Research Updates
February 13, 2018

Internal Funding: Deadlines Approaching

Proposals for the Research and Creative Activities and Bryer Research Awards are due on March 9, 2018. Submission guidelines and other information on the application process can be found on our website. Specific guidelines for the RCA research award and the Bryer Award are available in pdf form on the UM-Flint Office of Research website. International Travel applications are due earlier, by February 23, 2018. All submissions for these internal funds must be made online via InfoReady Review.

Research Fundamentals Seminar

Please save the date for the return of our Research Fundamentals Seminar on Thursday, March 15, from 11:00am-12:30pm in Thompson Center for Learning and Teaching seminar room, 134 Thompson Library. Our presenters are from the newly formed campus-wide Research Development Group in Ann Arbor. Jill Jividen-Goff, Ph.D., is Assistant Director of Research Development in UM Medical School’s Office of Research. Beth LaPensee, Ph.D., is Manager of the Research Development Core at the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHR). Jocelyn Webber is Research Development Manager at UM School of Information. Collectively, they will offer an overview of the research development process in various schools across the Ann Arbor campus and dig into some of the specifics of grant writing practice, how to communicate the impact of your research, and best practices in research mentorship.

The Research Fundamentals seminar continues on Thursday April 19th, 2018, 11:00-12:30, in the TCLT Seminar Room, 134 Thompson Library. Our guest will be UM associate professor of civil engineering Seth Gulkema. Seth is part of a new Urban Collaboratory at UM Ann Arbor. Launched in 2017, the initiative involves interdisciplinary faculty teams work closely with city stakeholders to identify specific challenges, develop effective approaches and then implement smart city solutions guided by innovative urban design methods.

Currently there are 16 UM faculty members involved in the Collaboratory, across 9 UM schools and colleges, working with 6 cities across the region. Areas of research interest in the collaborator include:

- Transit and Employment Accessibility
- Integrating Health and Asset Management Techniques to Improve Water Service Delivery
- Deployment of an Urban Sensor Network to Monitor Street Activity
- Prototype Design for New Mobility Hubs
- Tracking, Simulating, and Optimizing Mobility Services
- Initiating Public Engagement Through Focus Groups
More information on the faculty involved and the research agendas can be found on the UM-Ann Arbor Office of Research webpage, http://research.umich.edu/urban-collaboratory-0.

HFRCC Research Symposium

THE HFRCC RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
Building Capacity: Building Partnership

EVENT INFORMATION
Date: March 9, 2018 | Time: 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

The Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center (HFRCC) is hosting its first annual Healthy Flint Research Symposium at the Riverfront Banquet Center in downtown Flint, on Friday March 9, 2018, from 8:00 to 3:30 pm.

This free research symposium will showcase Flint-based research, service, and education projects. HFRCC resources such as Open Data Flint, the Community Ethics Review Board, findings from the HFRCC Community Dialogues, and the Flint Project Index will be highlighted. Join us to hear about some of the work conducted to date and help us guide the direction of research in Flint moving forward.

Invited guest speakers will include Dr. Brian Smedley, Executive Director of the the National Collaborative for Health Equity and Dr. Reneé Canady, CEO of the Michigan Public Health Institute.

MICHR visit to UM-Flint
January 26, 2018

The Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research is based in the North Campus Research Complex at UM-Ann Arbor. On January 26, 2018, they paid a visit to UM-Flint to talk about funding opportunities and research services available to all interested UM-Flint faculty from their recent CTSA (Clinical and Translational Science Award) renewal.

MICHR has awarded more than $22M in funding to UM researchers and community partners in the last 5 years. Tricia Piechowski, Beth LaPensee and Adam Paberzs explained the wide range of research services available including grant editing support, biostatistics support, study design consultation and study management and mentoring.

MICHR has held 80 training events in the past five years in support of community engaged research, partnership development, and translational science. To learn more about the mission of MICHR, you can browse their website at https://www.michr.umich.edu/

Contact the Office of Research if you’d like a copy of the MICHR slide deck from January 26. Please contact Kris Johns, kwojtysi@umflint.edu, now located in the Office of Research bay, 4203 in the William S. White Building.
**Changes to Common Rule Delayed**

**Study Teams: What to Know and How to Prepare**
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), along with 15 other federal departments and agencies, has delayed the effective date and compliance date for the 2018 *Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects* (the "Common Rule") by six months until **July 19, 2018**.

What does this mean for U-M and you? U-M must continue to comply with the current regulations (i.e., the "pre-2018 Common Rule"). This means that for **federally-funded** human subjects research U-M cannot implement any of the provisions from the revised 2018 Common Rule that will conflict with the pre-2018 regulations.

The changes you've been expecting to the eResearch system and IRB processes will be put on hold until July 19, 2018. Therefore, until **July 19th**:
- The U-M IRBs will continue to review and make exempt determinations for all studies submitted using the Exempt application type in eResearch. The *Self-determination* review path for qualifying exempt projects will not be available.
- The existing Exemption categories will remain in effect.
- The Exempt application type will remain an IRB application option in eResearch
- Continuing review will remain a requirement for minimal-risk research that qualifies for expedited review.

More information on the effect of the delay in changes to the common rule can be found [here](#).

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**Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE)**

UM-Flint is pleased to offer paid summer undergraduate research experience opportunities funded through the generous support of the **Charles S. Mott Foundation**. **SURE** is designed for undergraduate students who are interested in full-time (8 weeks) or half-time (16 weeks) paid summer research opportunities mentored by faculty advisors at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Deadline for applications is **March 1st, 2018**.

The application process is similar to the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP). Faculty advisors propose mentored research projects and students apply for placements with the available research projects. Students can also submit their application and potential matches will be identified after the deadline.

Online applications for faculty members and students are available in form assembly on the UM-Flint website.

The faculty form: [https://formassembly.umflint.edu/5281](https://formassembly.umflint.edu/5281)

The student form: [https://formassembly.umflint.edu/5282](https://formassembly.umflint.edu/5282)

Approximately 10 awards are available for **SURE** in the summer of 2018 (between May and August). Faculty and students can direct questions to the undergraduate research program manager in the Office of Research, Andre Louis (alouis@umflint.edu).