



University of New Hampshire  
Office of the Senior Vice Provost for Research,  
Economic Engagement and Outreach



## RESEARCH, ECONOMIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH UPDATE

February 28, 2024

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Celebration Recognizing UNH Researchers and Scholars**

Each year, the Office of Research, Economic Engagement and Outreach celebrates the many UNH faculty, postdoctoral researchers, graduate students and staff who received prestigious external honors, prizes, special recognition or other accolades for their research, scholarship, creative, innovative or outreach achievements. In 2024, we will celebrate those who received recognition in 2023. We will also announce the winner of the 2024 Innovator of the Year award at the April celebration. Click [here](#) by March 18, 2024, to identify yourself or others as a potential honoree.

#### **Qualtrics Feedback Survey**

Qualtrics is a web-based software solution USNH uses to create surveys. ET&S is currently in the exploratory stage of considering another solution that meets the business needs of our students, faculty and staff while reducing costs and improving the user experience. As part of this exploratory process, ET&S hosted virtual and in-person feedback sessions to understand the current and future survey tool needs. They will continue to collect feedback over the next two weeks via this survey. Updates on the next steps and the path to a decision will be shared in March.

### May 2024 Ethical and Responsible Conduct of Research Training

Registration is open for the May 2024 [ethical and responsible conduct of research \(RCR\) training](#). The training involves the completion of online [RCR instructional modules](#) and participation in a seminar on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 9:10 a.m. to noon in MUB Room 162. Participants must [register for the training](#) by Tuesday, April 30 and must complete the online modules prior to the seminar. Contact [Julie Simpson](#) with questions.

### Did You Know? Travel Using Sponsored Program Funds

All travel on sponsored programs must follow the [University Travel Policy](#). In addition, all travel expenses charged to federally funded sponsored programs are governed by the cost principles defined by the Office of Management and Budget as part of [2 CFR 200.475](#). In general, expenses must pass the following three tests to be included as direct expenditures on a sponsored project:

- The cost must be allowable under both the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E and the terms of a specific award. Such travel must provide a direct benefit to the project and documentation must also support the participation of the researcher as necessary to the award.
- The cost must be allocable — the expense can be associated with a project with a high degree of accuracy.
- The cost must be reasonable — the cost reflects what a “prudent person” would pay in a like circumstance.

### UIC Funding Source Information

The University Instrumentation Center provides funding source information for their instruments. If you include data from UIC instrumentation in publications, grant proposals, presentations or dissertations/theses, please refer to this information.

### 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.

### Guide: Supporting and Mentoring Postdoctoral Researchers

The NSF EPSCoR community has created a comprehensive resource guide for supporting the mentoring and development of postdoctoral researchers. The guide includes 13 modules with thematic content and exercises in a wide range of areas.

### Research Integrity Services Office Hours

Research Integrity Services will continue to hold drop-in Zoom “office hours” most Tuesdays 9 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays noon to 1 p.m. and Thursdays 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. through the spring semester. Stop by with your questions about using [Cayuse Human Ethics](#) or [Cayuse Outside Interests](#).

### **Animal Care Committee Meetings**

The UNH Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee's spring 2024 meeting schedule is [here](#).

### **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](#).

## AROUND REEO

### **Extension Assistance**

The 2023 production season was extremely challenging for farmers throughout the northeast, due to freeze and flooding events. UNH Extension specialists played a key role in identifying crop losses and communicating those losses to state and federal agencies for \$8 million in relief funding.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

### **NH Water Resources Research Center RFP**

The NH Water Resources Research Center is now accepting applications for their annual state competition. Any investigator at an institution of higher learning in New Hampshire is eligible to apply for this grant with research that focuses on priorities of the state or region. More information is [here](#). Proposals must be submitted by email to [nh.wrcc@unh.edu](mailto:nh.wrcc@unh.edu) no later than Monday, March 22, 2024, at 5 p.m. Contact Michelle Shattuck.

### **Water Quality Research Foundation (WQRF) Request for Concept Papers**

The proposed research concept must fit into at least one of the following categories:

- Emerging contaminants in private or community water supplies (excluding PFAS)
- POU/POE for compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)
- State-specific drinking water initiatives (e.g., California's SAFER program)
- Lead abatement in schools

Deadline: March 29, 2024 [Details](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **3 Minute Thesis Preliminary Round**

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024

3 – 5 p.m.

MUB Theater I

The 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) is a competition that cultivates students' academic, presentation, and research communication skills. Presenting in a 3MT competition increases their capacity to effectively explain their research in three minutes, in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience. Competitors are allowed one PowerPoint slide, but no other resources or props. Open to all. For more information visit [3MT](#).

### **USDA/NIFA Grants Support Technical Assistance Workshop**

March 4 – 8, 2024

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. each day

Virtual

The workshop's goal is to support prospective applicants and other stakeholders interested in grants development and/or grants management by addressing these topics:

March 4: Accessing NIFA Web Resources on Grants Development and Grants Management

March 5: Overview of Major NIFA Programs

March 6: Opportunities for Selective NIFA Applicants (Groups)

March 7: Learning Moments from Grants Management

March 8: Reporting and Related Topics

Attendees can participate in one or more sessions. The event will be recorded and available soon afterward.

Registration (required) and more info [here](#).

### **Developing Broader Impacts and Partnerships (for NSF Proposals)**

Thursday, March 7, 2024

12:40 – 2 p.m.

Dimond Library 352, register [here](#).

NSF expects that all the projects it supports will benefit society in some way. This session will cover fostering research partnerships, NSF's priorities for and definitions of broader impacts, how to address project broader impacts in one's proposal, and resources available to UNH investigators for developing broader impact plans and identifying internal and external partners.

This session is open to all, but especially those interested in applying to the NSF CAREER program.

### **Seacoast Sips of Science: Mapping Our World**

Monday, March 11, 2024

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Garrison City Beerworks, Dover, N.H.

This month's 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, features the work of three UNH researchers (faculty members Meghan Howey and Theresa Cohn and Ph.D. student Else Schlerman) who use the art and science of mapping practices to better understand the people, places, and ecosystems that surround us. Buy tickets (\$5, \$2 students) [here](#). Advanced purchase is strongly recommended; these events usually sell out.

### **Evaluation and Assessment for NSF Projects**

Thursday, March 28, 2024

12:40 – 2 p.m.

Dimond Library 352, register [here](#).

The National Science Foundation (NSF) and other sponsors expect principal investigators to develop metrics and determine the impact their projects have beyond the research itself. This session provides information about why

evaluation plans are needed and how they contribute positively to the project; necessary components of appropriate evaluation plans; how to decide whether to use an internal or external evaluator; how to locate and select an evaluator/partner; how to budget in the proposal for the costs of evaluation; and what to do pre-award to help make sure the evaluation goes well. This session is open to all, but especially those interested in applying to the NSF CAREER program.

### **3 Minute Thesis Final Round**

Monday, April 8, 2024

4 – 6 p.m.

MUB Theater II

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### **RESCHEDULED: Seacoast Sips of Science: Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!**

Thursday, May 2, 2024

5:30 p.m.

North Country Hard Cider, Dover, N.H.

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