COVID-19 Updates

Whether you are a student, staff, or faculty member, ORGA hopes you and your loved ones are remaining healthy amidst this very unprecedented time. Because the COVID-19 pandemic brings both uncertainty and constantly evolving information, it is necessary to stay up to date and informed. Below are some helpful resources to utilize regarding COVID-19 and its effect on research and grants. Additionally, ORGA is always available to answer any specific questions that may arise.

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration Grant Opportunity

NASA’s Science Mission Directorate (SMD) has announced its annual NASA Research Announcement (NRA), Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences (ROSES) – 2020. ROSES is an omnibus NRA, with many individual program elements, each with its own due dates and topics. These topics cover a wide range of basic and applied research in space and earth sciences supported by SMD. Click here for the announcement link, and click here for the list of funding opportunities.

National Science Foundation Funding Opportunities

The NSF is requesting proposals for its Human-Environment and Geographical Sciences (HEGS) program, which supports basic scientific research about the nature, causes, and/or consequences of the spatial distribution of human activity and/or environmental processes across a range of scales. Projects about a broad range of topics may be appropriate for support if they enhance fundamental geographical knowledge, concepts, theories, methods, and their application to societal problems and concerns. Applications are due August 19, 2020. For more information, click here.

The NSF is requesting proposals for its ADVANCE program, which aims to enhance the systemic factors that support equity and inclusion and to mitigate the systemic factors that create inequities in the academic profession and workplaces. The goal is to broaden the implementation of evidence-based systemic change strategies that promote equity for STEM faculty. The solicitation includes four funding tracks: Institutional Transformation, Adaptation, Partnership, and Catalyst. Applications are due August 7, 2020. For more information, click here.

Environmental Protection Agency Funding Opportunity

The EPA is requesting applications for the National Environmental Education and Training Program, which will award one cooperative agreement to a U.S. institution of higher education. The purpose of this program is to “deliver environmental education (EE) training and long-term support to education professionals across the U.S in the development and delivery of environmental education and training programs and studies.” Applications are due May 29, 2020. For more information, click here.

World Resources Institute Ross Center Funding Opportunity

The WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities has announced the second cycle of its global competition that supports transformative urban change. The competition invites submissions about initiatives and projects that show how to live and thrive in a changing climate by tackling both the climate crisis and urban inequality. $250,000 will be awarded to one grand prize winner and $25,000 each to four runners-up. Applications are due May 7, 2020. For more information, click here.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Grant Opportunity

The CDC’s National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) is requesting proposals for investigator-initiated research to understand and prevent firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crimes. The intent of this grant is to support research that helps inform the development of innovative and promising opportunities to enhance safety and prevent these firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crimes. Applications are due May 5, 2020. For more information, click here.

Helpful Tips

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many individuals are working remotely so that they can stay healthy and safe. Working from home presents many unique challenges. Fortunately, there is now a huge variety of tools and services available to help employees perform their roles effectively from home. This article provides many helpful tips and tools to help you work from home effectively and efficiently.

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