

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCIENCE FORUMS

Fridays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Dining Room C-D, Thompson-Boling Arena
Bring lunch or buy at Arena Café

Friday, February 13

Thomas Gaines, Cardiothoracic Surgeon at UT Medical Center
"New Advances in the Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation"

Friday, February 20

Benjamin M. Auerbach, Anthropology
"A Case of Cold Feet? Human Colonizations of the Americas"

CENTRIPETALS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 12 noon

UC Executive Dining Room

Paul Frymier, Chemical Engineering
"Sustainability and Technology: Are They Compatible?"

RSVP: Joan Murray at 974-8177 or unistudy@utk.edu

\$8.00 payable at the door

OTHER EVENTS

Friday, Feb. 14, 8 p.m.

Cox Auditorium, Alumni Memorial Bldg.
"Voices of Music," the UT Symphony Orchestra

Free admission; free parking available.
More info: 974-3241

Monday, February 16, 7 p.m.

John C. Hodges Library Auditorium
Paul Zimmer, Writers in the Library
Poetry Reading

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.,

McClung Museum Auditorium
Kenneth R. Wright, Wright Paleohydrological Institute, Denver
"Machu Picchu: A Civil Engineering Marvel." Free and open to the public.
More info: 974-6525

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

University Center Ballroom
Free Health Fair for the UT Community
Sponsored by the College of Nursing and UT Medical Center
Several screenings and tests available. Costs for lab work only.
More info: <http://www.utk.edu/go/o>

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 12 noon

304 Communications Bldg.
CCI International Brown Bag
Dania Bilal, Information Sciences
"Semester in Lebanon: challenges of research in a different country"
More info: 974-5123

Complete list of campus events:

www.utk.edu/events

Last call for research catalog submissions

The deadline for submitting entries for the new research catalog has been extended to **Friday, 20 February**. Submissions should be e-mailed to Diane Pitts, diane.pitts@utk.edu. Narrative descriptions can be sent in the body of an e-mail or as text-only Microsoft Word attachments. Electronic images should be high-resolution (1 MB or larger) and should be submitted as e-mail attachments, with captions included in the e-mail.

Details: Diane Pitts, 974-6393; Dennis McCarthy, 974-8063; or Greg Reed at 974-0437.

Late technical reports jeopardize funding to university

An increasing number of federal agencies are enforcing the requirements for timely submission of project technical reports by holding up future funding for all projects when one individual report is late. The practice affects all PIs at UT Knoxville who have awards with an agency, regardless of the college or the nature of the award or which PI is late with the report.

Submitting reports on time is one of the conditions that a PI agrees to when the project award is accepted.

Agencies like the U.S. Department of Energy will hold all future funding, including continuations, incremental funding, and new awards to the entire university until the technical report has been submitted. The sponsoring agency notifies the PI and the Office of Research of any late reports. In turn, deans and department heads are notified and will be expected to resolve the issue immediately.

New short-form yellow sheet allows for changes in proposals

The Sponsored Programs office has implemented a new form, "Supplemental Document Review/Approval sheet" to be used in lieu of a full "Document Review/Approval Sheet (Yellow Sheet)" for changes to previously approved proposals or variances between the approved proposal and the award document. This abbreviated form is intended to reduce the paperwork burden associated with such changes.

Form available: <http://research.utk.edu/forms/> under Sponsored Programs—Proposals.

NSF wants comments on cost-sharing paper

The National Science Foundation is soliciting public comment on a report evaluating and restating its cost-sharing policies. At present, the draft report includes nine recommendations, including limiting cost-sharing requirements to the degree possible and eliminating any notion of voluntary cost-sharing.

Deadline for comment: 16 February 09 to Jennifer Richards (nsbcostsharing@nsf.gov, 703-292-7000)

Details: www.nsf.gov/nsb/publications/2009/cs_draft_report.pdf

NSF adopts new logo, use guidelines

The National Science Foundation has adopted a new logo for its own use and for inclusion on projects it funds. Several versions of the logo are available and suitable for reproduction in different communications venues. The logo comes with guidelines for appropriate use of the symbol. The logo went into use on 9 Feb 09 and will be phased in for print pieces as stocks of paperware are depleted.

Details: www.nsf.gov/policies/logos.jsp

Last call for faculty authors

The deadline for submitting faculty book information to the University Libraries is Friday, 13 February. Faculty who have published a scholarly monograph in 2008 (that was not featured at last year's reception) or 2009 should send author name, monograph title, and publication date to Patty Boling (boling00@utk.edu) in the Dean of Libraries Office. The Office of Research and the University Libraries will hold a reception in honor of UT Knoxville authors on 24 March 09 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 in 605 Hodges Library.

Annual misconduct report being compiled

Brenda Lawson, compliance officer for the UT Office of Research, is compiling the annual systemwide report that collects allegations, inquiries, or investigations of research misconduct against university faculty. The final report will be submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Research Integrity by 1 March 09.

Questions: blawson@utk.edu, 974-7697.

'Ya can't tell the players without a program'

The UT Office of Research website now includes a contact list of office staff—complete with titles, phone numbers, e-addresses, and (in most cases) a photo. The most recent organizational chart is also available in a PDF format.

Details: <http://research.utk.edu/about/contacts.shtml>



Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Award

The March of Dimes is soliciting nominations for its 2010 Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Award, which is designed to support young scientists (recent faculty appointments) just embarking on their independent research careers. Nominations must be made by deans, department chairs, or directors of institutes or centers. March of Dimes does research in connection with birth defects.

Deadline: 15 March 09

Details: http://researchgrants.marchofdimes.com/MODGrants/BOC/Nom_Submit.asp

Department of Defense Autism Research Program Awards

The U.S. Department of Defense is supporting research into autism spectrum disorders in two areas: co-morbidity of related disorders and predictors of treatment outcomes. The program funds both clinical trials and Idea Awards.

Deadline: Preapplication, 17 March 09; invited proposal, 22 July 09.

Details: <http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/arp.htm>

Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers (OAICs)

The National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of Health is soliciting proposals to establish centers of excellence in geriatrics research and training with a goal of increasing scientific knowledge that will lead to better ways to maintain and restore independence in older persons.

Deadlines: Letters of intent to NIH, 24 Feb 09; application receipt date, 24 March 2009.

Details: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-10-003.html#SectionIV>

Children's Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Research Centers

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the Environmental Protection Agency CEHC joint program solicits grant applications for Research Centers to support a multidisciplinary program of basic and applied research to examine the effects of environmental factors on children's health and well-being. Research conducted through the Centers should include substantive areas of science in children's health while incorporating innovative technologies and approaches and links to the environment.

Deadlines: Letter of intent to agency, 30 March 09; completed application to agency, 30 April 09.

Details: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-08-002.html>

Children's Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Centers: Formative Centers

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the Environmental Protection Agency will support the development of an integrative research environment to sustain a multidisciplinary program of basic and applied research which examines the effects of environmental threats to children's health and well-being. Research conducted as part of the CEHC Formative Centers should include new and emerging areas of science in children's health while incorporating innovative technologies and approaches in the pursuit of developing a strong base of science. This opportunity will allow development of new research teams, connections with communities and other stakeholders, and will obtain preliminary data on childhood diseases and disorders where the evidence of an environmental contribution has yet to be fully established or appreciated.

Deadlines: Letter of intent to agency, 30 March 09; completed application to agency, 30 April 09.

Details: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-08-004.html>

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NSF Nanotechnology Undergraduate Education (NUE) in Engineering

This solicitation aims at introducing nanoscale science, engineering, and technology through a variety of interdisciplinary approaches into undergraduate engineering education. The focus of this year's competition is on nanoscale engineering education with relevance to devices and systems and/or on the societal, ethical, economic, and/or environmental issues relevant to nanotechnology.

LIMITED SUBMISSION: May require internal competition. The University of Tennessee is limited to **one submission** to the NUE program, and its PI must hold a faculty appointment in the College of Engineering. The university may submit a **second** NUE proposal **only if** that proposal addresses societal, ethical, economic, and/or environmental issues relevant to nanotechnology.

Deadlines:

Internal statement of intent to propose, noon, 18 Feb 09
Scheduling of internal competition, if necessary, 19 Feb 09
Completed proposal to UTOR, 8 a.m., 23 April 09

Details: www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09533/nsf09533.html

Joint Domestic Nuclear Detection Office-NSF: Academic Research Initiative (ARI)

The NSF and the Department of Homeland Security have updated the ARI solicitation identified by the title above (published in this newsletter on 14 January 2009). The program seeks transformational research on detecting nuclear threats and specifically excludes biological, chemical, and conventional weapons detection.

Deadline: proposal to NSF, 27 April 09

Details: www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09532/nsf09532.html?govDel=USNSF_25

NSF Research to Aid Persons with Disabilities (RAPD)

The NSF's Research to Aid Persons with Disabilities program supports research that will lead to the development of new technologies, devices, or software for persons with disabilities. Research may be supported that is directed to the characterization, restoration, and/or substitution of human functional ability or cognition, or to the interaction of persons with disabilities and their environment.

Deadlines: Full-proposal submission windows, annually 1 February through 1 March and 15 August through 15 September.

Details: http://nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=501021&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund