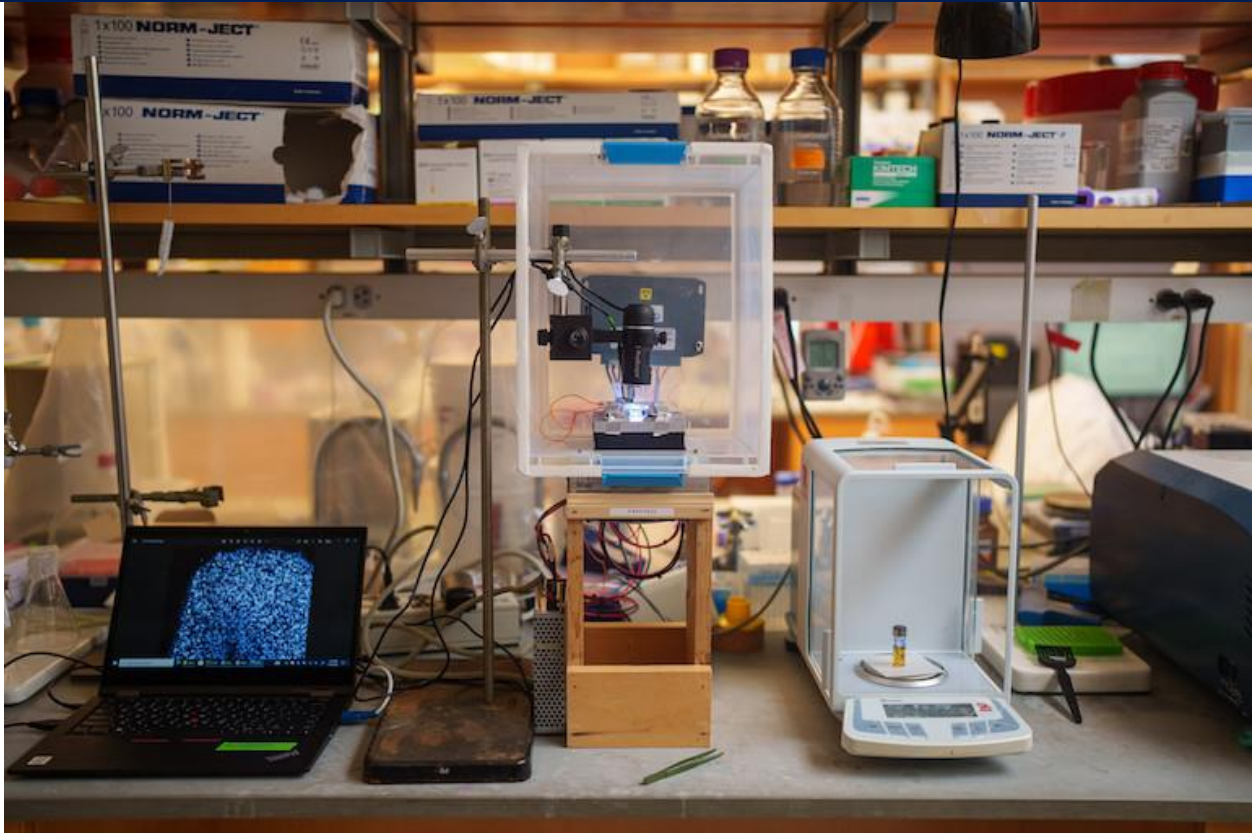




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RESEARCH, ECONOMIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH UPDATE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Government Shutdown Guidance

How would a shutdown impact the agencies I work with?

Each agency may handle the shutdown and determine essential personnel differently. It is important that principal investigators continue to work until they receive specific information or instructions from their program officers. If a shutdown should occur, you can read about how every agency operates in a shutdown by looking at the agency contingency plans that will be posted on the [White House Office of Management and Budget website](#).

Would a shutdown delay deadlines for a grant proposal?

Maybe; we simply do not know. In the event of a shutdown, it is important that principal investigators continue to

prepare and work with pre-award on your proposals and proceed as if there will be no change in grant submission deadlines. It is possible that some government systems may not be working during the shutdown. The best thing investigators can do is to continue to work on proposals and have them ready so that pre-award can process them according to the most up-to-date guidelines given by each specific agency once the shutdown is over.

Should researchers continue to work on their federal contracts and grants?

Yes, unless their agency or program officer advises them otherwise. Faculty should keep in close touch with their post-award administrator for the latest information. In addition, if your grant has an end date of 09/30/23 or 10/31/23 and a no-cost extension is needed, please contact your [administrator](#) to begin the process.

Rebuilding Sponsored Programs Administration

With several recent departures from the office of Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA), we continue to strive to respond to requests as efficiently and expeditiously as possible. What all this means for the community:

- Proposal Submissions — Policies and procedures in place for submitting proposals and reports are especially critical at this time, particularly in submitting proposals by or before the [five-day](#) sponsor deadline.
- Response Times — Please expect that turnaround times for responses and requests will require additional time to be completed (e.g., account setups, agreement reviews and executions, labor distributions, expense approval, etc.), and SPA appreciates the community's patience as we work diligently and expeditiously to address these requests.

SPA recognizes that research does not stop or slow down, and the remaining members of the SPA team greatly appreciate your understanding during these times of change. We look forward to providing you with updates as they become available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the [team members](#).

NASA Grants and Cooperative Agreements 102

NASA announces the release of [Grants and Cooperative Agreements 102: An Overview of NASA's Grant Environment](#) live on the Program and Project Management Policy, Practice and Development Division/Grants Policy Compliance (GPC) YouTube playlist. While [Grants and Cooperative Agreements 101](#) provided insight into federal financial assistance from a government-wide lens, version 102 provides an overview of the various grant programs while focusing on:

- Award-related roles and responsibilities
- The four phases of the grants lifecycle
- Associated activities in the award's lifecycle
- Audit requirements for NASA award recipients
- Best practices for efficiently managing a NASA grant award

This pre-recorded training is designed to equip proposers and grantees with the knowledge and tools necessary to effectively navigate the NASA grants landscape. If you have any questions, reach out to [GPC](#).

NSF NCSES seeking input to inform potential National Secure Data Service and other projects

The National Science Foundation (NSF) [National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics](#) (NCSES), in partnership with [America's DataHub Consortium](#) (ADC), invites interested individuals and organizations to contribute insights to their new Idea Bank. These ideas will help shape future project solicitations and other activities NCSES and ADC will

undertake, including those to inform a potential [National Secure Data Service](#) , an initiative that would streamline and innovate data access, data linkage and privacy-protections to support expanded data use for evidence-building. Ideas can be submitted at any time, but you are encouraged to do so by October 7. Find details, priority topics and submission form [here](#).

Did you know?

Funding agencies increasingly require researchers to create Data Management and Sharing Plans (DMP or DMSP) outlining how they will document, manage and share research data. Even if not mandatory, crafting a DMP ensures your data is well-organized, accessible to those who need it and ready for publication. For help creating and implementing DMPs or to have your plan reviewed, contact [Patricia Condon](#), research data services librarian. You can also access templates for most funding agencies via [UNH Library's Data Management Toolkit](#).

FastLane NSF Proposal Deadlines

Friday, Sept. 29, 2023 (5 p.m. submitter's local time) is the last day to submit proposal file updates and budget revisions in FastLane, withdraw FastLane submitted proposals and withdraw supplemental funding requests submitted in FastLane. See the [FastLane System Decommissioning](#) page for additional information.

Research.gov and Grants.gov NSF Proposal Deadlines

Friday, Oct. 20, 2023 (5 p.m. submitter's local time) is the last day to upload the NSF fillable PDF format for the biographical sketch and current and pending (other) support. For more information about NSF proposal submissions via Grants.gov, visit [Grants.gov Proposal Processing in Research.gov](#).

UNH Research on Social Media

For the latest news about UNH research follow UNH Research on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter/X](#). Just launched: [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) .

Research Integrity Services Fall Drop-In Zoom Office Hours

Research Integrity Services will continue to hold drop-in Zoom "office hours" most Tuesdays 9 – 10 a.m., Wednesdays 12 – 1 p.m. and Thursdays 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. (note the slight time change for Thursdays). Stop by with your questions about using [Cayuse Human Ethics](#) for IRB applications, using [Cayuse Outside Interests](#) for external activity disclosures or general research compliance matters. Click the hyperlinks for more information, including any exceptions to the schedule, and the current Zoom link.

Institutional Review Board (IRB) Meetings

The UNH Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research fall semester 2023 meeting schedule is available [here](#) .

Animal Care Committee Meetings

The UNH Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee's fall 2023 meeting schedule is [here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

New Webpage Highlights Ongoing COVID-19-related Data and Resources

Much of the information gathered during the COVID-19 pandemic has been collated and analyzed, policies and priorities have been updated and lessons learned have been shared and implemented. But there are still active groups of researchers and scholars exploring the virus itself, the long-term impacts of the pandemic and ways to prepare for, and possibly prevent, the next pandemic. Our new webpage, [Ongoing COVID-19 Data, Resources, and Funding Opportunities](#), highlights those particularly suited to UNH.

USDA NIFA Listens Report Now Available

The [NIFA Listens FY 2023 – FY 2024 Report](#) is now available for download on the NIFA website. NIFA Listens is a biennial stakeholder listening opportunity to collect input to understand key challenges, promising opportunities and recommended top priorities related to advancing agricultural research, education and Extension.

Limited Submission Programs to Act on Now

Because some sponsors limit the number of applications from an institution, please contact [Michael Thompson](#) as soon as possible if you are interested in applying to [any of these](#).

Programs for Building Grant-Seeking Skills

The Research Development and Large Center Development office offers a variety of programs to help researchers and scholars hone their grant-seeking skills, whether they're beginners, experienced or somewhere in between. Explore [workshops by theme](#) to see the types of programs presented. See the [2023 – 2024 schedule](#) for details and registration.

Workshop Resources

Slides and resources from past research development programs are available [here](#). Information from previous CoRE-funded projects, as well as resources to support collaborative and interdisciplinary research, are [here](#).

Research Development Newsletters

Research Development & Grant Writing News [September 2023](#)

Defense Policy Newsletter [September 2023](#)

AROUND REEO

Business & Economic Engagement (BEE) Initiative

UNH has launched the [Business & Economic Engagement](#) (BEE) initiative, a cross-campus strategic engagement effort chaired by Marian McCord and led by UNHInnovation to coordinate and enhance the way UNH partners with premier businesses in the state. This initiative was developed to maximize our existing and potential relationships with key industry partners and to better support UNH faculty and staff working with industry by providing a centralized support hub within UNHInnovation, the “BEE Hive.” UNH faculty and staff who are engaging with industry: Please complete an [internal survey](#) to help establish a baseline of corporate engagement activities across the university.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Seacoast Sips of Science: Wildlife Conservation

Thursday, Sept. 28

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Center for Wildlife, York, Maine

[Seacoast Sips of Science](#) opens its new season of bringing UNH research to brewpubs and other informal settings. The Center for Wildlife hosts three researchers discussing their work on wildlife conservation: Rem Moll, assistant professor of natural resources, Joshua Willems, Ph.D. candidate and Kelsey Meyer, Ph.D. candidate. Tickets and additional information are [here](#).

Critical Dialogue Series

Thursday, Sept. 28

6 p.m.

Memorial Union Building Strafford Room

The Critical Dialogue Series returns with its inaugural session Research Centering: Truths and Consequences, with featured guest Andre M Perry, author of the book “Know your Price: Valuing Black Lives and Property in America’s Black Cities.” Perry’s keynote address will be followed by a panel discussion with journalist and director of the [Granite State News Collaborative](#), Melanie Plenda. The event surrounds questions about how we can conduct fair, equitable research and whether we ask the “right” questions as they pertain to policy implications, funding decisions and more. Register [here](#).

Exploring Collaborations: Coastal Climate Resilience Networking Event

Monday, Oct. 2

2 – 4 p.m.

Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center, Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Greenland, NH ([Directions](#))

This event brings together UNH researchers, Extension staff and educators and partners who share an interest in the myriad aspects of this broad topic area with the aim of supporting existing organizations and fostering multidisciplinary collaboration on new research funding opportunities. Faculty, staff and educators from all disciplines are welcome.

Participants will hear brief presentations from a range of researchers, staff and administrators followed by time to network and enjoy light refreshments. Check the registration page for updates on the agenda as they come.

Register [here](#).

EPSCoR RII Track 2 – Internal Competition & Information Session

Tuesday, October 10

12:40 p.m.

Online; register [here](#)

[NSF's RII Track-2 FEC](#) seeks to build competitive collaborative teams of EPSCoR investigators by coalescing investigator expertise into a critical mass for a sustained, effective research and education partnership. Projects are investigator-driven and must include researchers from at least two EPSCoR jurisdictions with complementary expertise and resources necessary to address challenges which neither party could address as well or rapidly independently. For FY24, NSF is interested in supporting collaborations that advance climate change research and resilience capacity to expand opportunities for disproportionately affected communities.

UNH is running an [internal competition](#) to select a PI for this year. Register [here](#).

Food and Agriculture Organization 2023 Science and Innovation Forum

Oct. 16 – 20

Hybrid digital and in Rome

The global World Food Forum (WFF) 2023 theme is “Agrifood systems transformation accelerates climate action.” Under the umbrella of the WFF flagship event, [the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations \(FAO\) Science and Innovation Forum \(SIF\)](#) will focus on “Science and Innovation for Climate Action.” Check out the [program](#) and [register](#) to attend.

Defense Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR) Outreach Event

Tuesday, Oct. 24

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Portland Museum of Art in Portland, Maine

This all-day event, hosted by the University of Maine, will provide an opportunity for academic researchers and administrators in DEPSCoR-eligible states (which include N.H.) to learn more about DEPSCoR and basic research at the department and to network with program officers from all three services. Find more information, including a draft agenda, a list of DoD program officers participating and registration info [here](#).

Seacoast Sips of Science: Our Oceans

Wednesday, Oct. 25

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Tideline Public House, Durham

Three UNH researchers — Nathan Furey, associate professor of biological sciences, Jennifer Dijkstra, research associate professor in the Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping and Tracy Mandel, assistant professor of ocean engineering — share their expertise in this informal setting. Tickets and additional information are [here](#).

National Science Foundation: Overview, Research Priorities, and Funding Opportunities

Tuesday, Nov. 7

12:40 – 2 p.m.

Griffin Reinecke and Naomi Webber, experts from Lewis-Burke Associates LLC, UNH's federal relations firm, will present about the National Science Foundation, including its organizational structure, recent changes and current

culture, engaging with program officers, resubmitting declined proposals and upcoming agency priorities. Register [here](#) .

USDA Webinar: The Science of Team Science

Wednesday, Dec. 6

3 – 4 p.m.

More info and registration [here](#)

GOOD NEWS

NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad visited UNH to announce the new [Center of Excellence for Operational Ocean and Great Lakes Mapping](#) at UNH. Lynn Kistler, professor of physics and director of the Space Science Center, is the [American Geophysical Union’s 2023 James Van Allen Lecture recipient](#), which recognizes significant contributions to the field of magnetospheric sciences. School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering director Diane Foster was a panelist for “ [New England Innovates: The Blue Economy](#),” sponsored by the New England Council. The Hodgdon Herbarium has nearly completed [digitizing its entire collection](#). UNH is the [No. 7 “best value” public university](#), according to the 2024 U.S. News and World Report Best College Rankings; the university also ranked [third in the nation for free speech](#). Read more UNH research news [here](#), and please send research news — high-impact results and grants, awards, compelling [photos and images](#) and more — to [Beth Potier](#).

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