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New Timeline Deadlines for Proposal Submissions

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April 6, 2018

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—The Proposal Submission Policy for External Funding and Procedures goes into effect on July 1, with the implementation of the policy’s timeline being enforced in two stages. Beginning on July 1, the timeline will be followed, with a firm enforcement of the timeline going into effect on September 1, 2018.

The Proposal Submission Policy for External Funding and Procedures states that, in order for Office of the Vice President for Research to submit proposals for grants, principal investigators—PIs—will follow the procedural timeline established for submission. The purpose of the policy is to enable research program officers to assist and support principal investigators as they prepare their proposals for submission in a way that ensures maximum success and fairness for those who are working to meet submission deadlines set by funding agencies.

TIMELINE

- The Proposal Approval Form must be completed and routed to the [research officer](#) by noon seven business days before the deadline.
- All administrative items and ancillary documents are required in their final version by noon five business days before the sponsor deadline.
- The proposal, in its final form for submission to the sponsor, including the final project technical description, is due by noon two business days before the sponsor deadline.
- The Office of the Vice President for Research makes the commitment to submit on-time proposals, with limited exceptions, by noon on the day of the deadline.

The July 1 implementation phase will help acclimate PIs to the deadlines being introduced by the policy. The timeline ensures research officers have the time they need to service all constituents in an equitable way and to the best of their skills.

The new policy and procedural timeline were drafted with the help and support of the associate deans on the Research Advisory Team and with input from the Research Policies Council.

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Dr. Oh Elected President of the KSEA

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Apr. 16, 2018

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Civil and construction engineering professor, **Jun-Seok Oh**, has been elected as the President-Elect for the Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association. Representing all Korean-American scientists and engineers, **KSEA** is a non-profit professional organization with more than 6,000 registered members in 70 local chapters and branches and 13 technical groups across the U.S.

Oh is currently serving as the Executive Director of the upcoming US-Korea Conference on Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship (UKC) 2018 that will be held August 1 to 4, 2018 at St. John's University Conference Center in New York. The conference is hosted together with the Korean Foundation of Science and Technology Societies (KOFST) and attracts more than 1,200 attendees from the U.S. and Korea. Every year, more than 50 agencies, institutions, companies are participating in the conference as sponsors. As the President-Elect, Jun Oh will host the UKC 2019 as the Conference Chair.

Gebremichael's Publication on Nile Delta Grabs

Spotlight

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Western Michigan University graduate student Esayas Gebremichael, geological and environmental sciences department chair [Dr. Mohamed Sultan](#), and co-authors Richard Becker, Mohamed El Bastawesy, Omar Cherif and Mustafa Emil, were published in the Journal Geophysical Research. The article [Assessing Land Deformation and Sea Encroachment in the Nile Delta: A Radar Interferometric and Inundation Modeling Approach](#)

regarding Gebremichael's research using satellite images to reveal changes in the Nile Delta topography was then chosen as the [Eos Research Spotlight](#).

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