

A Statement from ORGA

We in the Office of Research and Grants Administration are committed to helping faculty and staff at the college obtain grant funds that promote diversity in research. We stand against bias and harm and are actively seeking out and providing resources to help uplift underrepresented groups both here at the college and within the community.

National Science Foundation Funding Opportunities



The NSF's ADVANCE program aims to foster a more diverse and capable science and engineering workforce and seeks to build on prior NSF ADVANCE work and other research and literature concerning gender, racial, and ethnic equity. All proposals are expected to use intersectional approaches in the design of systemic change strategies, recognizing that gender, race, and ethnicity do not exist in isolation from each other. Applications are due August 7, 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

National Endowment for the Humanities Funding Opportunity



The U.S.'s NEH and the U.K.'s Arts and Humanities Research Council are accepting applications for the NEH/AHRC New Directions for Digital Scholarship in Cultural Institutions program. This program will fund teams working collaboratively to deliver "transformational impact on digital methods and digital research in cultural institutions." Applications are due August 18, 2020 and must be submitted by teams composed of at least one organization from the U.S. and one from the U.K. For more information, [click here](#).

National Endowment for the Arts Funding Opportunity



Our Town is NEA's creative placemaking grants program. Supported projects are those that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes. These projects require a partnership between a local government entity and a nonprofit organization, one of which must be a cultural organization, and should engage in partnerships with other sectors. Applications are due August 6, 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

National Institutes of Health Funding Opportunities



The NIH is accepting proposals for its Mid-Career Enhancement Award to Integrate Basic Behavioral, Biomedical, and/or Social Scientific Processes program which supports career development experiences and small-scale research projects that will help researchers investigate interrelationships among behavioral, biological, endocrine, epigenetic, immune, inflammatory, neurological, psychological, and/or social processes. Applications are due March 17, 2021, 2022, and 2023. For more information, [click here](#).

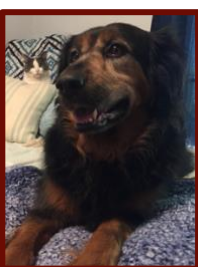
The NIH is seeking proposals for research that focuses on community interventions to address the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic among vulnerable populations. They encourage applicants to implement and evaluate community interventions, testing 1) the impacts of mitigation strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission in health disparity populations and vulnerable groups; and 2) already implemented, new, or adapted interventions to address the adverse consequences of the pandemic on the health of these groups. Applications are due August 28 and December 1, 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

Helpful Tip!



Are you a researcher being advised to contact a program staff member for help on a proposal? Do you find yourself feeling anxious about doing so? Michael J. Spires with the Chronicle of Higher Education created a list of "dos and don'ts" for communicating with program staff members. What's better, these suggestions can help if or when you may need to communicate with staff members in ORGA, with grants accountants, and in other professional situations. Learn more about these "dos and don'ts" in [this article!](#)

Meet ORGA's Pets!



As ORGA has worked remotely these past weeks, our pets have become beloved co-workers. Sara's pets Barley, the dog, and Bongo, the cat, both enjoy belly scratches, staring out the window, and begging for treats. Unfortunately, that's where their similarities end. Barley, who is part Border Collie and part Gordon Setter, enjoys chasing and herding small animals, such as cats. Bongo's other favorite activities include not being chased and napping undisturbed. They are both enjoying the extra attention from having their humans at home all day, although the cat would never admit to it.