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## CSI Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR)

In the newsletter you can find available funding opportunities as well as trainings and other resources to assist you in your grant-seeking endeavors.

We encourage you to schedule a meeting or stop by OSPR to discuss your research interests, and how we can assist with your grant administration.



### RESEARCH FOUNDATION AWARD PRE-PROPOSAL SUPPORT OFFICE (APPS)

RFCUNY also offers CUNY faculty, graduate and doctoral students assistance in identifying and obtaining extramural funding to support their research, education, training, curriculum development and other related activities. One-on-one proposal consultations, grant-writing workshops and related webinars are available through RFCUNY's Office of Award Pre-Proposal Support (APPS).

Consultations with the APPS office are intended to assist with proposal development, help faculty identify sources of funding support, and provide an opportunity to exchange ideas fluidly in an informal setting.

You can access the office webinar calendar [here](#).

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## New Tool!

### RF Dashboard

This is a new managerial tool for authorized users with specific electronic systems access to track their current tasks, easily access frequently requested information, and view items requiring a user's immediate attention- all in one convenient place. The tool's initial offering consolidates data from Human Resources (HR), specifically Payroll and Leave, and Award Management, and presents it in a concise format. Please see the memo attached for more information. To access the Dashboard, an authorized user would log on to their profile on the RF website, go to the Electronic Tools menu, and select RF Dashboard.

To learn more, please watch the [video tutorial](#) provided on the RF website under training resources.

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## Sponsors Reminders and Updates

### NIH

#### **Guidance on Salary Limitation for Grants and Cooperative Agreements FY 2024 (NOT-OD-24-057)**

This important notice provides information regarding the salary limitation for NIH grant and cooperative agreement awards and extramural research and development contract awards. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 restricts the amount of direct salary to Executive Level II of the Federal Executive pay scale. The Office of Personnel Management recently released new salary levels for the Executive Pay Scale. Effective January 1, 2024, the salary limitation for Executive Level II is \$221,900. See [NOT-OD-24-057](#) for the full announcement.

### NSF

#### **NSF Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures (PAPPG)**

NSF announced that a revised version of the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 24-1) has been issued. The new PAPPG will be effective for proposals submitted or due on or after May 20, 2024. You are encouraged to review the by-chapter Summary of Changes provided in the PAPPG.

NSF will present information about these changes in a webinar on March 12 at 2 PM EST. Register [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

### National Medal of Science Call for Nominations



The National Medal of Science (NMS) is the highest recognition the nation can give on scientists and engineers. The National Science Foundation is seeking nominations for the NMS from *FEBRUARY 5 THROUGH MAY 3, 2024*. Please share the [NMS Call for Nominations flyer](#) with your colleagues. See the [NMS Nominations web page](#) for more information on how to make your nominations.

An informational webinar will be held on *MARCH 12, 2024*, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (EDT). [Registration](#) is required.

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### RF CUNY: Health, Aging and Longevity Forum

The Research Foundation of the City University of New York (RFCUNY) is pleased to announce the **Health, Aging, and Longevity Forum** on March 6, 2024. This event represents a continued partnership with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS).

JSPS is interested in continuing their ties with the City University of New York (CUNY) and we are interested in building collaborations between CUNY researchers and researchers in Japan in areas related to **Health, Aging, and Longevity**. The forum will have sessions where Japanese and CUNY researchers discuss their respective research. There will also be sessions on grant funding opportunities by JSPS and on the grant programs of Federal agencies (NIH and NSF) related to the forum theme. Please [visit here](#) for more information, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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### CUNY Graduate Center Professional Development Workshops

This spring, the Graduate Center's Mina Rees Library is offering four online workshops about publication contracts, copyright, and related topics. All members of the CUNY community are welcome, regardless of campus. The workshops are especially well suited to graduate students, faculty, administrators, and others who seek to formally publish or otherwise disseminate their work.

#### **Copyright and Fair Use for Scholarly Authors**

Friday, March 15 at 11am-noon (Zoom)

[Link to details and registration](#)

#### **Understanding Creative Commons Licenses**

Friday, April 5 at 11am-noon (Zoom)

[Link to details and registration](#)

#### **Understanding and Negotiating Book Publication Contracts**

Friday, May 3 at 11am-noon (Zoom)

[Link to details and registration](#)

## NYC Future Energy Conference

The NYC Future Energy Conference at the City College of New York will bring together diverse researchers studying the sustainable generation and storage of energy, flexible infrastructure for the efficient distribution of energy, and means for securing energy justice in the face of climate change.

The conference will highlight pioneering work in energy research to build collaborative networks within the NYC region and nationally.

**Date: March 28, 2024**

Location: The Shepard Hall, Great Hall, City College of New York 2024. Registration:

<https://nycfutureenergy.com/>

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## Internal Funding Opportunities



### Green Economy Capital Funding

The City of New York has provided \$7 million in capital funding for CUNY to invest in equipment, infrastructure, and other resources that will enhance our academic and training programs related to the Green Economy workforce. The RFP was developed in partnership with the New York City Economic Development Corporation and aims to advance student readiness for careers across many Green Economy sectors like renewable energy, green

buildings, sustainable transportation, and more. For more information about submission details and RFP eligibility, please refer to the informational PDF: [Green Economy Capital Funding 2023-24 RFP](#).

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## Faculty Travel for Grant Development

The Faculty Travel for Grant Development program financially supports out-of-town travel so that CUNY researchers can further pursue the development of their grant proposals. All travel undertaken should pertain to meetings with proposal collaborators and/or representatives of external funders, such as federal agency officers or private foundation program officers. Please visit the [RF website](#) for additional information.

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## Hudson River Park Trust Visiting Scholar Program

[The Park will collaborate with CUNY's faculty](#) to help meet research, data analysis, and resource management goals as outlined in the Park's Estuarine Sanctuary Management Plan (ESMP) and will focus on three management areas: research & habitat enhancement, environmental education, and public access & resource management.

The Park intends to fund two projects with budgets up to \$10,000 each, inclusive of a 12% indirect cost rate. For eligibility and submission details, review the program guidelines. **The application deadline is March 22, 2024, 11:59PM**

### GRANT FORWARD

A searchable grants database, providing access to funding and travel opportunities to help move your research forward.

### PIVOT-RP

Pivot-RP provides global and local connections that strengthen research by exploring new avenues for funding and collaboration.

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOD offers many awards. To determine if any of these opportunities match your area of interest check out their website.

### CUNY LAB

To stay updated on grant opportunities and events offered through CUNY, subscribe to CUNY LAB.

## External Funding Opportunities

### **NSF-Binational Science Foundation (BSF) Joint Programs**

**BSF** is pleased to announce the addition of two new cross directorate programs to the NSF-BSF partnership:

**\*Computational and Data-enabled Science and Engineering (CDS&E)**

**\*Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation (EFRI)**

Please note that the **Computational Neuroscience (CRCNS)** program, has announced its new deadline. Deadline for applications by the U.S. partner to the NSF is **March 7, 2024** and by the Israeli Partner to the BSF is **March 13, 2024**.

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### **NEH Humanities Initiative at Hispanic Serving Institutions**

**NEH** is encouraging eligible institutions to submit proposals addressing a core topic or set of themes drawn from humanities areas such as history, philosophy, religion, literature, or humanities-informed composition and writing skills. The maximum awarded amount will be \$150,000 including direct and indirect costs for a period of one to three years. **The submission deadline is May 7, 2024.**

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### **SFARI Supplement to Enhance Equity and Diversity (SEED) – Request for Application**

**The SFARI Supplement** to Enhance Equity and Diversity (SEED) is a new program that provides supplements to existing grants for the recruitment of new lab members from American underrepresented minority groups at the postdoctoral level. The goal of this award is to increase diversity and fight inequity. SFARI Principal Investigators (PIs) are encouraged to recruit candidates for this supplement not only at their home institution, but also at historically Black colleges and universities and other institutions with high minority enrollment. The budget is up to \$100,000 per year for up to three years. **This application has a rolling deadline.**



## CUNY CITI Trainings

CUNY subscribes to the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative's (CITI) research compliance courses to fulfill CUNY's educational requirements. Please read the requirements section below to identify the training you are required to complete.

### Training in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR):

All CUNY faculty members, staff, postdoctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate students involved in research are required to complete the CITI RCR training within six weeks of initiating their research. RCR training certificate will be valid for four years.

### Training in the Protection of Human Subjects:

All CUNY faculty members, staff, postdoctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate students involved in human subjects' research as key personnel must complete the Basic Course in the protection of human subjects prior to Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval of their protocol.

### Training in the Care and Use of Animals:

All CUNY faculty members, staff, postdoctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate students involved in animal care, use or treatment must complete the CITI training in the care and use of animals prior to Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval of their protocol.

### Training in Conflict of Interest:

All investigators engaging in research related to any Public Health Service (PHS) funded grant or contract, Conflicts Committee members, and all CUNY College Conflicts Officers are required to complete CITI training in Conflict of Interest (COI).

### Instructions

Please follow the steps outlined below to complete your training:

1. Log-in (or register if you are a first-time user) at <https://www.citiprogram.org/Default.asp> and affiliate with CUNY
2. Click on "Add a course or update your learner groups."
3. Select the curriculum which you would like to complete.
4. Select the learner group [1] that best fits your position at CUNY and your role in research.
5. Complete the required modules.
6. Complete any optional modules that may be of interest to you.
7. Submit a copy of your completion certificate as instructed [here](#).

### CUNY Conflict of Interest Policy

Each investigator (as defined in section 7.14 of the CUNY Conflict of Interest Policy) must complete the CUNY Significant Financial Interest (SFI) Disclosure Form and submit it to the college Grants Officer and the College Conflicts Officer (CCO) at the time that the Principal Investigator submits a grant proposal or application. An updated SFI is required if there is a change in the previously disclosed SFI.

### Export Control

U.S. export controls exist to protect the national security and foreign policy interests. Export controls govern the shipment, transmission, or transfer of regulated items, information and software to foreign countries, persons or entities. Each CUNY College has an appointed export control administrator who works in collaboration with the research compliance staff within the Research Office, to ensure compliance with export control regulation. PI's are responsible to notify the college administrator of any export control activities.

## PRE-PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS

Please submit a pre-proposal packet to OSPR **two weeks** before the proposal deadline. The packet should include a pre-proposal checklist, budget sheet, project summary and COI form.

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## AWARDS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Amy Stempler (Library):** has been awarded a New York State Education grant of \$14,731 for project: “Coordinated Collection Development.”

**Anatoly Kuklov (Physics & Astronomy):** has been awarded a 2-year NSF grant of \$230,000 for project “Collaborative Research: “Worm Algorithm and Diagrammatic Monte Carlo for Strongly Correlated Condensed Matter Systems.”

**Heidi Bertels (Management):** received a Blackstone Launch Pad award of \$10,000 for project “Blackstone Launch Pad Program.”

**Jay Rosen (Mathematics):** has been awarded a three-year NSF grant of \$97,332 for project “Northeast Probability Seminar 2023-2025.”

**Louis Petingi & Lei Xie (Computer Science):** received a three-year NSF award of \$374,493 for project “REU Site: Research on Computational Methods in High Performance Computing and Their Applications to Computational Sciences.”

**Marta Cabral (Curriculum & Instruction):** received a CUNY CITE award of \$28,265.97 for project “Preservice teachers' attitudes and self-efficacy beliefs about integrating CDL into their teaching.”

**Probal Banerjee (Chemistry):** has been awarded \$8,683 from Aveta Biomics, Inc. “Mechanistic Investigation of the Anti-tumor Activity of PHRAD129” and \$14,455 from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine for his project titled “Pharmacokinetic Analysis of Plasma Concentrations of Curcumin and Curcumin Derivative after Administration of Curcumin-based Drugs and Nanoparticles.”

**Ting Yuan, Steven Azeka & Ashleigh Thompson (Curriculum & Instruction):** received a CUNY CITE award of \$17,494 for project “Computational Thinking for Educators.”