Funding Opportunities (from the past 7 days)
For previous funding opportunities, see
http://teesresearch.tamu.edu/funding-opportunities/

LIMITED SUBMISSIONS
If you would like to receive all notices of limited submission opportunities, please email shelly.martin@tamu.edu. Note that if you are on this list, you will receive any and all announcements, whether or not they apply to you. All limited submission opportunities are also posted on the VPR’s site.

DOE
Mineral Recovery Phase II - Geothermal Concepts and Approaches to Validate Extraction (link)

NIST
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program (link)

NSF
Algorithms in the Field (AitF) (link)

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), Scholarship and Fellowship Education Grant, Faculty Development Grant, and Trade School and Community College Scholarship Grant, Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 (link)

Upcoming Events
See also http://teesresearch.tamu.edu/events/ for a complete listing and links to handouts/presentations

TEES Research Development – Watch for new events in 2016!

Other Opportunities
Today

Healthy Aging Research Interest Group: Networking Event
December 9, 2015
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
University Club, Mezzanine (11th floor, Rudder Tower)
Registration required

Writing Successful Proposals
March 1, 2016
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Henderson Hall, Room 103
Registration required

NSF CAREER Proposal Writer's Group Inaugural Meeting
March 15, 2016
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Henderson Hall, Room 103
Registration required

NSF CAREER Proposal Writing Workshop
March 21-22, 2016
St. Louis, MO
Information and Application

NSF Broader Impacts Workshop
March 24, 2016
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Henderson Hall, Room 103
Registration required

Tips/Lessons Learned in Submitting Proposals

Budget Bits

The Budget is very important and should not be constructed casually or left until the last minute. It tells the reviewers what you are going to do based on how you have aligned the dollars available.

- Check typical Budget Categories. Don’t overlook funds needed for external evaluators, travel, or page charges.
- It is very important to contact Sponsored Research Services budget personnel early in the proposal process.
- Don’t divide the budgeted amounts by the number of participants. Instead, align budget allocations with effort and cost, including salary. Too little or too much money budgeted for the PIs can raise a flag. Reviewers identify this as a common and basic mistake, which makes proposals receive a lower score.
- Make sure your department head is aware of your proposal. It can be awkward for him/her to find out for the first time about your proposal when paperwork routes to him/her for signature.
Crisman Institute on Path to New Directions in Research

The Crisman Institute for Petroleum Research, a well-established research program within the Harold Vance Department of Petroleum Engineering at Texas A&M University, is partnering with another research center at Texas A&M to further new research directions needed by the petroleum industry.

The Crisman Institute for Reservoir Management was established in 1984 by a private donor endowment from Wayne and Ruby Crisman to further research efforts within the Department of Petroleum Engineering.

The original purpose of the Crisman Institute was to get oil and gas companies to bring problems and data to the faculty and students, so industry and academia could work together to build better reservoir management plans. The institute functioned in this capacity for 20 years. In 2004, Dr. Stephen A. Holditch became the director and decided to invigorate the program. At his request, Schlumberger, Halliburton and Chevron each agreed to give a $1 million endowment to the institute, which was renamed the Crisman Institute for Petroleum Research. In addition, industry membership was offered to other companies, who joined Crisman to help the faculty focus on current important problems and to provide both data and mentoring to the graduate students. Holditch left the institute when he retired as department head in January 2012.

Holditch, back with Texas A&M as a professor, is once more a part of the institute, this time serving as associate director, and the Crisman Institute is again on the verge of another leap forward. The institute is merging efforts with the Berg-Hughes Center (BHC) for Petroleum and Sedimentary Systems, a part of the Department of Geology and Geophysics within the College of Geosciences at Texas A&M. This new Crisman-BHC effort will concentrate on a comprehensive analysis of shale reservoirs in order to further develop predictive geologic, hydraulic fracturing and reservoir models.

To view the complete story and video, please visit the website.

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