

# ORSP Newsletter

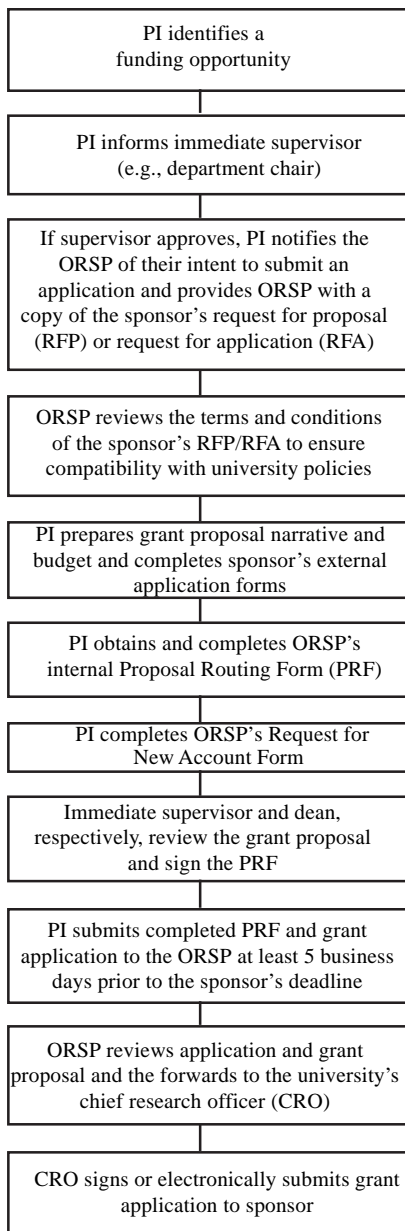


OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

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## Authority for entering into research and sponsored programs

Only the vice provost for research, as the university's chief research officer (CRO), has the authority to submit to an external sponsor a proposal or application for a sponsored program on behalf of UMass Boston, including applications made to private foundations. The process chart that follows illustrates the university's as well as the principal investigator's (PI) responsibilities.



The CRO conducts a final review of the application and grant proposal and signs the sponsor's application, confirming acceptance of the sponsor's terms and conditions should the sponsor offer UMass Boston an award.

### Accepting a research or sponsored program award

A principal investigator, center head, institute director, program director, department chairperson, dean, or other employee should never sign an external sponsored program document on behalf of the university. Only the CRO can enter UMass Boston into a legally binding agreement.

In most cases, the submission by the CRO of the proposal or application signifies the agreement of UMass Boston to accept the terms and conditions of the sponsor's award. In other cases, the sponsor sends a document to UMass Boston containing the terms and the conditions of the award that is then reviewed by the ORSP. If necessary, the ORSP negotiates with the sponsor to reach an agreement on the contract language, and then the CRO reviews, signs, and returns the contract to the sponsor. **Please note** that only the ORSP can negotiate with a sponsor to make changes to a contract.

While a PI often receives notification of an award before the ORSP does, acceptance of the award is always contingent upon a review by the ORSP of the terms and conditions in the sponsor's award letter, and then the final review and approval of the CRO.

## Donna Dunn honored for 25 years of service

Donna Dunn, associate director of ORSP post-award services, was recently honored, along with many of her UMass Boston colleagues, for her twenty five years of service to the university

A UMass Boston graduate, Donna manages the university's external funds obtained through grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements. She provides advice to and assists the faculty and business managers with the financial management of external awards.

## Welcome Sheri Farnum

Sheri Farnum has joined the ORSP as the departmental research administrator for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Prior to joining UMass Boston, Sheri was a grants and contracts administrator for Partners HealthCare System, Inc., a sponsored research facilitator at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and a program coordinator at The Cambridge Hospital.

## Internal grant programs

Applications and proposal guidelines for the financial year 2009 Healey, Public Service, Proposal Development, and Doctoral Dissertation grant programs are available on the ORSP website by selecting the "Funding" option then selecting the "Internal Funding" option. Print copies are also available in the ORSP.

The submission deadline for the the first three programs is Friday, January 18, 2008, and the deadline for the fourth program (i.e., the Doctoral Dissertation) is Friday, May 23, 2008.

The total award amount available for distribution represents a 16% increase over the last academic year, from \$143,000 to \$166,000, and a 71% increase in the total amount over financial year 2005.

Questions? Please contact Jim Mortenson at (617) 287-5614 or [james.mortenson@umb.edu](mailto:james.mortenson@umb.edu).

## Three-day grant writing workshop

Congratulations to the eighteen faculty, staff , and doctoral students (see below) selected to participate in the ORSP's intensive, three-day grant writing workshop that will be held at UMass Boston the second week of January. At the end of the workshop all participants will have prepared a finished grant proposal that can be submitted to an external sponsor for review and potential funding.

Lakshmi Srinivas, Department of Economics  
Kenneth Campbell, Department of Biology  
Sherree Dukes Conrad, Department of Psychology  
Kurt Jacobs, Department of Physics  
Kenneth Rothwell, Department of Classics  
Thomas Connelly, Department of Nursing  
Gonzalo Bacigalupe, Dept. of Counseling/School Psych.  
Priscilla Taylor, Department of Performing Arts  
Christine DePalma, Venture Development Center  
Brenda D'Alotto, Academic Support Programs  
Marie Mesidor, Department of Psychology  
Anneta Argyres, Labor Resource Center  
Donna Stewartson, Women in Politics and Public Policy  
Jason Wentworth, Campus Center  
Amy Cook, Dept. of Counseling/School Psych.  
Jillian Bennett, Ph.D. Program in Clinical Psychology  
Kimberly Johnson, Ph.D. Program in Gerontology  
Velina Batchvarov, Ph.D. Program in Nursing

## Some recent new awards

**Stephen Reuys** (Adult Literacy Resource Institute), a \$497,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education for the "SABES Regional Support Center and SABES Statewide ABE Library."

**Tomas Materdey** (Engineering Program), a \$30,000 grant from the Massachusetts Highway Department for "University Collaborative: Intelligent Transportation System."

**Anamarija Frankic** (Department of Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences), a \$30,000 NEER Social Science Fellowship from the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration.

**Robert Morris** (Department of Computer Sciences), a \$202,000 two-year, grant from the National Science Foundation for "Filtered Push: Community knowledge and quality control in Biodiversity Informatics: A model for more efficient data capture via a distributed Herbarium network."

**Robert McCulley** (Institute for Community Inclusion), a \$500,000 five-year, grant from the City of Boston for "Boston Public Schools Special Education Contract."

**Ellen Douglas** (Department of Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences), a \$68,000 grant from NASA for "The History of Agricultural Irrigation Expansion: Developing Useful Datasets of Global Irrigated Area and Irrigation Water Use from Remote Sensing and Hydrologic Modeling."

## Compliance Corner

A memo from Provost Paul Fonteyn to the university community will soon appear with details on a required one-hour, on-line refresher training course for anyone engaged in human subjects research.

Effective February 1, 2008, all UMass researchers who completed the University of Miami Collaborative IRB Training Initiative (CITI) three or more years ago are required to complete the CITI refresher training course, specifically, the social/behavioral research modules. This includes all principal investigators as well as students engaged in research with human subjects—both the student and his or her faculty or staff sponsor must provide the required evidence.

Kristen Kenny, IRB administrator, is available to answer your questions at [human.subjects@umb.edu](mailto:human.subjects@umb.edu).



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