January 19, 2024

Dear Colleagues,

There have been and will continue to be significant impacts of the budget reset on REEO operations. Please know that we are doing our very best to ensure business continuity, but we expect that we will continue to discover unanticipated impacts over the next several weeks or even months. We ask for your patience and understanding as we work through changes in workload and assignment responsibilities. If you encounter any issues that we need to know about, please email SVP.REEO@unh.edu and your email will be forwarded to the appropriate leader.
It has been a very difficult week for the university community. I hope we will all do our best to support one another with kindness, empathy, and compassion.

Sincerely,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did You Know?
Love Data Week is Feb. 12-16, 2024, and this year’s theme is My Kind of Data! See the week’s activities hosted by the UNH Library. Of note for researchers is the session “My Kind of Data, My Kind of Plan: Crafting Effective Data Management Plans for your Research” on Thursday, February 15, 12:40 – 2 p.m. on Zoom. Developing a data management plan for research projects is good research practice, and for funded research, a data management plan is often a requirement for the submission of grant applications. Click here to read more about the session and register to attend! Contact Patti Condon in the UNH Library with questions.

Research Integrity Services 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. through the spring semester. 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.

Animal Care Committee Meetings
The UNH Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee’s spring 2024 meeting schedule is here.

Guide to Using AI in Research
The UNH Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarly Activity (RCR) Committee has published a Simple Guide to Using Generative Artificial Intelligence Writing Tools in Research and Scholarship at UNH to help researchers understand the fundamental issues with these technologies regarding research integrity.

Institutional Review Board (IRB) Meetings
The UNH Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research spring semester 2024 meeting schedule is available here.

February 2024 Ethical and Responsible Conduct of Research Training
Registration is open for the February 2024 ethical and responsible conduct of research (RCR) training. The training involves completion of online RCR instructional modules and participation in a seminar on Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, 1:10 - 4 p.m. in MUB Room 162. Participants must register for the training by Thursday, Feb. 8 and must complete the online modules prior to the seminar. Contact Julie Simpson with questions.
**Hands-On Citizen Science Workshop**

Are you curious about citizen and community science? Or heard of participatory science? In partnership with Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park and the Association for Advancing Participatory Sciences (formerly the Citizen Science Association), UNH Extension is offering a free, multi-day, hands-on workshop for designing or refining your own citizen or community science (also called participatory science) project March 4 – 6 in Greenfield, N.H. Learn from experts and each other as you apply principles of good design and walk away with an actionable framework for your citizen science project, new skills and a network of practitioners to help you in the future. Workshop participants should apply as teams of 2-5 people with a shared interest in conducting a citizen science project in their park, national forest, community, tribal community or land trust. Participants will experience a collegial, supportive workshop setting with overnight lodging, community meals and scenic beauty at the Barbara C. Harris Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Information and application here.

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES**

**Sea Grant: Fishing Community and Offshore Wind Interactions**

The Northeast Sea Grant programs and NOAA’s Northeast Fisheries Science Center announce $1 million to advance actionable social science research to improve understanding of fishing community interactions with offshore wind development. Proposals may request up to $400,000 over the duration of the project (up to 3 years). 25% match required. Letters of Intent are due by 5 p.m. on Feb. 15, 2024. Full proposals are due April 1, 2024. An informational webinar will be hosted on Jan. 24, 2024 at 3 p.m. NH Sea Grant is managing this regional research competition. Read the request for proposals.

**U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences**

The Army’s Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences basic research program focuses on three strategic areas for advancing personnel science in fiscal year 2025: the science of measurement of individuals and collectives, understanding multilevel and organizational dynamics and formal/informal learning and development. White paper submissions must be received by 5 p.m. on March 1, 2024. Details.

**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.

**NEW OPPORTUNITY**

U.S. Department of Energy: Research in Basic Plasma Science and Engineering

Deadline for pre-application: Feb. 9, 2024. Two pre-apps allowed.

**Programs for Building Grant-Seeking Skills**

The Research 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.
Proposal Review and Editing Services
Make use of the Research and Large Center Development office’s free proposal review and editing services to increase the competitiveness of your grant proposals. A summary of services is available here. Contact Caitlin Aspinall for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Seacoast Sips of Science: Power of Persuasion
Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024
5:30 p.m.
Corner Point Brewing Company, Berwick, Maine

Seacoast Sips of Science, a series that brings UNH scientists into Seacoast-area breweries and other venues to share their latest research in a relaxed, interactive environment, explores persuasion and politics at its January event. Hear from UNH professors Michelle Gibbons (communications), Larry Hamilton (sociology) and Dante Scala (political science). Tickets $5, $2 for UNH students. Registration and tickets here.

Funding Scenarios and Search Strategies for Early-Career Researchers and Scholars
Friday, Feb. 2, 2024
1 – 2 p.m.
Zoom, register here.

No matter what your discipline or research interests, starting a research program and getting your first grant(s) can be challenging. Many sponsors recognize this and have programs exclusively for scholars who are just starting out in their independent careers. This session covers funding scenarios for moving toward independence as a scholar; providing an overview of the special funding opportunities available to early-career scholars from federal agencies, not-for-profits and professional societies; and highlighting proven strategies and resources for searching for funding opportunities. Open to early-career faculty, postdocs and Ph.D. students.

Department of Defense Funding for Early-Career Faculty
Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024
12:40 – 2:00 p.m.
Zoom, register here.

The Department of Defense has early-career research-specific programs supported by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the Office of Naval Research. This session will provide an overview of the programs, including eligibility requirements and current topics of interest for each program, along with tips and hints for success in applying.
Overview of NSF CAREER Program and UNH CAREER Award Prep Series
Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024
12:40 – 2 p.m.
Dimond Library 352, register here.

NSF’s Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers NSF’s most prestigious awards in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization. Activities pursued by early-career faculty should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research. This seminar provides an overview of this program for pre-tenure, tenure-track faculty and discusses factors to consider when determining if and when to apply. It also presents the UNH CAREER Award Prep Series.

Audience: Pre-tenure, tenure-track faculty considering submitting an NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) proposal

Seacoast Sips of Science: Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!
Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024
5:30 p.m.
North Country Hard Cider, Dover, N.H.

Seacoast Sips of Science, a series that brings UNH scientists into Seacoast-area breweries and other venues to share their latest research in a relaxed, interactive environment, brings the creepy crawlies to its February event. Hear talks about two types of beetles and their destructive behaviors and see the UNH Collection of insects which will be on display during the event. Tickets and information here.

Research and Education Plans (UNH CAREER Award Prep Series)
Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024
12:40 – 2 p.m.
Dimond Library 352, register here.

This session discusses approaches to achieving the needed integration of research and education plans. In addition, a UNH CAREER awardee shares insights and advice about the CAREER proposal development process. Additional resources are provided for in-depth exploration of developing a research idea and crafting an education plan.

Audience: Pre-tenure, tenure-track faculty considering submitting an NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) proposal

Positioning Yourself to Succeed in Grant-Seeking
Friday, March 1, 2024
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Dimond Library, register here.

Success in obtaining funding for research or scholarly activity is more likely if the investigator (new or experienced) has laid a solid groundwork and can communicate their ideas effectively to potential funders. This workshop will
present advice for targeting your efforts, framing research/scholarly goals as fundable ideas, articulating the human impact/real-life applications of research/scholarship and gathering needed information.

Audience: Faculty, postdocs, other researchers

GOOD NEWS

On a recent visit to New Hampshire, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland met with several UNH researchers to learn how their work is protecting our coastline and increasing access to the state’s rich outdoor recreation and resources; in addition, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack hosted a town hall at UNH recently. UNH space experts John Gianforte, director of the UNH Observatory, and Amy Keesee, associate professor of physics and astronomy, share everything you need to know to enjoy the upcoming total solar eclipse safely. John Roth, director of the Olson Center for Advanced Manufacturing, received the 2023 Wagner Award from the New Hampshire Science Teacher Association. UNH’s Hubbard Center for Genome Studies now offers long-read genomic sequencing. Read more UNH research news here, and follow UNH research on social media: LinkedIn Instagram Facebook Twitter/X. Send research news — high-impact results and grants, awards, compelling photos and images and more — to Beth Potier.