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# Research and Innovation Digital Newsletter December 2018

## Message from Dr. Terri Goss Kinzy

With the holiday season well underway, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Bronco community for engaging with our office. I appreciate the engagement of our faculty in our Discovery Acceleration Workshops, the Innovation Networking Sessions, and the NSF Big Idea competition. We have worked to provide the best organization and systems to advance research and creative activities. Moving the Office of Grants and Contracts to Walwood to join OVPR is just one example. I am excited to see what the new year will bring for us all.

Best wishes for a safe holiday and prosperous 2019,  
Terri Kinzy

## 2019 Technology Development Fund Award Recipients Named

The 2019 recipients of up to \$20,000 are Massood Atashbar, Muralidhar Ghantasala, and Matthew Ross. [More](#).

## Big Changes Coming in FY19 to NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA)/R15 Program

The NIH put out a [notice of changes](#) as to the way it will use the R15 activity code that includes changes to the scope of the program and eligibility changes beginning January 2019. Broadly speaking, the AREA program will support grants to undergraduate-focused institutions. The NIH also will introduce new R15 opportunities to support graduate schools of arts and sciences and health professional schools under the Research Enhancement Award Program (REAP). We are reviewing all of the changes and will provide more information to you soon. If you have questions in the interim, please reach out to your [research officer](#).

## Incentive Program for Graduate Student Support Revised

The 2018-2019 [Incentive Program for Graduate Student Support](#) on Externally-Funded Research Program has some minor revisions. This program is intended to increase the engagement and support for graduate students in funded research and creative activities.

## **Join us Dec. 18 for Farewell Reception for Sherine Obare**

OVPR is hosting a reception for Sherine on Tuesday, Dec. 18, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the lobby of West Walwood. Cake and beverages will be served. This is a great opportunity to say goodbye to Sherine and wish her well in her new role as Dean of the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering, part of a joint collaboration between North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and the University of North Carolina Greensboro. Her last day at OVPR will be Dec. 21.

## **Jan. 15 Discovery Acceleration Workshop**

Join us on Jan. 15 at the next Discovery Acceleration Workshop on Grants for the Arts and the Humanities -- Insights on NEH, NEA and other related opportunities in creative scholarship will be shared. Learn [more](#) about the workshop and [register](#).

## **Reminder of Internal Funding Deadlines for Spring 2019**

- The Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award (FRACAA) deadline is Jan. 18. [More](#)
- The Support for Faculty Scholars Award deadline is Jan. 31. [More](#)
- The Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Excellence Award application deadline is March 11. [More](#)

## **Congratulations Offered on Recent Research Endeavors**

- Dr. Charles Henderson's journal article, "[Will my student evaluations decrease if I adopt an active learning instructional strategy.](#)" was published in the American Journal of Physics. It was highlighted in the Chronicle of Higher Ed in September.

## **Julia Mays Awarded WMU Semi-Annual Make A Difference Award**

Julia Mays, associate director of research compliance, was honored with a [Make a Difference Award](#). This award recognizes staff for their daily efforts to make a difference in the workplace. Congratulations, Julia!

## **Grants and Contracts Office Now Housed in Walwood with OVPR**

[Grants and Contracts](#) moved Dec. 7 from Seibert Administration Building to the second floor of W. Walwood Hall as part of a restructuring that has Grants and Contracts reporting to the VP for Research.

## **OVPR Now Partnering with the Office of Information Technology**

OVPR now partners with the WMU Office of Information Technology on support for all electronic research systems. If you have questions, please contact your research officer or OIT directly at (269) 387-5430.

### **Upcoming events**

- 2019 Grant Writers Workshop, "Writing Winning Grant Proposals," will be offered on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. [More information](#) available.
- WMU Research Day is April 11, 2019
- WMed Research Day 2019 -- Deadlines and research submission categories are now [available](#). Questions may be sent to [researchday@med.wmich.edu](mailto:researchday@med.wmich.edu).