Welcome back! It has been a busy summer. Faculty submitted 12 new grant proposals and received a number of new AWARDS. Congratulations to the following:

**Recent Grants and Awards**

**Parvaneh Abbaspour and Mark Dahl** (Watzek Library), “Data in the Disciplines: Developing a Network to provide Data Management and Data Information Literacy Services at Small College and University Libraries,” Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Sparks Innovation Grant. (August 2018)

**Oren Kosansky and David Campion** (Middle East/North Africa Studies program and History), Fulbright Scholar in Residence. (August 2018)


**Margaret Metz** (Biology), “Cyclic vs. anthropogenic causes of long-term variation in the regeneration of tropical forests with contrasting latitude and diversity,” National Science Foundation’s RUI and Long Term Research in Environmental Biology (LTREB). (July 2018)

**Hannah Crummé** (Watzek Library), “Vietnamese Portland: Memory, History, Community,” Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). (July 2018)

The brain is exquisitely organized and complex, with billions of cells forming trillions of precise connections that ultimately control behavior. Neuroscientists across the globe are racing to construct detailed maps of the brain, hoping to answer key questions about how the brain grows and forms during development, how it functions in adulthood, and how it deteriorates. One powerful approach to mapping connections in the brain is to use color – to identify individual cells with unique hues.

In her talk, Biology and Neuroscience Professor Tamily Weissman explained how color is used to study the brain. She has helped to develop a multicolor method called “Brainbow”, which color-codes cells by expressing combinations of specialized fluorescent proteins. She presented colorful images and illustrated how the brain forms in tiny, transparent zebrafish embryos.

Compliance Corner
The Sponsored Research Office supports financial compliance for external grants and research compliance for the College of Arts and Sciences. Lewis & Clark policies are based on Federal guidelines. The SRO educates personnel and ensures compliance of relevant policies.

This Issue’s Topic: Responsible Conduct of Research
College policy requires that all students working on funded research complete training in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR). Lewis & Clark subscribes to online training modules through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) to deliver courses on Responsible Conduct of Research, Human Subjects Research, Animal Care and Use, and Conflict of Interest to the College community. You can learn more about the College’s RCR policy online.

Our office ensures timely completion of required training for undergraduate students, faculty, and other personnel. This summer, the SRO helped facilitate the training of 42 students. We will soon be asking for the names of students and technicians performing research on funded projects during the Fall term. Please help us stay in compliance by responding promptly.
Resources & Opportunities

Post Award Financial Compliance

Post Award emails are sent to Principal Investigators, Project Directors, and others with private or federal external grants. Each email focuses on a specific topic with the goal of educating and creating awareness of relevant grant issues. Below are a few topics you may find helpful if you are new to external funding or need a refresher on some of the more pressing compliance issues. A complete archive of Post Award emails may be found on the SRO website.

NSF Report Deadlines and Reporting Requirements
The National Science Foundation (NSF) sends an automated email notification to all PIs and co-PIs listed that their Annual Progress Report is "NOW DUE". This message marks the start of a 90-day window for report submission. Reports are overdue the first day beyond this 90-day period. Read more.

Cost Transfers on Federal Awards
A cost transfer is a correction required to move an expense to or from a federally funded project account. We are required to explain and justify cost transfers in order to comply with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines. Cost transfers are an audit risk; therefore, the frequency should be minimized. Read more.

Vacation Payouts for Grant-Funded Staff
Vacation payouts can come as a surprise expense to your grant budget at the end of someone’s position at the College. Best practice is to encourage your staff to use the vacation days they earn each year. Read more.

Travel Guidelines for External Grants
The SRO Travel Guidelines help maintain compliance with federal cost principles, reduce the risk of negative findings in an audit, and increase consistency in evaluating and approving travel expenses. External grants, especially federal grants, have more restrictions and requirements on spending and greater need for documentation than L&C travel policy. Read more.

National Science Foundation: New Account Management System

On March 26, 2018, NSF introduced a new centralized and streamlined account registration process in Research.gov for the research community that provides each new user with a single profile and unique identifier (i.e., NSF ID) for signing in to FastLane and Research.gov for proposal and award activities. More information about this conversion is available at https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/fastlane.jsp?t=0&idx=1.

Please update your FastLane account. This will require that you login and review your information—which may be as simple as updating your phone number or email address. You may have received an automated email from Fastlane/Research.gov inviting you to update your profile. Please follow the instructions to do so, and let the SRO know if you have any questions.

Recommended Reading:

“Wait...It’s Not MY Grant?”

Dr. Michael Lauer, Deputy Director for Extramural Research, reminds his readers that NIH does not make awards to individuals but institutions. Read more on his Open Mike blog about the different roles of institutions and investigators working on an NIH award.

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Pop Quiz: Do you Really Know What a Grant Is?

Test your knowledge with this quiz and learn more about different types of grants, courtesy of grants.gov, the federal government’s grants portal.