CAST Research Office

Are you planning on composing and submitting an external grant proposal this semester??
If devising budgets for grant proposals is an area of concern, you may find a workshop on budget preparation of interest to you. Lucinda Beier, the College Research Coordinator for CAS, with Deb Gentry’s input, has organized and will present a workshop on budget preparation on Wednesday, February 9th at 3:00 p.m. in Stevenson 401. This workshop will be an informal one with opportunities to ask questions. Mark this date and time on your calendar and plan now to attend.

In the meantime, the University Research Office (URO) has developed a sheet of information that can assist you in preparing a grant proposal, particularly the budget. Information about calculating indirect costs, fringe benefits, and graduate assistant salaries is on this sheet, along with information about who is authorized to sign proposals, certifications, and to accept awards. This sheet is entitled “General Data for Use in Proposal Preparation” and can be found on this web page sponsored by the URO: http://www.uro.ilstu.edu/uro/ser-info/general.htm. In addition to myself and others in the URO Office, as a resource, you can consult Grants Accountant, Linda Learned, in the ISU Business Office, Hovey 102 at 438-3290. Of course, it is always best to not seek assistance at the last minute before your proposal is due to be sent out.

All external grant proposals which are processed and sent out by the University Research Office staff require an internal “Proposal Review Form” (commonly called the “Blue Form”) to accompany them. Ann McQuigan, University Research Coordinator for the URO, has indicated a new version of this form is forthcoming. The most current version, at the time of your need for it, should be available for proposal writers to complete via this web site: http://www.uro.ilstu.edu/uro/forms/form-home.htm. This form, especially if it is the first time you have been exposed to it, can seem overwhelming to fill out. Once again, it is best to allow plenty of time to complete this form: (1) so that you can get adequate assistance if you need it and, (2) so that you obtain all of the needed signatures without hurry and panic. Among those you can consult for assistance in filling out the “blue form” are: your department representative to the college research committee; your research mentor—if you have one; your department chairperson; Deb Gentry; and various staff at the University Research Office (such as Ann McQuigan, Kathleen Lacroix, or Sue Overholt). Deb Gentry can be reached at 438-8748 and the University Research Office phone number is 438-2528.
Department Highlights

Agriculture

Dr. Randy Winter participated in the Legislative Roundtable hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau on January 5 in Bloomington. The purpose of the roundtable is to identify and prioritize state and national initiatives that have consensus support of all participants of the group, which includes general farm organizations, commodity organizations, universities, and other agricultural groups.


Criminal Justice Sciences

Dr. Mark Fleisher's article, “Creating Organizational Climate in a New Federal Prison,” has been accepted for publication in Corrections Compendium.

The article, “Employment and Crime: Revisiting the Resiliency Effect of Work on Crime,” co-authored by Adam Bossler (MA candidate), Mark Fleisher, and Jessie Krienert was accepted for publication in Corrections Compendium, the journal of the American Correctional Association.

Health, Physical Education & Recreation

The National Association for Physical Education in Higher Education honored Dr. Marlene Mawson with the annual NAPEHE Distinguished Service Award this year at the annual NAPEHE Conference held January 5-8, 2000, in Austin, Texas. One awardee is selected each year. Dr. Mawson was recognized as having served nationally in numerous professional elected and appointed capacities during her higher education career, most notably as: NAPEHE Board of Directors (1988-90), NAPEHE Future Directions Task Force (1989-90 & 1992-94), the National Association for Sport and Physical Education Cabinet (NASPE Academy Coordinator, 1992-95), the AAHPERD Research Consortium Board of Directors (1992-95), Vice President of the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport (NAGWS Board, 1998-2000), and President of the North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM Executive Council, 1995-98).
Industrial Technology


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Important Dates

- January 17, 2000  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  Offices closed
- January 18, 2000  Deadline to respond if participating in Founders Day
  - Please e-mail Jeri @ jdrybur@ilstu.edu
- January 18, 2000  Spring semester classes begin
- January 21, 2000  Deadline for items for next NewsCAST

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Note:

To better serve our readers, we are returning to the former method of preparing and printing the NewsCAST newsletter. You will be receiving a copy in your mailbox once again. For those who prefer the electronic copy, it will still be available on the CAST web page at: http://www.cast.ilstu.edu/newscast.htm

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