signed an executive order to re-establish the [President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology](#). A full fact-sheet about President Biden's executive actions to tackle the climate crisis is available [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Research & Large Center Development Programs

- [Developing Broader Impacts and Partnerships for NSF Proposals: Feb. 12, 1-3 p.m.](#)
- [Program Evaluation and Assessment for NSF Projects, Feb. 26, 1-3 p.m.](#)

New England National Lab Day Webinar Series

[Advancing Understanding of Terrestrial-Aquatic and Marine Interfaces with DoE National Labs, Feb. 18, 3-5 p.m.](#)

The National Lab Day series continues with this webinar on advancing understanding of terrestrial-aquatic and marine interfaces with DOE National Labs.

Communicate Your Scholarship

2021 [UNH Research Communications Academy](#) trains faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students, and staff to effectively communicate the power and impact of their research and scholarship. All sessions are virtual and free. Questions? Contact [Justine Stadler](#).

Better Posters with Zen Faukes

Monday, February 15, 2:30-3:30pm

In this session, Zen Faulkes, who's written the [Better Posters](#) blog for more than a decade and whose [Better Posters](#) book will be released Jan. 25, will share tips on how to create and present conference posters that deliver maximum impact for your research. [Register here](#).

Communicating with Policy Makers

Tuesday, March 9, 12:40-2:00pm

Join elected officials, staff and government advocates to learn about the political process at the local, state and federal level and better understand the types of information that is important to elected leaders as they make decisions on public policy. Register [here](#).

Practice Policy Pitches

Tuesday, March 9, 2:00-3:00pm

Develop a public policy “ask” and role-play a meeting with a public official to practice attempting to advance a policy priority. Space is limited; [apply here](#) by Jan. 31.

February 2021 Ethical and Responsible Conduct of Research Training

Registration is open for the February 2021 [ethical and responsible conduct of research \(RCR\) training](#). The training involves completion of [online RCR instructional modules](#) and participation in a Zoom seminar Friday, Feb. 26, 2021, 1-4 p.m. Participants must [register for the training](#) by Thursday, Feb. 18 and must complete the online modules prior to the seminar.

The training, primarily directed at postdoctoral researchers, graduate students and undergraduate students, but open to all faculty and staff, fulfills RCR training required by the [National Science Foundation](#) and the [United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture](#). New Ph.D. students who are required to attend RCR training in spring 2021 should NOT register for this training; they must register for the [RCR training session in March](#) to which they have been assigned. Contact [Julie Simpson](#) with questions.

Demystifying the Scholarly Publishing Landscape

Wednesday, March 3, 3:10-4:30 pm via Zoom

The scholarly publishing landscape has grown exponentially in size, scope and complexity within the last decade. Since the number and type of publishing outlets have exploded, researchers now need to consider practical and ethical issues such as predatory journals, open access, preprints, publishing data and sponsor obligations when making publication decisions. Further, these issues may be compounded by interdisciplinary research collaborations. Presenters will provide an overview of the contemporary scholarly publishing landscape and the different components. They will also help researchers identify key questions to ask during different stages of the research process, highlight differences that may bear on interdisciplinary collaborative projects, and provide resources for more information and support. Presenters are Patricia Condon, Eleta Exline and Emily Poworoznek from the UNH Library. More information and registration [here](#).

Workshop Resources

Did you miss a workshop? Below are links to videos of recent sessions.

Oct. 15, 2020	Transformative Manufacturing, New England National Lab Day Webinar
Oct. 21, 2020	Funding Scenarios and Search Strategies for Early Career Researchers and Scholars
Nov. 4, 2020	DoE Office of Science Annual Open Call Information Session
Nov. 19, 2020	Career-Building Opportunities at DoE National Labs
Jan. 13, 2021	NIH Overview and Update
Jan. 15, 2021	NSF CAREER Program Overview
Jan. 21, 2021	Advancing Nuclear Physics through National Lab Partnerships
Jan. 21, 2021	Optimizing Your Project's Chances for Funding by the USDA

Associated slides and resources from older programs are available on the Research and Large Center Development [website](#).

Good News

A recent study ranked [41 current and emeritus UNH researchers](#) among the world's most cited. Nada Al-Haddad, research assistant professor in the Space Science Center, has received a NASA Early Career Investigator Program grant. A new video details the impact [NH BioMade](#) has on regenerative manufacturing and the state's biomaterials industry. The [Young Inventors Program](#), a 35-year-old STEM education program, has joined UNH's Litzel Center. The blog Retraction Watch highlighted assistant professor of psychology [Jolie Wormwood's proactive retraction of her own study](#). Please send research news — high-impact results, new grants, awards and more — to [Beth Potier](#).

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