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- **Proposed FY to Date: \$10,451,654 — 49 proposals**
- **Funded FY to Date: \$1,339,042 — 33 awards**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

NIH has received new funds for Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010 as part of the "Recovery Act." NIH has designated at least \$200 million for a new initiative called NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research. This new program will support research on topic areas that address specific scientific and health research challenges in biomedical and behavioral research in areas that address specific knowledge gaps, scientific opportunities, new technologies, data generation or research methods that would benefit from an influx of funds to quickly advance the area in significant ways.

NIH has identified a range of Challenge Areas. Within each broad area, the NIH Institutes, Centers and Offices have specified 15 particular Challenge Topics that address their missions. The Challenge Grant RFP lists specific areas of interest within each topic area and further designates priority areas with an asterisk. The 181-page document may be reviewed by going to

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/Omnibus.pdf

If you need assistance reviewing the document, brainstorming your research idea, developing your proposal, etc., please contact your research mentor or your COHPA Office of Research coordinator for assistance.

Reminder

The Research Proposal Incentive Award fosters the development of collaborative funded research, promotes research enterprise and national recognition, and assists faculty members in developing professional expertise in research collaborations. Information about this award may be found at

www.cohpa.ucf.edu/Research/documents/COHPApolicyfortheResearchProposalIncentiveawardDec420.pdf



COHPA Brown Bag Forums

Spring Brown Bag Series

Each Brown Bag session is held at noon in the Dean's Conference Room, HPA I - 335. Faculty members are encouraged to attend and bring their lunch!

March 19, 2009

Work experience of newly licensed RNs, sponsored by the Department of Health Management and Informatics

April 16, 2009

TBD, sponsored by the Department of Health Professions





COHPA Research Fellowship Opportunity

Up to 10 faculty members will be selected to receive a COHPA Research Fellowship, which carries a \$2,500 stipend for professional development (including travel) or course buyout. The award period is two semesters, fall and spring, during a given academic year.

The fellowship is a competitive award intended to develop faculty research competencies through a series of intensive workshops, seminars and extracurricular assignments.

Faculty members of all ranks are encouraged to apply. Applications are due no later than Friday, April 17, and should be submitted directly to John Bricout, chair of the COHPA Research Council.

Grant Workshop

The UCF Office of Research and Commercialization is sponsoring a grant workshop on Monday, April 6, to help faculty members, students and staff members develop competitive proposals.

Representatives from federal, private and nonprofit agencies will speak on funding opportunities available in those areas, discuss potential collaborations and offer tips for preparing and submitting winning proposals.

All sessions will be held in the UCF Student Union, Key West Room (218AB), from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. There is no charge for attending and lunch will be provided.

RSVP by March 24 to mmurcia@mail.ucf.edu. For more information contact Marysol Murcia at 407-882-1166 or Maddy Chokshi at 407-882-1141. More details are available at www.research.ucf.edu.



NSF Course: Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement (CCLI) Grant

The UCF Office of Research and Commercialization has announced a series of workshops focusing on the NSF CCLI program, which funds the development of learning materials and teaching strategies in science education at all levels. Approximately 100 grants ranging from \$200,000 to \$5 million are awarded each year with no institutional limit.

The workshops will be held on Thursdays for six weeks, beginning March 26. At the completion of this workshop series, each attendee will have in-hand a completed, edited and reviewed proposal to submit to NSF by the May 21 deadline.

The goal of these workshops is to familiarize participants with the entire proposal development, writing, budgeting and submission process and to have authentic guided experience speaking with NSF directors and UCF

proposal administrators.

Workshops will be held at the FCTL on Thursdays from 12 to 1:30 PM.

Jo Smith, PhD., will guide the workshop series, with guest speakers



covering specialty topics. Each of these workshops will focus specifically on how the attendees' project goals and areas of interest may be tailored to effectively respond to the CCLI program.

Seating is limited. To reserve a seat and register, send an email to Mary Tripp at mtripp@mail.ucf.edu with CCLI workshop in the subject line. Please register before March 19.

Kudos

COHPA received "kudos" from the UCF Office of Research and Commercialization for successfully completing the Fall 2008 Time and Effort Reporting. COHPA completed this important task on time with the cooperation of its faculty, staff and administration.



New Proposals

Three new research proposals were submitted in February:

- Pak Hin Kong, assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders — submitted “Toward a Multi-modal and Multi-level Analysis of Chinese Aphasic Discourse” to the National Institutes of Health.
- Bari Ruddy, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders — submitted a proposal to assess the acoustic and affective bio-physiologic responses of individuals with adductor spasmodic dysphonia in a mixed reality environment to the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association.
- Tom Bryer, assistant professor of public administration — submitted “Uncovering the Public Participation Values of Members of Congress” to the Dirksen Congressional Center.

Locate Funding Fast!

Are you looking for funding and don't know where to look? Sign up for an hourlong, Web-based training session on a comprehensive database of funding opportunities!



For the first time, the Community of Science is offering UCF faculty members "end-user training" on its Funding Opportunities database, one of a number of databases the UCF Office of Research and Commercialization uses to help faculty members find funding.

COS Funding Opportunities is the largest, most comprehensive database of available funding, containing more than 25,000 records representing over \$33 billion in funding. Sponsors include private foundations, public agencies, national and local governments, corporations, and more.

The database includes funding available in all disciplines — physical sciences, social sciences, life sciences, health and medicine, and arts and humanities. Also, the database has funding for many purposes, such as research, collaborations, travel, curriculum development, conferences, fellowships, postdoctoral positions, equipment acquisitions, capital and operating expenses.

The training is easy and very convenient — it will only take an hour. All you need is a high-speed internet connection, a computer and a phone. Just sign up and then log on for the session, from anywhere, at the appropriate time.

You can sign up for one of two identical sessions — on March 17 or March 30. Both sessions are at 2 PM Eastern Standard Time.

For more information and to register, please go to www.cos.com/news/workshops.

For additional information, contact Maddy Chokshi, an information specialist at ORC, at 407-882-1141.

New Look, New Information

To help better manage contracts and grant activity, the UCF Office of Research and Commercialization Web site will release new functionality to [My Research](#) - Financials on Monday, March 23.

What's New??

- Salary and OPS encumbrances
- Quick navigation links
- PeopleSoft account code integration
- Cash flow
- Budget-level details
- Tuition allowable

You may want to review the new applications with your COHPA research coordinator to assure accuracy of the conversion of information.

If you have technical questions or comments, please direct them to Chad Macuszno at cmacuszo@mail.ucf.edu or 407-823-0484.

