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## SWOSU URSAC committee honored with undergraduate research award

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Research and Scholarly Activity Committee (URSAC) recently received the Undergraduate Research Program Spotlight Award from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE).

The Spotlight Award is given to honor one exemplary university program for undergraduate research each year. The award was given at the OSRHE's 5th Annual Promoting Undergraduate Research Conference.

Dr. Jason Johnson, SWOSU chemistry professor and URSAC chair, accepted the award on the committee's behalf from OSRHE Chancellor Dr. Glen D. Johnson.

Undergraduate research has been a focus at SWOSU for many years, according to Johnson. Students work with faculty mentors to gain valuable experience in hands-on research. These experiences have proven valuable in preparing students for entering graduate and professional schools or the workplace.

Since its inception in 1993, URSAC

has been instrumental in providing leadership in developing strategies that maintain a healthy research base among faculty and students. The committee sponsors SWOSU's Research and

Scholarly Activity Fair, which celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> year in 2014 and featured around 200 student research projects.

Other URSAC members include Dr. Randy Barnett (Psychology), Dr. Faruk Khan (Pharmaceutical Sciences), Ed Klein (Education), Dr. Denise Landrum-Geyer (Language and Literature), Jess Parker (Radiologic Technology), Dr. Richard Tirk (Music), Dr. Muatasem Ubeidat (Biological Sciences), and Dr. Yolanda Carr (Director, Office of Sponsored Programs), Ex-Officio.



**Dr. Jason Johnson (left) accepts the Spotlight Award from Dr. Glen D. Johnson.**

## SWOSU nominates senior for Research Day at Capitol

Anadarko senior Matt Abbott has been selected by Southwestern Oklahoma State University as its nominee for the 2015 Research Day at the Capitol.

Abbott, a biological sciences major, will present his research March 31, 2015, on neuronal development in a poster

titled, "Brain Cells Require a Recycling Machinery for Normal Functioning."

Abbott's advisor is Dr. Andrea Holgado, associate professor and chair in the biological sciences department.

Research Day at the Capitol is held annually

during each legislative session.

The event was created to inform the legislature and the public about the high-quality research being conducted at state colleges and universities.



**Matt Abbott**

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all Instructors!**  
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## Proposal Development Award forms available

Applications for the 2015 Proposal Development Awards (PDA) are now available on the web site of the Office of Sponsored Programs at <http://www.swosu.edu/administration/osp/research-forms.aspx>. The submission deadline is **January 26, 2015**.

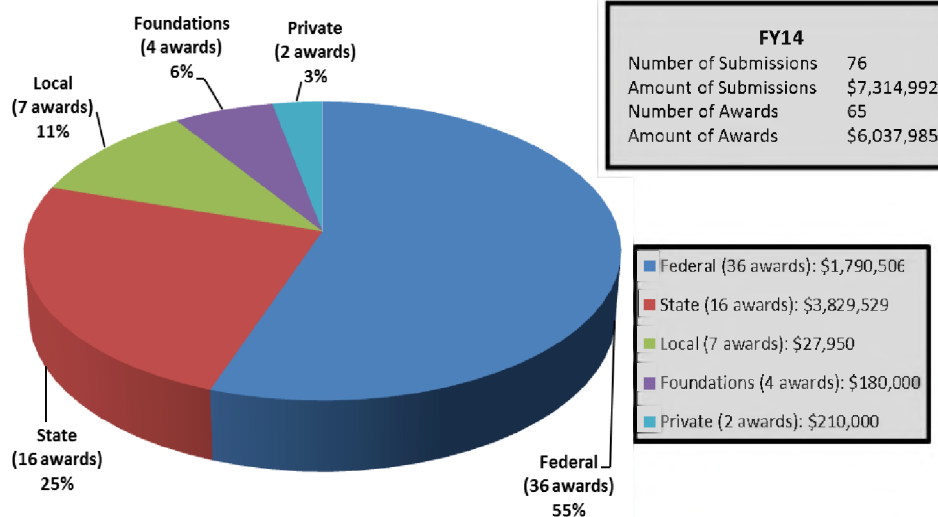
SWOSU will provide as much as \$12,000 for PDA during 2015 to enhance scholarly activity. The award, which is limited to \$6,000 each, gives the recipient the financial resources to draft proposals for external funding. As a condition of the award, a proposal in a form ready for submission to an external agency must be submitted to the Office of Sponsored Programs by January 23, 2016.

A full list PDA guidelines are included in the application packet. If you have questions about the applications, please contact the Office of Sponsored Programs at 580-774-7012 or [osp@swosu.edu](mailto:osp@swosu.edu).

## Sponsored Programs issues annual reports

The Annual Reports for Extramural Grant Awards and Academic and Scholarly Activity for FY 14 is now available on the web site for the Office of Sponsored Programs at [www.swosu.edu/administration/osp/annual-report/index.aspx](http://www.swosu.edu/administration/osp/annual-report/index.aspx).

The Office of Sponsored Programs compiles information annually to assess progress toward University-wide goals related to sponsored research and scholarly and creative activity at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. The Annual Report includes pertinent data on all external and intramural activity. An overview of the proposals submitted and grants awarded is reflected below.



## Human Subjects application form updated

The Protection of Human Subjects Committee has recently updated the application for Research and Investigation Involving Humans. The new form requires responses to research questions to be placed immediately after each question. (The previous form required responses to be placed in one paragraph below the questions.)

For future applications, please use the new form, which is available on the Office of Sponsored Programs web site at [www.swosu.edu/administration/osp/research-forms.aspx](http://www.swosu.edu/administration/osp/research-forms.aspx). The name of the form is Application to Protection of Human Subjects Committee.

# GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND PROPOSALS

## AWARDS

The following grants and contracts were **awarded** to Southwestern Oklahoma State University faculty since the last report:



**Renae Bagzis.** (Sayre Campus).  
*NASA Oklahoma EPSCoR - Sayre.*  
NASA Oklahoma EPSCoR. \$18,000.

**Madeline Baugher.** Accounting, Computer Science, and Entrepreneurship, *Oklahoma NASA EPSCoR Research Implementation Grant.* \$5,659.



**Madeline Baugher.** Accounting, Computer Science, and Entrepreneurship, *Oklahoma NASA EPSCoR - Research Implementation Grant.* \$1,795.

**Madeline Baugher.** Accounting, Computer Science, and Entrepreneurship. *Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium -NASA Partnership with Community Colleges.* \$22,618.

**Madeline Baugher.** Accounting, Computer Science, and Entrepreneurship. Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma. *Oklahoma NASA EPSCoR - FY14 Research Implementation Grant.* \$3,761.

**Tim Hubin.** Chemistry and Physics. *Oklahoma Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation. National Science Foundation (Phase V).* \$19,825 (Year 1 Award).



**Henrietta Mann.** Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College. *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College Grant.* Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Board. \$100,000.

## PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

The following proposals were **submitted** by Southwestern Oklahoma State University faculty since the last report:

**Faruk Khan.** Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. *Macrocyclic Polyamine Based Novel Antimalarial Agents.* U. S. Department of Defense. \$1,159,591.



**E.K. Jeong.** Department of Art. *To support a study of the past, present, and future of the Arts in rural communities in Oklahoma: Data collection and analysis of past and present activities with recommendations for the future.* National Endowment for the Arts. \$27,984.

**Richard Tirk.** Department of Music. *45<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Festival.* Weatherford Hotel/Motel Grant. \$2,000.



**Richard Tirk.** Department of Music. *46<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Festival.* Chamber Music America. \$4,000.



**Phillip Fitzsimmons.** SWOSU Libraries. To participate in the *Oklahoma Department of Libraries' Workshop, Images of Oklahoma.* Travel Funds Awarded.

Faculty interested in pursuing grant opportunities can contact the Office of Sponsored Programs about conducting a funding opportunity search. The process can be started by completing the Research/Scholarly Activity Interest Profile at the Office of Sponsored Programs web site at [www.swosu.edu/administration/osp/osp\\_interest\\_survey.aspx](http://www.swosu.edu/administration/osp/osp_interest_survey.aspx)



# SCHOLARLY AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

The Office of Sponsored Programs has been notified of the following Scholarly and Academic Activities since the last newsletter:



**Dorie Astle**, Social Sciences, wrote an article titled, "Sentencing Laws: Eyes Wide Shut" for *Tulsa Lawyer*, the monthly publication of the Tulsa County Bar Association.

**Guy Biyogmam**, Mathematics, wrote a review article on "A Characterization of Nilpotent Leibniz Algebra" for *Mathematical Reviews/MathSciNet* and served as a reviewer for the *Journal of Mathematical Research*.



**Christine Cox**, Pharmacy Practice, presented a poster on "Exposing Students to the Importance of Pharmacy Advocacy" at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Annual Meeting in Grapevine, TX.

**Randy Curry**, College of Pharmacy Rural Health, gave a workshop on "Hospital to Home -- Bridging the Gap" at the 2014 Oklahoma Rural Health Conference in Norman.



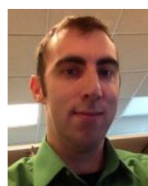
**Jason Dupree**, Library, published a review article on the *Guardian Cities* website for *Multimedia and Technology Reviews*, an online publication of the Art Libraries Society of North America.

**Barry Gales**, Pharmacy Practice, served as a reviewer for an article in *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy* and was a guest speaker on "Vancomycin Therapy" and "Drug Literature Evaluation" at the Great Plains Family Medicine Residency Program in Oklahoma City.



**Howard Kurtz**, Sociology and Criminal Justice, delivered these papers: "Juvenile Homicide in the Heart Land" at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA; "Getting Away with Murder" at the National Social Sciences Meeting in San Diego, CA; and "The Heat Hypothesis: Extreme weather and homicide rates" at the Southwest Criminal Justice Regional Meeting at South Padre Island, TX. He also gave these television interviews: "The Pitfalls of Guns on College Campuses," on OETA; "Destructive cults and terrorism" and "Interpreting quality of life data -- 'Most Dangerous Cities,' " on News 9 (Oklahoma City); "Moore Murder ISIS links or copycat killing," and "Botched Oklahoma Execution," on Fox News; and "High homicide rates of women in Oklahoma" and "Homicide rate reductions in Oklahoma City for 2014," on Telemundo.

**Denise Landrum-Geyer**, Language and Literature, wrote a chapter titled, "Class Database Project Assignment Sheet" for the book *Practical Composition: Exercises for the English Classroom from Working Instructors*. She also wrote an article titled, "Composing a Curricular Circle: A WAC Program/Writing Center Embedded in Business" for *Composition Forum*.



**Brandon Phillips**, Computer Science, wrote an article titled, "Determinants of Task Performance in a Visual Decision-Making Process: A SEM Model" in *Journal of Decision Systems*.

**Tugba Sevin**, Language and Literature, presented a paper on "Memoria e historia en las crónicas de viajes (Memory and History in Travel Chronicles)" at the Tierra Tinta 10th Annual Conference on Latin American, Spanish and Luso-Brazilian Literatures at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.



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# SCHOLARLY AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



**Dennis Thompson**, Dean of the College of Pharmacy, wrote an article titled, "Considerations for Embracing and Expanding Community Engaged Scholarship in Academic Pharmacy: Report of the 2013-2014 Research and Graduate Affairs Committee" in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*.

**Richard Tirk**, Music, performed in recital at the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors Conference in St. Louis, MO.



To report scholarly or academic activity, please fill out the form at [www.swosu.edu/osp/scholarly-activity-report.aspx](http://www.swosu.edu/osp/scholarly-activity-report.aspx)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

**Abstract Submission Deadline:** December 2, 2014 (Tuesday)

**Registration Deadline:** March 12, 2015 (Thursday)

**Event Date:** April 16-18, 2015 (Thursday and Friday)

**Location:** Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA.

**More information:** [http://www.cur.org/ncur\\_2015/](http://www.cur.org/ncur_2015/)

### GRANT TRAINING CENTER TWO-DAY PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOP

**Event Date:** December 9-10 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City Student Center, Room 304, 900 N Portland Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73107.

**What to bring:** A computer/tablet, charger, power strip or extension cord, a personal USB, paper and pens for note-taking, and materials helpful in developing a proposal (organizational information such as a mission statement, strategic plan, previous proposals, requests for proposals, and reviewers' comments).

**Fee:** \$535.

**More information:** [http://granttrainingcenter.com/workshop\\_description/815](http://granttrainingcenter.com/workshop_description/815)

### OKLAHOMA RESEARCH DAY

**Abstract Submission Deadline:** January 29, 2015 (Thursday)

**Event Date:** March 13, 2015 (Friday)

**Location:** Northeastern Oklahoma State University, Tahlequah, OK.

**More information:** <http://www.okeyscores.org/calendar/2015-oklahoma-research-day>

### SWOSU RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY FAIR

**Abstract Submission Deadline:** March 6, 2015 (Friday)

**Event Date:** April 14, 2015 (Tuesday)

**Time:** Noon to 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** SWOSU Memorial Student Union Ballroom

**More information:** Office of Sponsored Programs, 580-774-7010, or [osp@swosu.edu](mailto:osp@swosu.edu)

# FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES

## Solicitations, Existing Practices Provide Merit Review Insights

### *Nonfederal Entities Likely to Receive Accompanying Criteria to Aid Understanding*

The Office of Management and Budget's uniform grant guidance requires federal agencies to conduct merit reviews (§200.204, [App. I](#)) and risk assessments (§200.205) for all grant-making decisions involving competitive grants and cooperative agreements, and possibly fixed amount awards, to better select deserving and low risk grantees.

Federal agencies are in the process of updating their agency regulations to align with the uniform grant guidance, including merit review and risk assessment provisions, by December. 26. Many federal agencies, however, have already adopted merit reviews for some funding programs, and recent solicitations posted on [grants.gov](#) reflect merit review criteria.

Federal agencies, however, aren't providing many details on new risk assessment processes. Under the new guidance, federal agencies must create a framework for reviewing risk for all competitive grants and cooperative agreements, just like with merit reviews. For the first time, risk assessments will be used in addition to merit reviews for award decisions.

### *Merit Review Definition*

The Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation have defined and posted their merit review processes. These merit review processes generally focus on research rather than program grants but still can provide insights into federal expectations and scoring criteria.

Naturally, the NSF, the leading federal funding source for science and engineering research, is at the forefront of the merit review movement. The agency's merit review process considers both the technical aspects of a proposed project and its potential contribution to advancing NSF's mission "to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity and welfare; to secure the national defense; and for other purposes."

DOE's process provides a strong definition. It defines a merit review as: "a thorough, consistent, and objective examination of applications based on pre-

established criteria by persons who are independent of those submitting the applications and who are knowledgeable in the field of endeavor for which support is requested."

To access NSF merit reviews guidance, go to [http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf14001/gpg\\_3.jsp#IIIA](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf14001/gpg_3.jsp#IIIA).

For the DOE merit review information, visit <http://energy.gov/management/downloads/merit-review-guide>.

*From the RAY SWEENEY Newsletter: LOCAL/STATE FUNDING REPORT, Published: November 7, 2014, at 11:14:26 EST*

## New NIH Biosketch Format for All Grant Programs

Effective January 1, 2015, the new biosketch format extends page limit from 4 to 5 pages and allows researchers to describe up to 5 of their most significant contributions. ([NOT-OD-14-091](#)).

The NIH believes that the modified biosketch will offer reviewers a better picture of a researcher's accomplishments and capabilities and will help illuminate the downstream effects of scientific discovery. (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-091.html>)

## New Clinical Trial Definition In Place for NIH Grant Applications

The NIH has revised the Clinical Trial definition and will replace the current clinical trial definition in relevant extramural and intramural NIH policies, guidance, and instructional materials. It will apply to competing grant applications that are submitted to NIH for the January 25, 2015, due date and subsequent due dates and contracts proposals that are submitted to NIH on or after January 25, 2015. ([NOT-OD-15-015](#)) (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-015.html>)

# SPOTLIGHTed: Funding Opportunities for SWOSU

## AMERICORPS COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Deadline Date(s):** January 21, 2015

**Letter of Intent:** December 10, 2014

**Funding Agency:** Corporation for National and Community Service

**Program Title:** Americorps State and National Grants FY15

**Web site:** <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2015/ameri-corps-state-and-national-grants-fy-2015>

**Synopsis:** In the FY 2015 AmeriCorps competition, CNCS seeks to prioritize the investment of national service resources in:

- **Disaster Services** -- improving community resiliency through disaster preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation
- **Economic Opportunity** -- increasing economic opportunities for communities, specifically opportunity for youth, both population served and AmeriCorps members
- **Education** -- improving student academic performance including STEM
- **Environment**
- **Veterans and Military Families** -- positively impacting the quality of life of veterans and improving military family strength
- **Governor and Mayor Initiatives**
- **Programming that supports My Brother's Keeper**
- **Multi-focus intermediaries** that demonstrate measureable impact and primarily serve communities with limited resources and organizational infrastructure, i.e., rural and other underserved communities

**Funding Range:** Funding Based on Proposed Project

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH GRANTS

**Deadline Date(s):** January 25, 2015; May 25, 2015; September 25, 2015

**Funding Agency:** National Institutes of Health

**Program Title:** Support of NGMS Program Project Grants (P01)

**Web site:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-280.html#\\_Part\\_1\\_Overview](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-280.html#_Part_1_Overview)

**Synopsis:** This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences encourages innovative, interactive Program Project grant applications from institutions/organizations that propose to conduct research that aims to solve a significant biological problem, important for the mission of NIGMS, through a collaborative approach involving outstanding scientists. NIGMS supports research in the broad areas of Cell Biology and Biophysics; Genetics and Developmental Biology; Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry; and Bioinformatics and Computational Biology. The Program Project grant is designed to support research in which the funding of several interdependent projects offers significant scientific advantages over support of these same projects as individual regular research grants. Program project grants are investigator-initiated but are restricted to areas of special interest to the individual divisions within NIGMS. The individual projects must be clearly interrelated and synergistic so that the research ideas, efforts, and outcomes of the program as a whole will offer a distinct advantage over pursuing the individual projects separately; the exact synergy and added value to be obtained by using the Program Project grant approach must be clearly articulated in the application.

**Funding Range:** An upper limit of \$6,500,000 direct costs for the entire five-year project period may be requested. This amount is exclusive of subcontract facilities and administrative costs. If fewer than five years are requested, the limit is prorated accordingly. With approval by NIGMS staff in advance of submission, additional funds may be requested for exceptional costs associated with equipment required for the success of the Program Project (e.g., major piece of equipment essential for at least two projects).



# SPOTLIGHTed: Funding Opportunities, continued

## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS BIG READ

**Deadline Date(s):** January 28, 2015

**Funding Agency:** National Endowment for the Arts

**Program Title:** NEA Big Read

**Web site:** <http://www.neabigread.org/guidelines.php>

**Synopsis:** The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The Big Read provides organizations with grants and comprehensive resources that support efforts to inspire a community to read and discuss a single book or the work of a poet. The Big Read is managed by Arts Midwest. The Big Read supports organizations in developing community-wide reading programs that encourage reading and participation by diverse audiences. These programs include author readings, book discussions, panel discussions, lectures, art exhibits, film series, music or dance events, theatrical performances, and other activities related to the chosen work.

**Funding Amount:** Eligible organizations may apply for a grant ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000. Grants must be matched 1-to-1 with nonfederal funds such as staff salaries and wages, private grants, in-kind contributions, and earned revenues.

## AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL FOUNDATION VISIONARY GRANTS

**Deadline Date(s):** April 1, 2015

**Funding Agency:** American Psychological Foundation

**Program Title:** Visionary Grants

**Web site:** <http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/visionary.aspx>

**Synopsis:** The APF Visionary Grants seek to seed innovation through supporting research, education, and intervention programs that use psychology to solve problems in these areas: understanding and fostering the connection between behavior and physical health to ensure well-being, reducing stigma and prejudice to promote unity and harmony, understanding and preventing violence to create a safer, more humane world, and supporting programs that address the long-term psychological needs of individuals and communities after a disaster.

**Funding Range:** One-year grants are available in awards of up to \$20,000.

## NIH SCIENCE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AWARD

**Deadline Date(s):** June 22, 2015; June 22, 2016

**Funding Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

**Program Title:** NIH Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA)

**Web site:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-228.html>

**Synopsis:** The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The goal of the Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) program is to invest in educational activities that enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. To this end, this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages the development of innovative educational activities for pre-kindergarten to grade 12 (P-12), teachers and students from underserved communities with a focus on Courses for Skills Development, Research Experiences, Mentoring Activities, Curriculum or Methods Development or Informal science Education (ISE) exhibits, and Outreach activities.

**Funding Range:** Direct costs are limited to \$250,000 annually. F&A will be budgeted and reimbursed at a rate of 8% of modified total direct costs, exclusive of tuition and fees, health insurance (when awarded as part of tuition and fees), equipment expenditures, and consortia in excess of \$25,000.

# SPOTLIGHTed: Funding Opportunities, continued

## UPCOMING OK-INBRE and OK-EPSCoR DEADLINES

- Deadline Date(s):** January 31, 2015  
**Funding Agency:** Oklahoma INBRE  
**Program Title:** **Undergraduate Summer Research Program**  
**Web site:** <http://okinbre.weebly.com/summer-research-program.html>  
**Synopsis:** The program's objective is to provide undergraduate students first-hand experience working in a biomedical research laboratory. Faculty researchers will be appointed as mentors to guide undergraduate students into the exciting world of scientific research.  
**Funding Range:** The program provides \$7,200 per student for nine weeks during the summer term. This consists of a \$5,000 summer salary and \$2,200 for laboratory supplies to be allocated to the faculty mentor where the research is being performed. The student is responsible for all living expenses, parking fees, travel to the mentor lab, etc. Assistance with coordinating housing can be provided, if needed.
- Deadline Date(s):** February 2, 2015  
**Funding Agency:** Oklahoma INBRE  
**Program Title:** **OK-INBRE Mini Grant**  
**Web site:** <http://okinbre.weebly.com/faculty-funding-opportunities.html>  
**Synopsis:** The primary objective of the Mini-Grant Program is to provide funding for faculty at the INBRE undergraduate institutions. Faculty funded through this program gain valuable experience in designing, conducting, and reporting biomedical research, thus enhancing their ability to compete for extramural funding beyond the local level. A formal peer review process is employed to select the most worthy science for funding. Competitions for Mini-Grants are held annually.  
**Funding Range:** Funding for 2015 is anticipated to be for four awards in the amount of \$25,000 each in direct costs. Additional awards may be supported by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
- Deadline Date(s):** February 2, 2015  
**Funding Agency:** Oklahoma INBRE  
**Program Title:** **Collaborative Research Grants**  
**Web site:** <http://okinbre.weebly.com/faculty-funding-opportunities.html>  
**Synopsis:** The Collaborative Research Grant Program fosters research collaborations between faculty at research-intensive campuses and their faculty counterparts at the primarily undergraduate institutions. The Principal Investigator must be a faculty member at one of the INBRE undergraduate campuses listed below. The collaborative research must involve an investigator at one or more of the of the research-intensive campuses in Oklahoma: the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, the University of Oklahoma Norman Campus, Oklahoma State University, and the University of Tulsa. It is the expectation that the major portion of the budget will be allocated to the undergraduate campus.  
**Funding Range:** Funding for 2015 is anticipated to support two awards in the amount of \$50,000 each. Additional awards may be supported by the State Regents for Higher Education.

# SPOTLIGHTed: Funding Opportunities, continued

## UPCOMING OK-INBRE and OK-EPSCoR DEADLINES, continued

- Deadline Date(s):** February 2, 2015  
**Funding Agency:** Oklahoma INBRE  
**Program Title:** **OK-INBRE Equipment Grant**  
**Web site:** <http://okinbre.weebly.com/faculty-funding-opportunities.html>  
**Synopsis:** The primary objective of the Equipment Grant Program is to enhance research infrastructure at the OK-INBRE partner undergraduate institutions. Faculty funded through this program will obtain important biomedical research equipment that will enhance their ability to compete for extramural funding beyond the local level.  
**Funding Range:** Next available awards are scheduled to be made May 1, 2015. Two awards will be made in the amount of \$15,000 (small equipment grants), and two in the amount of \$25,000 (large equipment grants).
- Deadline Date(s):** March 1, 2015  
**Funding Agency:** Oklahoma EPSCoR  
**Program Title:** **Research Opportunity Award Plus (ROA+) for Faculty**  
**Web site:** <http://www.oepscor.org/education/faculty-development/research-opportunity-awards-roas>  
**Synopsis:** The Research Opportunity Award Plus (ROA+) funding provides regional university faculty members from primary undergraduate institutions in Oklahoma with the opportunity to perform research at one of Oklahoma's comprehensive research campuses (University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, University of Tulsa, Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation) during the summer months. The program enhances regional faculty members' personal research experiences, while also supporting the development of on-going collaborations with faculty at the comprehensive research campuses.  
**Funding Range:** The maximum allowable budget of individual awards is \$12,500.
- Deadline Date(s):** May 31, 2017  
**Funding Agency:** Oklahoma EPSCoR  
**Program Title:** **Investigator Travel Funding: Climate Variability Research**  
**Web site:** <http://www.oepscor.org/research/funding-opportunities/investigator-travel-funding-climate-variability-research>  
**Synopsis:** Travel funds are available for researchers in the climate variability research theme area to present invited papers, attend conferences related to proposal development, participate in collaborative projects inside and outside Oklahoma, and for visits to national labs and research centers.  
**Funding Range:** Travel funds, with a maximum award amount of \$1,000, will be provided only in special circumstances where the proposed travel provides a substantial and direct impact on the mission of the Oklahoma NSF EPSCoR grant. Those special circumstances must be justified in detail in the travel funding request. The researcher agrees to make every effort to modulate expenses.