

Research Newsletter



March 2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE VCR:

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the March 2019 newsletter from the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Research.

Some news worth your attention.

- After consultations with the Policy Council, and discussions with Faculty Senate, my office has slightly amended the OSP Policy Memorandum-5 “Principal Investigator Eligibility.” The revised document can be found here: <https://sponsoredprograms.mst.edu/resources/policies>
- We are starting a new event to allow our faculty to learn more about each other’s research and possibly lead to collaborations: We Dig Research! Information about the event was sent to all faculty. The first meet up is on March 8, 3-5pm, at St. Pat’s Ballroom, Havener 206A (doors open at 2:30; talks are 3-4pm; social hour 4-5pm).

Some additional reminders:

- AFOSR has announced its 2019 workshops and reviews. You can find the list here: <https://community.apan.org/wg/afosr/w/researchareas/24083/workshops-and-reviews—2019/>
They include reviews and workshops for Machine Intelligence, Electromagnetics, Multifunctional Materials for Defense, Materials for Extreme Environments, Biophysics, Control and Autonomy, etc.
- DARPA has scheduled a number of Colloquia, proposers’ day, and webcasts related to AI: <https://www.darpa.mil/events>
- One last (maybe) reminder of ARL’s Open House. To quote the website: “ARL’s Open Campus initiative is a collaborative endeavor, with the goal of building a science and technology ecosystem that will encourage groundbreaking advances in basic and applied research areas of relevance to the Army. Through the Open Campus framework, ARL scientists and engineers (S&Es) will work collaboratively and side-by-side with visiting scientists in ARL’s facilities, and as visiting researches at collaborators’ institutions. Central to the research collaborations is mutual scientific interest and investment by all partners—ARL’s Open Campus is not a funding opportunity.” But it will lead to funding opportunities. Areas include: Analysis and Assessment, Information Sciences, Materials Research, Sciences for Lethality and Protection, Human Sciences, and Sciences for Maneuver.

Finally two important numbers: As of January 2019 our faculty submitted proposals requesting 6.8% fewer funds compared to the first 7 months of FY18 (\$94.8M vs. \$101.7M); but our awarded funds are up by 30% (\$28M vs \$21.5M). Great job everyone!

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PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

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FACULTY & STAFF
RECEIVING AWARDS

\$7.53M

IN SPONSOR DOLLARS
AWARDED



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PIVOT CHANGES WEB ADDRESS

On March 1, Pivot will be changing its web address from pivot.cos.com to pivot.proquest.com. The new “.proquest.com” address is already fully operational. **Addresses ending in “.cos.com” will not automatically redirect to the new address.** Be sure to change any saved links or bookmarks on Pivot by changing the “.cos” extension to “.proquest”.

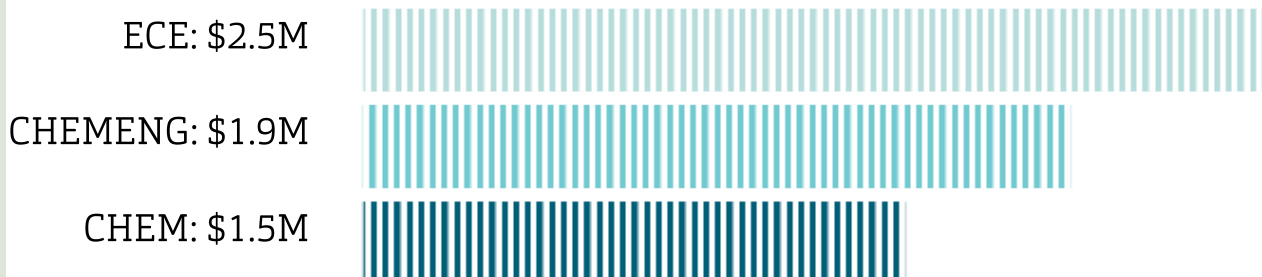
REGISTRATION FOR NEUROTRAUMA CONSORTIUM

In a partnership with Phelps Health, the Acute Effects of Neurotrauma Consortium (AENC) has released details regarding their [2019 Acute Effects of Neurotrauma Consortium Conclave](#). Scheduled for April 4, this is an all-day event in Fort Leonard Wood, in which attendees will have the opportunity to “learn about the number of [TBIs]... that occur as a result of training” as well as to “spend the day with US Army leaders, including medical providers and the top TBI research leader for the US Army.” Furthermore, attendees will be provided “an open forum” in which they may “pitch [their] TBI research ideas” and “get direct feedback from soldiers representing the three training brigades on post.” Due to fort regulations, **those interested must register before March 29, 2019.** Contact Barry White at bwhite@aenc.us to register.

NSF RELEASES “GROWING CONVERGENCE RESEARCH” PROGRAM SOLICITATION

The National Science Foundation has posted the latest program solicitation in their “Big Ideas” series. The [Growing Convergence Research \(GCR\)](#) solicitation is targeted at research that is both “driven by a specific and compelling problem” and that has “deep integration across disciplines.” Of particular interest are “deep scientific questions or pressing societal needs.” The first deadline is May 8, 2019, and the first Monday in February annually thereafter. If interested in responding to this solicitation, please [contact the Office of Sponsored Programs](#) for more information.

Highest Awarded Academic Departments — Jan. 2019



RECENT AWARDS

DECEMBER 2018

PI: *Magdy Abdelrahman*

Department: Civil, Architectural & Environmental Engineering

Proposal Title: Preparing Interdisciplinary Professionals for Rebuilding Resilient Infrastructure of the Nation

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education

Award: \$199,000.00

PI: *Joel Burken*

Department: Civil, Architectural & Environmental Engineering

Proposal Title: The Missouri Transect: Climate, Plants, and Communities

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Award: \$147,713.00

PI: *Mariesa Crow*

Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering

Proposal Title: Development of Integrated multi-port power electronics

Sponsor: Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Award: \$14,457.75

PI: *James Drewniak*

Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering

Proposal Title: CEMC Membership Agreement for Cisco 4—EMC

Sponsor: Cisco Systems, Inc.

Award: \$70,000.00

PI: *Samuel Frimpong*

Department: Mining & Nuclear Engineering

Proposal Title: Inter-Disciplinary Program in Graduate Engineering Education for Creating Knowledge Engineers and Scientists for the Emerging US Automated Mining Systems toward Zero Fatality

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education

Award: \$284,750.00

PI: *Jonathan Kimball*

Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering

Proposal Title: Enabling Extreme Fast Charging with Energy Storage

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Energy

Award: \$817,360.00

PI: *Aditya Kumar*

Department: Materials Science & Engineering

Proposal Title: Detection and Quantification of Phases Using Raman Spectra and Machine Learning—Participant Support

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Award: \$16,000.00

PI: *Robert Landers*

Department: Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Proposal Title: Doctoral Research and Training in Advanced Manufacturing

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education

Award: \$422,326.00

PI: *Sanjay Madria*

Department: Computer Science

Proposal Title: A Doctoral Program in Big Data, Machine Learning, and Analytics for Security and Safety

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education

Award: \$199,000.00

PI: *Xiong Zhang*

Department: Civil, Architectural & Environmental Engineering

Proposal Title: A Bio-Wicking System to Prevent Frost Heave in Alaskan Pavements: Phase II-Implementation

Sponsor: University of Alaska

Award: \$44,518.00

RECENT AWARDS

JANUARY 2019

PI: *Baojun Bai*

Department: Geosciences & Geological & Petroleum Engineering

Proposal Title: PGCCIC: Daqing Xinwantong Chemical Co., LTD

Sponsor: Daqing Xinwantong Science and Technology Development Co.

Award: \$60,000.00

PI: *Baojun Bai*

Department: Geosciences & Geological & Petroleum Engineering

Proposal Title: PGCCIC: Occidental Permian, Ltd.

Sponsor: Occidental Permian, LTD

Award: \$60,000.00

PI: *Baojun Bai*

Department: Geosciences & Geological & Petroleum Engineering

Proposal Title: PGCCIC: ConocoPhillips Company

Sponsor: ConocoPhillips Company

Award: \$100,000.00

PI: *Laura Bartlett*

Department: Materials Science & Engineering

Proposal Title: Modeling the Microstructure and Carburizing Process of Pyroware 675

Sponsor: Penn State University

Award: \$18,296.00

PI: *Laura Bartlett*

Department: Materials Science & Engineering

Proposal Title: Intensive Quenching to Produce High Performance Cast Parts

Sponsor: Advanced Tech International

Award: \$81,491.00

PI: *Laura Bartlett*

Department: Materials Science & Engineering

Proposal Title: Cooperative Agreement: Advanced Steel Development Center

Sponsor: Army Research Office

Award: \$150,000.00

PI: *Emily Bicker*

Department: Student Affairs

Proposal Title: Leach Theatre Presenting and Educating Series

Sponsor: Missouri Arts Council

Award: \$9,952.00

PI: *Douglas Bristow*

Department: Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Proposal Title: CAMT: API Membership

Sponsor: Automated Precision, Inc.

Award: \$30,500.00

PI: *Joel Burken*

Department: Civil, Architectural, & Environmental Engineering

Proposal Title: Phytoforensic Analysis for Hydrocarbon Pollutants (Site assessment for Alice Street)

Sponsor: AECOM Consultants, Inc.

Award: \$11,500.00

PI: *Casey Burton*

Department: Chemistry

Proposal Title: Assessing Traumatic Brain Injury Noninvasively with Urinary Metabolites

Sponsor: Leonard Wood Institute

Award: \$1,243,877.00

RECENT AWARDS

JANUARY 2019

PI: *Jun Fan*

Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering
Proposal Title: CEMC Membership Agreement for Cisco-PDN

Sponsor: Cisco Systems, Inc.

Award: \$70,000.00

PI: *Jie Huang*

Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering
Proposal Title: Internal Corrosion monitoring in steel pipes through magnetic field measurement

Sponsor: Jiangsu Hongkai Sensor Tech, LLC.

Award: \$60,000.00

PI: *Jie Huang*

Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering
Proposal Title: Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Monitoring Through Hair-Like Pressure Sensors Equipped Smart Helmets

Sponsor: Leonard Wood Institute

Award: \$2,253,618.00

PI: *Chulsoon Hwang*

Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering
Proposal Title: CEMC Membership Agreement for Asustek Computer, Inc.

Sponsor: Asustek Computer, Inc.

Award: \$70,000.00

PI: *Bih-Ru Lea*

Department: Business & Information Tech.
Proposal Title: Influence of Cognitive Aptitude and Personality Traits on Performance of Learning an Enterprise Resource Planning System

Sponsor: Charter Communication

Award: \$7,115.00

PI: *Nicholas Leventis*

Department: Chemistry

Proposal Title: SNM: Low-cost Large-scale Nanomanufacturing of Superinsulating Aerogels and Lightweight, mechanically-Strong Aerogels

Sponsor: Tufts University

Award: \$136,614.00

PI: *Sanjay Madria*

Department: Computer Science

Proposal Title: Optimization of Electric Shuttle Fleet in an Automated Mobility District

Sponsor: Oak Ridge National Lab

Award: \$33,490.00

PI: *F. Scott Miller*

Department: Materials Science & Engineering

Proposal Title: Standard Material Characterization, Analysis and Studies Using Missouri University of Science and Technology

Sponsor: Boeing Company

Award: \$4,450.00

PI: *Michael Moats*

Department: Materials Science & Engineering

Proposal Title: Anodes and their interaction with Thiourea on slimes generation, deportment of group 15 elements and location of As, Sb, and Bi in the electrorefining cell, and cathode structure and morphology

Sponsor: Atlantic Copper

Award: \$60,000.00

PI: *Ronald O'Malley*

Department: Materials Science & Engineering

Proposal Title: Identification and transformation and precipitation mechanisms of bainite-based TRIP steels by in-situ electrical resistance analysis

Sponsor: POSCO

Award: \$55,000.00

RECENT AWARDS

JANUARY 2019

PI: *Henry Pernicka*

Department: Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Proposal Title: Enabling Formation Flying with Multi-Mode Micropropulsion

Sponsor: Space Dynamics Laboratory

Award: \$55,000.00

PI: *Heath Pickerill*

Department: LTAP

Proposal Title: Missouri Local Transportation Assistance Program

Sponsor: Missouri Department of Transportation

Award: \$300,000.00

PI: *Heath Pickerill*

Department: LTAP

Proposal Title: Missouri Rural Transit Assistance Program at the Missouri University of Science and Technology

Sponsor: Missouri Department of Transportation

Award: \$260,000.00

PI: *Honglan Shi*

Department: Chemistry

Proposal Title: PerkinElmer Conference Travel Reimbursement for Dissemination with Sponsor Approval

Sponsor: Perkin Elmer Applied Biosys, Inc.

Award: \$10,000.00

PI: *Honglan Shi*

Department: Chemistry

Proposal Title: Establishing Biological Significance of Pteridine Metabolites in Progressive Breast Cancer

Sponsor: NIH National Cancer Institutes

Award: \$77,500.00

PI: *Joseph Smith*

Department: Chemical & Biochemical Engineering

Proposal Title: Collaboration in the Development of Programs in the New GUST College of Engineering

Sponsor: Gulf University for Science and Technology

Award: \$1,912,401.00

PI: *Linda Turner*

Department: S&T Global

Proposal Title: ATF Explosive Engineering Courses

Sponsor: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms

Award: \$214,529.04

PI: *Robert Woodley*

Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering

Proposal Title: Senior Design Project: Grippy Light

Sponsor: Pawtology, LLC.

Award: \$1,000.00

PI: *Xiaodong Yang*

Department: Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Proposal Title: Negative Optical Torque Generation in Plasmonic and Dielectric Metasurfaces

Sponsor: Office of Naval Research

Award: \$178,702.00

SELECTED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

National Science Foundation (NSF)

[Harnessing the Data Revolution \(HDR\): Institutes for Data-Intensive Research in Science and Engineering - Frameworks \(I-DIRSE-FW\)](#)

Solicitation ID: 19-549

Full Proposal Due: 05-07-19

[A Science of Science Policy Approach to Analyzing and Innovating the Biomedical Research Enterprise \(SCISIPBIO\)](#)

Solicitation ID: 19-547

Full Proposal Due: 05-08-19

[Growing Convergence Research \(GCR\)](#)

Solicitation ID: 19-551

Full Proposal Due: 05-08-19

[Harnessing the Data Revolution \(HDR\): Transdisciplinary Research in Principles of Data Science Phase I](#)

Solicitation ID: 19-550

Full Proposal Due: 05-08-19

[Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Computing in Undergraduate Education \(IUSE: CUE\)](#)

Solicitation ID: 19-546

Full Proposal Due: 05-09-19

[Understanding the Rules of Life: Building a Synthetic Cell](#)

Solicitation ID: 18-599

Full Proposal Due: 05-13-19

[ADVANCE: Organizational Change for Gender Equity in STEM Academic Professions \(ADVANCE\)](#)

Solicitation ID: 19-552

Letter of Intent Due: 05-15-19

[Signals in the Soil \(SitS\)](#)

Solicitation ID: 19-556

Full Proposal Due: 05-15-19

[Faculty Development in the Space Sciences](#)

Solicitation ID: 19-558

Full Proposal Due: 05-24-19

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

[NIDCR Small Research Grants for Data Analysis and Statistical Methodology Applied to Genome-wide Data \(R03\)](#)

FOA Number: PAR-16-070

Application Due: 05-08-19

Department of Defense (DoD)

[Long Range Broad Agency Announcement \(BAA\) for Basic and Applied Research](#)

Sponsor ID: N00173-18-S-BA01

White Paper and Full Proposal Due: 05-09-19

SELECTED EVENTS

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)

[Artificial Intelligence Colloquium](#)

March 6-7, 2019; Alexandria, VA

Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR)

[2019 2nd Semiannual Government Workshop on 2D Materials](#)

March 22, 2019; Arlington, VA

[2019 Workshop on High-Pressure Spectroscopy of HC Combustion](#)

April 15-16, 2019; Arlington, VA

[2019 Technical Exchange on UWBG Semiconductors](#)

May 14-19, 2019; Arlington, VA

[2019 Multifunctional Materials for Defense Workshop](#)

August 26-30, 2019; Arlington, VA

[2019 Radiation-Electron Interaction Workshop](#)

October 7-9, 2019; Arlington, VA

[2019 Radiation-PH Interaction \(TBD\) Workshop](#)

October 22-24, 2019; Arlington, VA

Acute Effects of Neurotrauma Consortium (AENC)

[2019 Acute Effects of Neurotrauma Consortium \(AENC\) Conclave](#)

April 4, 2019; Fort Leonard Wood, MO

National Science Foundation (NSF)

[IUCRC: Advanced Electronics through Machine Learning \(CAEML\) IAB Meeting](#)

April 24-25, 2019; Raleigh, IL

[Spring 2019 Grants Conference](#)

May 20-21, 2019; Los Angeles, CA

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

[NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration](#)

May 15-17, 2019; Baltimore, MD

FUNDING SEARCH ENGINES

Federal Grants World

<https://grants.gov>

PIVOT—Funding Opportunity Database

<https://pivot.proquest.com>

National Science Foundation

<https://www.nsf.gov/funding/index.jsp>