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ORDA Weekly Update, 2020.03.16

Office of Research Development and Administration

COVID-19 Update: The latest news and guidance for students, faculty and staff.

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Events & Deadlines

March 16, 2020

ORDA Remote Business Operations

The Office of Research Development and Administration is continuing its business operations during regular business hours remotely.

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We are monitoring email, and are happy to arrange virtual meetings, conference calls, and other modes of remote interaction to support the development and submission of proposals, or continue the work of your grant funded work as appropriate. Please note, Cayuse is web-based and does not require any special access beyond a web browser and current University single sign-on credentials.

The **Council on Government Relations (COGR)**, an association of research universities, their affiliated medical centers, and independent research institutes, is maintaining a website of federal agency guidance, other institutional and agency responses, and resources pertaining to COVID-19

3rd Annual Faculty Scholarly and Creative Activity Showcase

Cancelled

Deadlines

Michigan Health Endowment Fund, Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyle

Michigan boasts one of the most agriculturally diverse economies in the country, yet our rate of food insecurity is higher than the national average. Poor nutrition and a lack of physical activity contribute to the prevalence of childhood obesity, which can in turn lead to a host of chronic health issues and other challenges, from diabetes to poor academic performance. Moreover, low-income communities are often disproportionately affected, leaving too many already disadvantaged young people even further behind. The Health Fund's Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles program is committed to improving health outcomes for Michiganders by reducing the barriers to living a healthy life. We support programs that bring nutrition and physical activity into schools, create fresh food pipelines, and make healthy lifestyles more accessible to seniors, children, and their families.

Next Deadline: Concept papers, March 23, 2020; Full proposals, April 30, 2020

National Science Foundation, Dear Colleague Letter: Announcing Creation of the Foundational Research in Robotics Program

The National Science Foundation announces the creation of the Foundational Research in Robotics (Robotics) program as a program jointly managed by the Directorates for Engineering (ENG) and Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE). The Robotics program supports research on robotic systems that exhibit significant levels of both computational capability and physical complexity. For the purposes of this program, a robot is defined as intelligence embodied in an engineered construct, with the ability to process information, sense, and move within or substantially alter its working environment. Here intelligence includes a broad class of methods that enable a robot to solve problems or make contextually appropriate decisions. Research proposals are welcomed that consider inextricably interwoven questions of intelligence, computation, and embodiment. Projects may also focus on a distinct aspect of intelligence, computation, and/or embodiment, as long as the proposed research is clearly justified in the context of a class of robots. The goal of the Robotics program is to erase artificial disciplinary boundaries and provide a single home for foundational research in robotics. Robotics is a deeply interdisciplinary field, and proposals are encouraged across the full range of fundamental engineering and computer science research challenges arising in robotics. All proposals should convincingly explain how a successful outcome will enable transformative new robot functionality or substantially enhance existing robot functionality.

Next Deadline: Accepting proposals any time after August 1, 2020

Statistical Consultation

ORDA welcomes back Dr. Grigoris Argeros (Sociology Anthropology Criminology) as Faculty Associate for research statistics. Consultation is available for faculty, as well as graduate students working with faculty on independent research projects and theses with the goal of publication of results.

Contact Orda_stats@emich.edu for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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