Research Updates October 2019

**Research Commons**

Beginning in September, 2019, the U-M Office of Research launched a tri-campus research opportunities hub known as the Research Commons. The Research Commons integrates active research opportunities on a single web platform that is searchable and can be filtered across several domains, including: Eligibility (faculty, graduate students, junior faculty, mid-career), Funding Type (artistic or performance, conference grants, equipment, limited submission, pilot funding, publication subvention), Funding Amounts, Areas (Arts, Health Sciences, Humanities, Natural Sciences and Engineering, Social Sciences), School or College, and Campus (Ann Arbor, Flint, and Dearborn).

Click on the filter tool in the top left hand corner of the landing page to begin exploring opportunities. Filter
according to eligibility, funding type, funding areas, school or college or campus. Choose only opportunities open to UM-F Faculty. Display the opportunities as tiles or as a list of funding opportunities. When you click on a funding opportunity, you will be redirected to the U-M school, college or unit that is promoting the funding opportunity and find out further details about the application process.

**Intellectual Property**

**A clarification for faculty:** Students (including professional students) that U-M is not compensating (and hence not categorized as "employees") do not have an obligation to assign their IP rights to U-M, according to an exemption to U-M's IP ownership policy. This is the case even if the IP rights were developed in a U-M laboratory, under the guidance of a faculty member, using reagents obtained through federal funds, etc. Graduate students and other students who receive any sort of compensation (e.g., for their laboratory research) do not qualify for the student exemption. However, any student who is not receiving any compensation, such as salary or stipend support would fall into the student exemption, such that, for example, many master's students own the IP they create.

The SPG that covers intellectual property and tech transfer policy is 303.04. IP ownership is not the same as inventorship and the understanding of inventorship is determined by patent attorneys following US patent laws after the filing of an invention disclosure (see also SPG 303.04)

- This update is from Francine Dollins, Associate Professor, Psychology, UM-Dearborn, Chair, UM Senate Assembly Research Policy Committee.

**Reminders**

**Upcoming Events.** The UM-Flint Office of Research has added a public events calendar to its landing page. The link launches a public Google Calendar with event details (time, location and topic) embedded in the calendar event.

**Michigan Research Experts.** Please be sure to respond to the invitation to attend the Michigan Research Experts Demo for next Friday, October 25, 2019, 12:00-1:30 pm, in 1205 WSW, to learn about this how the team that is developing the portal plans to onboard faculty across all three U-M campuses. RSVP here.

**Submission Deadline:** Don't forget that the deadline for proposal submissions for our internal research funding competition, the Research and Creative Activity Award, is Friday, October 25.

- Submissions must be made electronically via the web-based UM-Flint InfoReady competition space, https://umflint.infoready4.com/#
- Submission guidelines are available here, on the UM-Flint ORSP web site.
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