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ORDA Weekly Update, 2020.03.23

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 23, 2020

From the Provost:

Dear Colleagues,

Due to the high volume of emails coming in to the Office of the Provost account, we are adjusting our processes to most effectively address and respond to various issues. Effective immediately, please forward all paperwork requiring Divisional Executive approval to the following email address assoc_provost_budget_ops@emich.edu Further, please use this account for any budget and operations questions or follow-up on previously submitted paperwork.

ORDA Remote Business Operations

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

Beginning Monday, March 16, please contact the ORDA staff using the following phone numbers:

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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.

Deadlines

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

National Science Foundation, Dear Colleague Letter: Geoscience Opportunity for Leadership in Diversity-Expanding the Network (GOLD-EN)

In 2016, NSF launched the GOLD Program (Geoscience Opportunities for Leadership in Diversity) with the mission to achieve greater and more systemic diversity by creating a network of diversity and inclusion "champions" who can generate greater implementation of evidence-based best practices and resources. While geoscience community members generally agree upon the importance and ideals of broadening participation, most do not have the skills and competencies that allow them to be effective leaders in diversity. Through professional development opportunities, current GOLD projects research and develop the complex interplay of environmental context, personal traits, and motivating factors that must be considered in making such professional development efforts in diversity successful.

To expand the reach of current GOLD efforts, bring to scale related diversity activities in the geosciences, or develop unique approaches for greater inclusion in the geoscience education and research community, NSF welcomes submission of supplemental funding requests and the following types of proposals: Supplemental Funding Requests, Conference Proposals, Early-Concept Grants for Exploratory Research Proposals, Research Coordination Networks

Next Deadline: May 18, 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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