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InfoEd: Proposal Development is Live!

ORSP is happy to announce the Proposal Development (PD) module of InfoEd is now officially live for all departments across campus. Already more than 100 proposals have been created in the PD module to date and 50 of those have been successfully submitted to the sponsor, while the remaining are under development. Thank you for your teamwork in this impressive effort!

As a reminder, moving forward all investigators are **required** to submit their proposal materials to our office via the PD module. To ensure a successful submission and timely turnaround, we encourage investigators to submit their proposal record no less than 10 business days before the proposal deadline.

We understand InfoEd is a new system to many of you and it may take some time to learn it. Our grant and contract administrators are here to support you in this effort and are happy to assist with one-on-one general trainings of the PD module or proposal-specific trainings. Please note that for these trainings to occur, you must reach out to your grant and contract administrator.

Foreign Influence & DU: What You Need to Know

Foreign influence in U.S. research has been a serious and evolving issue over the past three years. The University of Denver, like the United States federal government, is taking steps to increase oversight and protect U.S. research. Issues that have come up are centered around foreign talent programs misappropriating federal funds and theft of IP. Over the past six months, several U.S. Principal Investigators have been charged with various crimes related to this issue. For more information on this, please refer to the Council on Governmental Relations (COGR) website on Science and Security.

New Requirements & Training

PIs are now underlined required to disclose foreign activities in "Current and Pending Support" and "Other Support" in federal proposals, as well as in award progress reports. Please refer to the foreign influence presentation at the January 2021 Research Town Hall for more information.

ORSP will be offering Foreign Influence training through CITI, which be required for all investigators on federal proposals and will also be hosting the FBI for a presentation on this topic. Stay tuned for more information on accessing training and the date for the FBI presentation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VIRTUAL RESEARCH TOWN HALL

Thursday, March 11
Noon - 1 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12
Noon - 1 p.m.

Calendar invitations will be sent to the PI listserv two weeks before the event. If you would like to sign up for the listserv, please email: orspadmin@du.edu with your request.

Missed the last Virtual Research Town Hall? Click here to view.

DU COURSE-RELATED RESEARCH PROJECTS: DO THEY NEED IRB REVIEW?

Many instructors who teach research methods and research design courses will often incorporate hands-on experiences in their curriculum that involves students developing and conducting a research project. These type of projects, in many cases, do not meet the criteria for requiring IRB review, and should not be submitted to the IRB for formal review.

The term "classroom-based research" is often linked to activities designed for students to experience how to create and conduct research as part of a DU course-related curriculum exercise. However, the same criteria for conducting research in a DU course-related activity or classroom setting is different from a student who plans to involve public and private schools, unaffiliated DU students, teachers, and administrators in their research proposal.

To assist instructors and students in making decisions on whether a course-related research project may require IRB review, a new webpage on DU Course-Related Research Projects has been added to the DU IRB website to address frequently-asked questions and provide further guidance on when IRB review may be required.

USING PIVOT TO FIND FUNDING

ORSP invites you to explore Pivot, a database for funding opportunities that is available to all DU faculty, staff, and students. With over $65 billion in different funding opportunities and continually updated with new opportunities, Pivot is a great tool for grant prospecting. To access Pivot, log in to your library account and search for Pivot in the Databases search bar:

From here, click "Create an Account" and then "Use Email Address/Create Password." Use your DU email and password and designate "University of Denver" as the Affiliated Member Institution.

Pivot allows you to search for funding opportunities, save and share individual funding opportunities, and set up weekly emails with new opportunities based on your search preferences. The system also has an Advisor feature that can recommend personalized opportunities for you based on your research interests and previous funding. Additionally, ORSP maintains several lists of funding opportunities specifically tailored to the expertise of the DU research community.

To learn more about how to utilize Pivot most effectively, as well as how ORSP can support you in your grant prospecting efforts, please reach out to Noelle Strom (noelle.strom@du.edu).

UPDATES & REFRESHERS

EFFORT CERTIFICATION LOOKS DIFFERENT

As many of you are aware, individuals who are paid by grant funding are required to certify their effort to ensure proper and timely payment. Recently, with the termination of the Adobe Flash Player, the portal for this certification has been redesigned. The process is still very much the same, however, you'll notice that the log in is in a different location via PioneerWeb.

More information on how to log in and certify your effort can be found here.

More information on certification of effort and who is required to do so can be found within the ORSP website.

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Windsor.Wall@du.edu.

REFRESHER: DATA USE AGREEMENT

As a reminder: If you need to receive data from an external site or send data to an outside entity for your research, DU has established a process for investigators to use to effectively manage data use agreement (DUA) requests.

To ensure that all the necessary information is gathered before a DUA review process is started, each investigator is requested to complete one of the forms to either Receive Data or Send Data and submit it directly to DataContract@du.edu. Once your form is received, it will be reviewed by the Office of Technology Transfer. If additional information is needed, the investigator will be contacted. After the terms of the agreement have to been finalized, a copy of the DUA with the authorized signature(s) will be sent directly to the PI. If the DUA is required for a human subjects research project, you will be required to post a copy of the fully executed agreement (signed by both DU and the external entity) as part of your IRBNet package before final IRB approval is issued.

TIP OF THE MONTH

IS YOUR IDEA ORIGINAL? PROBABLY NOT, AND THAT'S FINE

When you begin thinking about whether or not your idea merits filing a patent application, the first thing you'll likely do is conduct a search to determine if any similar inventions, products, or discoveries already exist.

NEW & ORIGINAL

In patent lingo, this search for similar inventions is considered a search for "prior art." And, in order for an invention to be patentable, it must be "new" and "original" as compared to the relevant prior art. However, as you search for similar inventions, it is almost guaranteed that you will discover some variation of your idea.

DON'T FREAK OUT!

This does not mean your invention is unpatentable. The reality is that there is always prior art for an invention. The questions are, just how close is it to what you want to protect, and are your expectations for obtaining a patent reasonable?

WE CAN HELP

The University of Denver's Office of Intellectual Property & Technology Transfer is here to research prior art and determine the patentability of your invention. If you have a potentially patentable invention or discovery, please contact the University of Denver's Office of Intellectual Property & Technology Transfer at TechTransfer@du.edu.

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