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STEM CELL RESEARCH OVERSIGHT

The University of Miami is creating an Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight (ESCRO) Committee to advise the Vice Provost for Research on policies related to human embryonic stem cell (hESC) and human somatic cell nuclear transfer (hSCNT) research at the University. The committee will ensure that all related University research complies with University, state, and federal regulations and standards.

We are seeking University of Miami faculty and local community members with expertise in hESC, hSCNT, and/or bioethics to serve on the committee. If you are interested in being considered or would like to nominate a colleague or member of the local community, please contact Steve Mackey, Director of Research Policy, at smackey@med.miami.edu by December 12. The ESCRO committee will be brought together in early 2009.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR NSF GRANT APPLICATIONS



To address the mentoring requirements of the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act (the America COMPETES Act), the National Science Foundation (NSF) has updated their grant application requirements. As of January 5, the project descriptions in all grant applications which include postdoctoral researchers must include a separate section describing proposed mentoring activities. The NSF will evaluate the mentoring plan during the merit review process. **All proposals submitted**

without a separate mentoring section within the project description will be returned without review.

CLINICAL RESEARCH NEWS

The clinical research subject enrollment policy ensures that the University tracks all clinical research subjects involved in clinical research protocols that test a drug, device or biologic and/or involve procedures, lab tests, and/or interventions on a patient. This policy applies to all such studies, funded and unfunded.

The principal investigator (or designee) is required to notify the office of Clinical Research Revenue Cycle (CRR) within 24 hours of a patient's consent to participate and upon their withdrawal (for any reason) from a project that meets this criterion.

What I need to do?

- » To report the consent of a clinical research subject the principal investigator (or designee) must submit the Research Subject Enrollment/Disenrollment Form **within 24 hours of subject consent** to the CRR by either (i) submitting an enrollment form available at www.med.miami.edu/cris, or (ii) submitting the information in Velos, if the study is built in Velos, at velos.miami.edu.
- » To report the disenrollment of a clinical research subject the principal investigator (or designee) must submit the Research Subject Enrollment/Disenrollment Form to the CRR at crrc@med.miami.edu **within 24 hours of subject disenrollment** (for any reason other than the end of study treatment).
- » [Read frequently asked questions \(FAQs\) about the Subject Enrollment Policy.](#)

Course Descriptions for December & January

Course	Instructor-Led or Computer Based?	Date, Time, & Location	Description	Who Should Attend?	Enrollment
Finding Funding					
Grants.gov Hands-on Workshop	Instructor-Led by Maria Valero-Martinez	January 7 9-11 a.m. Medical Campus, Dominion Towers Computer Lab, 10th Floor	Receive hands-on instruction for electronic submission of proposals through Grants.gov.	Researchers & Research Administrators	http://miami.edu/ulearn
Navigating SpinPlus	Computer-Based	Complete online, anytime.	Learn how to use SPIN and SMARTS as tools to find funding opportunities.	Researchers & Research Administrators	http://miami.edu/ulearn
Proposal Development					
InfoEd Proposal Development Hands-on Workshop	Instructor-Led by Maria Valero-Martinez	December 17 9-12 p.m. Medical Campus, Dominion Towers Computer Lab, 10th Floor	Receive hands-on instruction on electronically submitting NIH applications through InfoEd Proposal Development.	Researchers & Research Administrators	http://miami.edu/ulearn
Developing a Realistic Proposal Budget	Computer-Based	Complete online, anytime.	Identify the “do’s” and “don’ts” of budget planning and examine the process of preparing a budget for a proposal, following standards.	Researchers & Research Administrators	http://miami.edu/ulearn
InfoEd Overview: “Understanding InfoEd” Series (Modules 1 & 2)	Computer-Based	Complete online, anytime.	Identify the basic elements of the InfoEd system for developing NIH grant applications.	Researchers & Research Administrators	http://miami.edu/ulearn
Award Administration					
*Completing the New Proposal Transmittal Form is Not as Easy as You Think	Instructor TBA	December 4 12-1 p.m. Medical Campus, Batchelor Building, Baxter Conference Room 139	This roundtable discussion is an interactive demonstration designed to give you the tools to accurately complete the Proposal Transmittal Form while avoiding common mistakes.	Researchers & Research Administrators	http://miami.edu/ulearn
Human Subjects Research					
Human Subjects Research	Computer-Based	Complete online, anytime.	The Collaborative Institutional Review Board [IRB] Training Initiative (CITI) provides research ethics education.	Researchers	http://citiprogram.org
Laboratory Animal Welfare					
Animal Care & Use	Computer-Based	Complete online, anytime.	CITI is computer-based.	Researchers	http://citiprogram.org
Advanced Techniques	Instructor-Led by the Division of Veterinary Resources (DVR)	Arranged.	Advanced instructor-led training held by the DVR may be required, as appropriate.	Researchers	Contact DVR at 305-243-2310

*This course is part of the “Sponsored Programs Roundtable Series” which is scheduled on the first and third Thursday of every month.

Note: There will be no roundtable discussions on 12/18/08 and on 1/01/09.

HAVE U HEARD?

Researchers:

Grants vs. Gifts

A gift may be designed for general operations or restricted for a particular purpose, such as research in a defined area or support of a professorship or program. The donor may earmark the gift for a specific purpose, but may not have control over expenditures or the work performed. Generally, a gift is not based on performance, and has no specified time frame, financial reports, or products or items of value given in return. A “thank you” or a tax statement may be provided to the donor.

A grant, in contrast, returns something of value to the donor. There is generally a formal agreement and restrictions on how the money can be spent. There may be effective dates for results or requirements that financial or technical reports are provided to the donor. Rights to intellectual property may be retained by the donor or access to University resources or services may be given to the donor.

› [Learn more about grants and gifts.](#)

Research Administrators:

NCURA Region III Meeting

Please mark your calendar for the NCURA Region III Meeting May 3-6 in Panama City, Florida. NCURA, the National Council of the University Research Administrators, is an organization of individuals involved in the administration of sponsored programs at colleges, universities, and teaching hospitals.

According to the council’s website, “NCURA serves its members and advances the field of research administration through education and professional development programs, the sharing of knowledge and experience, and by fostering a professional, collegial, and respected community.”

Region III, the Southeast region, includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, the Virgin Islands, and Virginia.

› [Visit the NCURA website.](#)

NEW TO THE UNIVERSITY?

The Transition Team in the Office of the Executive Dean for Research and Research Training assists new faculty and their associated teams with the transition process when they relocate to the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. The team has a wealth of experience in University operations, including research administration and human resources. They provide a full range of relocation expertise which enables the new recruit to continue their research as expeditiously as possible. The team assists in the orientation of new faculty and employees, and provides them with practical information for setting up their research laboratories. For more information, please contact Janeane McCann: JMccann@med.miami.edu.

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