

# Research Updates

## January 2020

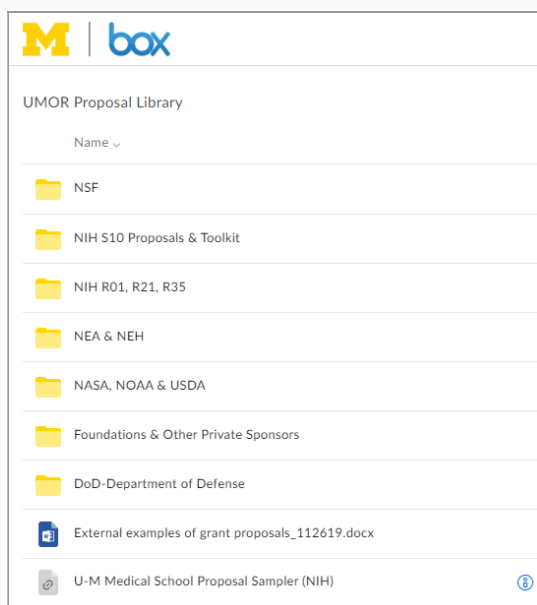


### New Resources for Research Development

UMOR (the U-M Office of Research) has launched a new [Research Development](#) webpage, with information on university-wide resources and services. Visit the page to connect to funding opportunities, sign up for research development newsletter (Research Blueprint) and learn about new services.

The Research Development team has assembled several new online resources, like U-M wide [Proposal Library](#). The UMOR proposal library features proposals submitted by U-M investigators to a wide array of federal sponsors, including NEH, NIH, NSF, DoD and NOAA, and a host of foundation and private funders, such as the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Faculty must authenticate to the [M-Box](#) repository, and will have access to a diverse sampling of submissions to observe the style and format of successful proposals. Reviewer comments are also included when possible.

The Research Development team is also launching new facilitation services to help develop strategic planning efforts and collaborative proposal writing. [Grant Sprints](#) are customized sessions that guide a team of collaborators through ideation and proposal planning. This activity is ideal for teams of 3-6 collaborators who have coalesced around a project concept and have a good idea of what sponsor and grant mechanism they want to pursue. The idea behind the sprint is that after 2 days of facilitated brainstorming, a team will generate a rough draft of an innovative, collaborative grant proposal. Background information on the model can be found in the U-M School of Public Health's [Grant Sprint Manual](#).



The Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research has also launched a facilitation service for surfacing research ideas, building collaborations, developing strategic action plans or grant proposals. For more information on MICHR's [Facilitated Brainstorming Sessions](#) see the MICHR web [page](#). There is no

charge for these sessions, which are available to any researcher in the U-M system. MICHR schedules on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information about any of these new UMOR resources, please contact Jill Jividen, UMOR Director of Research Development, at [jjgoff@umich.edu](mailto:jjgoff@umich.edu), or the MICHR research development core at [michr-rdc@umich.edu](mailto:michr-rdc@umich.edu). If your research ideas are not at the team building stage, feel free to schedule a meeting or workshop for yourself and a few colleagues with Ken Sylvester, Director UMF ORSP, at [kenms@umich.edu](mailto:kenms@umich.edu), to brainstorm about resource discovery, funding opportunities and collaboration.

To assist with team building UMOR also plans to launch a new Mcubed initiative in February of 2020. Research collaboration will receive a promising digital assist when the Mcubed program launches its [Mcubed Communities](#) initiative. The program will use the existing Mcubed web platform to mobilize groups of faculty to advance interdisciplinary

research and scholarship. Mcubed Communities provides another discovery mechanism for faculty to organize in teams around shared expertise, research themes, or other scholarly activities. Collaborators can come from the same or different campus disciplines, and there is no limit to the size of communities. Faculty can propose research or scholarly themes, visualize sets of expertise, stimulate team formation or position faculty groups to secure more resources.

**Mcubed**  
Mcubed stimulates innovative research and scholarship by distributing real-time seed funding to multi-unit, faculty-led teams.

**Seed Funding**  
Mcubed stimulates innovative research and scholarship by distributing real-time seed funding to multi-unit, faculty-led teams.  
Eligible faculty from at least two different campus units can form a collaborative trio, or "cube," and request either \$60K or \$15K to advance their idea right away.  
**Discover Cubes**  
Create a Cube | Search Cubes

**Communities**  
Mcubed Communities gathers and mobilizes University of Michigan groups to advance interdisciplinary research and scholarship programs.  
Faculty, staff, and students can now organize in teams by shared expertise to build collaborations and showcase successes.  
**Discover Communities**  
Create a Community | Search Communities

**Diamond**  
The Mcubed Diamond Program allows donors, companies and University of Michigan units to fund research that aligns with their interests.  
Diamond cubes are fully-funded: no unit or faculty contribution is required.  
**Discover Diamond Proposals**  
View Diamond Proposals | Search Diamond Cubes

This image (above) is from a beta version of the Mcubed web portal, which adds the '**Create a Community**' functionality to the existing Mcubed platform. Look for further details on the launch and incentives for faculty participation in February, 2020.



## UM-Flint Research and Creative Activity and International Travel

### Winter 2020 Competitions are now live on InfoReady

- The deadline for the **International Travel** Award, is **Friday, February 14, 2020**. Eligibility and submission guidelines are available [here](#).
- The deadline for **Research and Creative Activity** proposals is **Friday, March 6, 2020**. Eligibility and submission guidelines are available [here](#).

Electronic submissions for both competitions must be made via the UM-Flint InfoReady competition space, <https://umflint.infoready4.com/#>.

## Announcements

### 2020 Student Research Conferences

Student proposals for poster and oral presentations are now being accepted for both the

- **9th annual Student Research Conference - SRC** - undergraduate research conference, and the

- **28th annual Meeting of Minds - MOM** - undergraduate research conference.

The **Student Research Conference (SRC)** showcases the research and creative activities from both undergraduate AND graduate students from the University of Michigan-Flint, Kettering University, and Mott Community College. This year's SRC will take place on **Friday, March 20, 2020** at UM-Flint.

**Meeting of Minds (MOM)** is a collaborative undergraduate symposium, co-sponsored by the University of Michigan-Flint, the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Oakland University. This year, MOM will take place on **Friday, May 8 2020**, at Oakland University. Online registration for both conferences is **now open**.

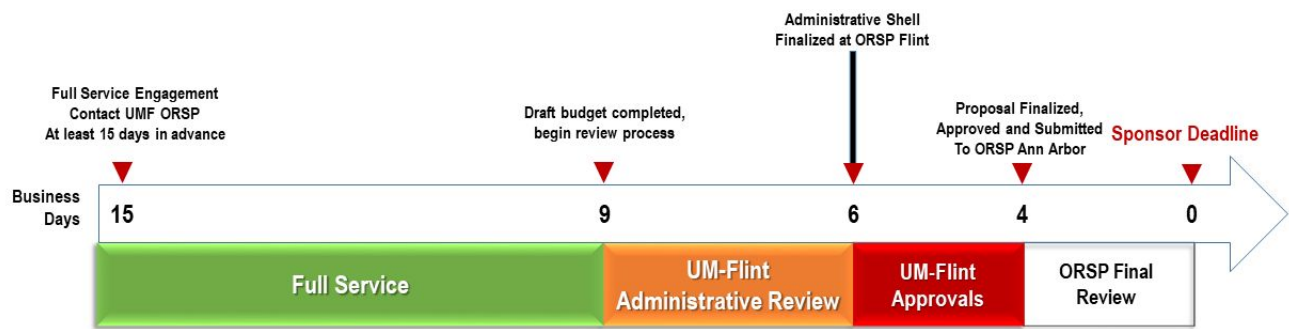
To submit a proposal for Meeting of Minds, please visit: <https://www.umflint.edu/research/MOM>. To submit a proposal for the Student Research Conference, please visit: [www.umflint.edu/research/SRC](http://www.umflint.edu/research/SRC) before Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

For questions regarding the Student Research Conference, please contact Andre Louis in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs ([alouis@umich.edu](mailto:alouis@umich.edu)) or Mary Deibis in the Office of Graduate Programs ([mdeibis@umich.edu](mailto:mdeibis@umich.edu)). **General registration for all SRC attendees will be available in early February.**

## Reminder: New Submission Deadline Policy

Beginning this year, U-M's Office of Research and Sponsored Projects (ORSP-Ann Arbor) will enforce a new submission deadline policy. The policy went into effect **January 6, 2020**. All externally funded research and sponsored project applications must arrive in Ann Arbor for final review **4 business days review** prior to an external sponsor's deadline or risk **limited review** or **non-submission**.

To allow for sufficient internal review time by UM-Flint departments and units, the UM-Flint Office of Research sought approval for an additional **2 business days**. This additional review time will allow time for approval by department chairs, deans, and UMF ORSP before final submission in eResearch to ORSP at Wolverine Tower in Ann Arbor. This change in UM-Flint submission deadline policy was approved at a Council of Deans meeting held September 25, 2019.



For further information on the [service and engagement policy](#) see the UM-Flint ORSP [website](#). A link is also available to submit preliminary information for upcoming proposals to the research administration team at UM-Flint ORSP.

**OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS**

**Resources for Research**

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs supports UM-Flint faculty and staff in the conduct of funded research and sponsored projects, negotiation of research agreements or contracts with business, non-profits, and governmental agencies. Working closely with the University of Michigan Office of Research (UMOR) and Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, the UM-Flint office provides first-review of external funding applications, internal funding opportunities, undergraduate research support, ethics and research compliance services, project financial reporting and regulatory guidance.

[Faculty](#)
[Students](#)
[Research Updates](#)
[Mclubed](#)

**Faculty**

- Finding funding
- InfoReady (review submission system)

**CONTACT US**

4203 William S. White Building  
303 E. Kearsley Street  
Flint, Michigan 48502-1950  
Phone: (810) 762-3383  
Fax: (810) 766-6791  
[flint\\_research@umich.edu](mailto:flint_research@umich.edu)

**UPCOMING DEADLINES**

Faculty International Travel, Winter 2020



**Our mailing address is:**

Office of Research  
4203 William S. White Building  
303 E. Kearsley Street  
Flint, Michigan 48502-1950

[flint.research@umich.edu](mailto:flint.research@umich.edu)

Want to change how you receive these emails?  
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).