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Animal Protocols

Please note that the submission date for 3 year renewals has changed. The IACUC has stipulated that 3 year renewals are now to be submitted **2 months in advance**: i.e., on the 1st of the month preceding the month in which the protocol is to expire. Please note that this change applies to 3 year renewals only. Please refer to the vivarium supervisor, Lawrence Rife's email, dated 7/24/07.

Funding Opportunities

The Giannini Family Foundation

Invites young promising postdoctoral investigators in the early stages of their careers to apply for the 2008 Medical Research Fellowship Program:

- 6 to 8 new fellowships will be awarded
- Stipends are \$38,000 for year one, \$40,000 for year two, and \$43,000 for year three

To apply for this award, interested candidates must submit their CV, a brief summary of their research proposal and a letter of endorsement from their mentor to the Office of Scientific Affairs for review and sponsorship.

Please send your proposal summary, mentor's support letter and CV as soon as possible, but not later than September 3, 2007 to scientificaffairs@keck.usc.edu.

The Fellowship Program is open to those in the early stages of their postdoctoral medical research careers. Applicants must hold or have received before the fellowship begins a Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Philosophy or equivalent degree and be a citizen of the United States or permanent alien resident.

Interested candidates can obtain complete information about the 2008 Fellowship Program at the Giannini Family Foundation website, www.apgianninifoundation.org

For questions, please contact Gigi Petrovich in the Office of Scientific Affairs at 323-442-2605.

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Full Implementation to Shorten the Review Cycle for New Investigator R01 Applications Reviewed in Center for Scientific Review (CSR) Recurring Study Sections

As part of the National Institutes of Health continuing commitment to new investigators, a pilot effort (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-06-013.html>) was begun in 2006 to allow new investigators to have the option of submitting a resubmission/amended R01 application for consecutive review cycles, saving four months. This pilot was extended to twenty two additional study sections in January of 2007 (<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-034.html>) and forty-six more study sections in April 2007 (<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-058.html>). The three cycles of the pilot have involved nearly 2000 new investigator R01 applications reviewed in the original 40 study sections in the Center for Scientific Review. Approximately 13% of the eligible new investigators have used the option of next cycle submission.

Beginning with the September/October 2007 Study Section meetings the Center for Scientific Review is extending this to all new investigator R01 applications submitted for standard receipt dates (this does not include submissions for RFAs and PARs with special dates). The CSR recurring study sections that review new investigator R01 applications will meet on a schedule to allow consecutive cycle resubmissions. Study Sections in the AIDS and AIDS Related Research (AARR) Integrated Review Group already conduct reviews and produce summary statements on a schedule that allows consecutive cycle submission for new investigator R01s.

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<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-083.html>

Announcing 2008 NIH Regional Seminars in Program Funding and Grants Administration

Two NIH Regional Seminars covering topics related to NIH extramural program funding and grants administration have been planned for 2008.

Each Regional Seminar encompasses two full days, providing information about the NIH funding process, from opportunity identification and application preparation through post award administration. Presentations are targeted towards research administrators, new and experienced investigators, post

NIH Announcements

NIH Funded Publications

The House of Representatives passed, late Thursday night, a Labor, Health and Human Services and Education appropriations bill that included language to make the public access policy for the National Institute of Health mandatory. What this means is that the published results of research funded by NIH grant monies would have to be made available to the public, whose tax dollars paid for the research, within one year of publication. The NIH offers the [PubMed Central database](#) for this purpose, and a small amount of research (compared to the total amount funded) has been made available under a voluntary program for the past three years. A mandatory policy will vastly increase public access to vital health information; the 12 month delay would ensure that subscriptions to the journals that publish these original articles would not be endangered.

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docs and trainees. Opportunities for informal interactions between seminar participants and NIH grants management, program, policy, and review staff are incorporated into the program and such interactions are highly encouraged. NIH electronic research administration computer labs are offered on a day adjacent to the two day seminar.

The 2008 seminars will be held:

March 25-26, 2008 – San Antonio, Texas. This two day seminar will be hosted by the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. NIH electronic research administration computer labs will be offered on Thursday, March 27, 2008. For questions regarding registration or logistics, please contact Jane Youngers at tel. 210-567-2340 or via e-mail at nihseminar@uthscsa.edu. On-line registration should be available after October 1, 2007 on the [UTHSCSA - NIH Regional Seminar](#) webpage.

June 19-20, 2008 – Chicago, Illinois. This two day seminar will be hosted by the University of Illinois at Chicago. NIH electronic research administration computer labs will be offered on Tuesday, June 18, 2008. For questions regarding registration or logistics, please contact Monica Rausa Williams at tel. 312-996-4995 or via nihseminar@uic.edu. On-line registration should be available after October 1, 2007 on the [UIC - NIH Regional Seminar](#) webpage.

Links to program information and logistics from previous NIH Regional Seminars are available from the NIH Office of Extramural Research Regional Seminar Website at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/seminars.htm>.

Findings of Research Misconduct

Kristin Roovers, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania: Based on an investigation conducted by the University of Pennsylvania (UP) and additional analysis and information obtained by the Office of Research Integrity during its oversight review, the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) found that Kristin Roovers, Ph.D., former postdoctoral fellow, Departments of Medicine, Cell and Developmental Biology, and Pharmacology, and Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and former graduate student, Department of Pharmacology, UP, engaged in misconduct in science in research funded by National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institutes of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Cancer Institute (NCI), and National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS).

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<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-075.html>

James David Lieber, University of California at Los Angeles: Based on the findings of an inquiry report by the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and additional analysis and information obtained by the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) during its oversight review, the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) found that James David Lieber, Staff Research Associate, Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, UCLA, engaged in research misconduct in research funded by National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), grant R01 DA15390.

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<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-079.html>

Juan Carlos Jorge-Rivera, Ph.D., Dartmouth College: Based on the findings of an inquiry conducted by Dartmouth College, an investigation conducted by another Federal agency, and additional analysis conducted by the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) during its oversight review, the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) found that Juan Carlos Jorge-Rivera, Ph.D., former postdoctoral fellow, Department of Physiology, Dartmouth College, engaged in misconduct in science in research funded by National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), grant R01 NS28668.

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<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-086.html>

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