Subject: Monday Matters: Research Resources

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Dear Colleagues:

As Associate Dean for Research, Rodger Harvey is working closely with the Office of Research and ODURF to support faculty and students in the college. He currently serves on the newly reconstituted faculty advisory committee for the Office of Research. He is also chairing the College of Sciences Research Council, which will have its first meeting this coming week. Please keep him informed if there are areas where you need assistance in navigating research issues on campus. He has provided the following update on grant opportunities.

Although funding your research program is always a challenge, it helps to know opportunities and programs that are aligned with your interests and potential. It's not always easy to decipher, but for federal grants across almost every agency (NSF, NIH, DOD, etc.) the Federal government is working to streamline the process and make it more transparent.   A good starting point is the portal grants.gov, which has a search function for all federal grants and provides a wealth of information on eligibility and the funding process. Many agencies have multiple divisions to consider (e.g., NIH is listed under health and human services). The primary portal is:

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/home.html

Beyond making your own efforts, the Office of Research supports several databases of funding opportunities that are available for faculty and updated regularly.   Dan Campbell (dcampbel@odu.edu) curates a list of 4 databases (Humanities, Social Sciences & Business; Biomedical & Health Sciences; Education ; Science & Engineering) which faculty can join; simply send Dan your email address and the database(s) of interest and you will receive a list of funding opportunities every couple of weeks.

If you want to tailor your searches or look for specific programs, the Office of Research also supports **GrantForward**, a searchable database that is continually updated. To access it you only need to set up an account using your ODU (i.e. midas) email account and you can tailor funding searches based on key words. You can even upload your CV and build searches based on particular research interests and have the system send regular updates when new opportunities become available. The system is straightforward and there are introductory videos, etc. on the launch page.

https://odu.edu/facultystaff/research2/development/pivot

Once you have an agency and program targeted, you may need help in either technical or other facets of the application process.   For faculty and teams of faculty who need specific assistance with a proposal, you can submit a request to Research Development (see link below) to have a Grant Development Specialist assigned to assist with your proposal.   This can be particularly useful for large collaborative proposals and the Office of Research has several specialists who are assigned based on the proposal agency and topic area. Requests can be submitted at this link:

https://fs25.formsite.com/researchdev/form70/index.html

The Office of Research does provide regular workshops for Research Development and its web page has archived video workshops and PowerPoints that may be helpful as a resource.

https://odu.edu/facultystaff/research2/researchers/workshops#done1612907281342=&tab1222=5

These support functions come at no cost and are available to all faculty. Please take advantage of them!

Best Regards,
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