Announcements from the ORGA Office

The College of Charleston’s Institutional Review Board (IRB) has made two important changes impacting research with minors, for research that is minimal risk and is not federally funded. First, parental permission is no longer required for matriculated, post-secondary college students who are 17 years old. This means that freshmen who are not yet 18 can now participate in the SONA surveys and earn required research credits for their PSYC 103 courses without having to obtain parental permission. Second, anonymous survey research involving minors can now be reviewed on exemption category 2. To read more about the IRB’s new policy changes please, click here.

As the end of the semester is coming to a close, the Office of Research and Grants Administration (ORGA) would like to say thank you for a great Fall 2022 Semester! As a reminder, you can contact ORGA staff with grants or research-related inquiries at: grants@cofc.edu and compliance@cofc.edu. Continue reading to learn about upcoming grant opportunities with early Spring 2023 deadlines that you won’t want to miss.

SC Space Grant Consortium’s FY23 REAP Award: Due 27 JAN 2023

The South Carolina Space Grant Consortium (SCSGC) is now accepting applications for the FY23 Research and Education Awards Program (REAP). The REAP provides support for faculty members and/or students to develop contacts and foster collaborations across SCSGC member institutions while working on research projects and programs in STEM fields. There are 4 subprograms to which you can apply: (1) The Research Facilitation Award, which provides support for NASA-related activities; (2) the Education Research Award, which supports STEM-related activities; (3) the Curriculum Development Award, which funds science and engineering related coursework and education development across all education levels (k-12, undergraduate, and graduate); and (4) the Travel Award, which supports faculty/student travel to visit federal facilities or to attend professional meetings. Applications are due 27 JAN 2023 with an award period beginning 15 APRIL 2023 and concluding 14 APRIL 2024.

The National Institutes of Health: R15 Grant

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the nation’s premier medical research agency supporting scientific studies that benefit human health. The NIH R15 Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) for Undergraduate-Focused Institutions supports small scale research programs with an emphasis on providing biomedical research experience for undergraduate students and enhancing the research environment at applicant, academic institutions. The next deadline for NEW proposal submissions is 25 FEB 2023.

South Carolina Humanities Grant Funding Opportunities

The SC Humanities enriches the cultural and intellectual lives of South Carolinians by providing high-quality humanities programs that broaden public perspectives, foster positive human relationships, encourage good citizenship, and bring together diverse communities statewide. SC Humanities is accepting applications for their Major Grants Program, which supports large-scale public humanities programs with grant awards ranging between $2,000 and $10,000. The application deadline is 11 JAN 2023 for programs starting after 15 MAR 2023.

In honor of their 50th Anniversary, SC Humanities has launched a statewide themed request for proposals titled, SCH@50: Remembering the Past, Reimagining the Future. Project proposals should explore aspects of South Carolina’s history from a humanistic lens, considering how the state has changed over the last 50 years, and explore how SC can approach future challenges. Proposals should cover subjects in the humanities including: history, literature, languages, linguistics, philosophy, ethics, comparative religion, anthropology, and/or historical, critical and theoretical approaches to the. The deadline for the final call for themed proposals is 11 JAN 2023 for projects starting after 15 MAR 2023.

The Coastal Community Foundation (CCF)

The Coastal Community Foundation (CCF) is a non-profit organization that works to create rich, healthy and equitable communities in South Carolina’s coastal counties by offering competitive grants to other non-profit organizations. Read below to learn about four upcoming CCF supported grant programs with application deadlines on 16 JAN 2023.

The Stanley B. Farbstein Endowment supports community-led projects and programs that address the preservation of Jewish identity, culture and education. Invited applicants may request up to $20,000 in funding.

The Blackbaud Fund supports local organizations that serve special needs youth and/or provide educational opportunities for underserved, disadvantaged or minority children. The average award is $5,000.

The Charles-Webb Ed Croft Endowment Fund aims to improve the lives of special needs children by awarding funds that support experiential learning and/or educational programs for local youth. Applicants may receive up to $10,000 in project funding.

The Healthy Harbors Grant Program provides project-based funding for water quality improvement initiatives in the Charleston Harbor and surrounding environments. Priority is given to projects that benefit and involve the local community.