



OSP Observer

Fall 2020

Sponsored Projects News, Events, and Updates

Dear friends and colleagues,

This year has challenged all of us to reimagine the start of the academic year – a virtual version of our annual gatherings, events, and, of course, classes. We have accepted this challenge, developing a calendar of programming to support and celebrate your scholarship. We start the quarter with *Many Roads Travelled - Reflections on Research Funding 'Roadmaps'* workshop featuring faculty perspectives on their funding journey. Later this month, we invite you to join your colleagues across campus in our first discussion hour of the year centered on racial justice scholarship – perhaps you'll identify a cross disciplinary collaboration or make a connection with a new colleague. In November, we look forward to 'Lightning Talks' from seven of the 2020 Summer Faculty Fellows and finally, we'll end the quarter by gathering our staff Peer Learning Group for community and a fun (virtual) activity. And, as always, we are available to meet individually – please don't hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to building on the momentum from last year – which you can read about in our 2019-20 Annual Report – and hope to 'see' you soon!



Download our 2019-2020 Annual Report [here!](#)

Wishing you the best this quarter,

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Funding Opportunities - Updates

2021 Summer Faculty Fellowship – Submission Window Open

The Summer Faculty Fellowship is an internal funding opportunity open to individual tenure-track/tenured faculty and full-time librarians who are actively engaged in scholarship broadly conceived and are seeking support to build upon their current work and/or to move projects in a new direction. Fellows are supported with a summer salary stipend of \$7,100.

Applicants across all disciplines are welcome to apply. Two stipends will be designated for environmental justice and sustainability scholarship. **Applications are due by 5:00pm Monday, November 2nd.**

More information and the 2021 Summer Faculty Fellowship application can be found [here](#). Questions and applications can be directed to osp@seattleu.edu.

Funding Opportunities Database – New Resource to support grant-seeking!

The OSP is pleased to provide a new resource to support the SU community in grant-seeking: The [Funding Opportunities Database](#) hosted on the OSP website provides a continuously-updated list of external funding opportunities that are appropriate for the SU context and may be of interest to SU investigators. The database can be filtered based on discipline, deadline month, and sponsor. While not exhaustive, the list provides an excellent starting point for faculty and grant-seeking staff in identifying potential opportunities. Also available is a [curated list of Arts & Sciences funding opportunities](#) developed by the College of Arts & Sciences for their faculty.

Please contact osp@seattleu.edu if you are able to contribute additional funding opportunities to the database and/or have other suggestions for how to maximize its utility.

And, as always, please reach out to [your unit's Sponsored Research Officer](#) if you would like to discuss any programs in the database and/or any other potential funding opportunities!

Upcoming OSP Events

Fall Faculty Learning:

Many Roads Travelled - Reflections on Research Funding 'Roadmaps'

Thurs, October 8th 12:30-1:30pm via Zoom (link provided to participants in advance)

Held in partnership with the Center for Faculty Development

Please join us as SU faculty from a range of disciplines and career stages share the 'roadmaps' they have followed in developing their funded research programs, and the ways in which external support has shaped their trajectories. In addition to learning from colleagues, participants will gain practical insight into approaches to developing a research funding plan that maps pathways for achieving long-term research and funding goals.

We are grateful to the following faculty who will be joining us to share their perspectives:

- **Elizabeth Dale**, Assistant Professor of Nonprofit Leadership
- **Matt Hickman**, Professor of Criminal Justice
- **Kristin Hultgren**, Associate Professor of Biology
- **Mo Sin**, Associate Professor of Nursing

Please RSVP [here](#) by Wed, October 7th. Questions can be directed to osp@seattleu.edu.

College of Education Research Speed Dating

Tues, October 13th 2-4pm via Zoom (link provided to participants in advance)

All College of Education faculty are invited to sign up this fun event! Each “date” with your external funding support team will only last 10 minutes via a Zoom call. Representatives from the Office of Sponsored Projects, Corporate and Foundation Relations and University Advancement will be in each session to learn about your scholarship and funding needs and answer any questions you may have. We will then brainstorm on next steps and send you any potential funding opportunities that may be a good fit.

Please RSVP and/or direct any questions to osp@seattleu.edu.

Faculty Scholarship Discussion Hour: Racial Justice

Thurs, October 22nd 2-3pm via Zoom (link provided to participants in advance)

Held in partnership with the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR)

Are you engaged in research, service, and/or creative works related to racial justice? Do you contribute to the scholarship of systemic racism, civil rights, social inequality, criminal justice reform, equitable education, or another related field, or are you interested in contributing to this body of work? Could you benefit from a community of like-minded colleagues to share practices, collaborate with, and/or advance your scholarly efforts? Join the OSP, CFR, and like-minded SU community members in an open discussion on racial justice scholarship. Please come prepared ready to share your work with your colleagues from across campus. The OSP and CFR will provide a list of funders and funding opportunities working to advance racial justice. We hope to see you there!

Please RSVP here by Wed, October 21st. Questions can be directed to osp@seattleu.edu.

Faculty Research Lightning Talks

Thurs, November 5th 12:30-1:20pm via Zoom (link provided to participants in advance)

Back by popular demand! This round of Lightning Talks will focus on the work of seven of our 2020 Summer Faculty Fellows as they present their scholarship in this fun, fast-paced format. Join us to learn about your colleagues' research and make interdisciplinary connections! This round's presenters include:

- **Kathryn Bollich-Ziegler**, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Brooke Coleman**, School of Law
- **Rosa Joshi**, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Kumhee Ro**, College of Nursing
- **Kirsten Thompson**, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Phillip Thompson**, College of Science & Engineering
- **Ashli Tyre**, College of Education

Please RSVP here by Wed, November 4th and/or direct any questions to osp@seattleu.edu.

Fall Grant Managers Virtual Peer Learning Group: Overview of OSP Processes & Resources

Wed, November 18th 10-11am via Zoom (link provided to participants in advance)

This session, for all staff budget and grant managers, will review internal sponsored project processes. Please join the OSP and your colleagues from across campus for a fun, interactive virtual scavenger hunt to locate the resources available to support you in your sponsored project work.

Please RSVP and/or direct any questions to osp@seattleu.edu.

Are you hosting a research-related event that you would like for us to promote in the next OSP Observer? Please [let us know!](#)

Recent OSP Events – Materials Available

Summer Grant Managers Virtual Peer Learning Group: Post-Award Updates

Slides and materials from the July Grant Managers Peer Learning Group focused on new post award tools, including the enhanced [Sponsored Projects Expenditure Guide](#), as well as continued discussions about grant management during COVID-19 are available [here](#). This event was part of the quarterly series OSP hosts for staff responsible for managing grant programs and/or budgets.

New Funds Awarded

Congratulations to the below investigators who were recently awarded funding to support Seattle University research and initiatives*!

Center for Community Engagement

Colina Bruce and **LaKesha Kimbrough** | Seattle University Youth Initiative Redhawk Academic Mentoring Program | *Safeco Insurance Fund* (renewal)

Colina Bruce and **LaKesha Kimbrough** | Seattle University Youth Initiative Washington Middle School Redhawk Academic Mentoring | *Seattle Public Schools Families, Education, Preschool and Promise Levy* (renewal)

Michelle Cruver | Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation | *COVID-19: Support for Response in Seattle Public Schools*

Julie Hurst | 2020-21 Jumpstart AmeriCorps Program | *Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.* (renewal)

College of Arts and Sciences

Beatrice Lawrence and **Jaisy Joseph** | Study of U.S. Institute of Scholars on Religious Freedom and Pluralism | *Institute for Training and Development, Inc. (U.S. Department of State)*

Heidi Liere | Ecological Networks, Management Shifts and Ecosystem Services in Urban Agricultural Landscapes | *University of California-Santa Cruz (U.S. Department of Agriculture & National Institute for Food and Agriculture)*

College of Education

Cinda Johnson | Center for Change in Transition Services-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Pre-Employment Transition Services Collaboration and Support | *Washington State Department of Social and Health Services*

Cinda Johnson | Special Education State Needs Project | *Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction* (renewal)

College of Science and Engineering

Mary Alberg | RUI: Hadron Structure and Interactions | *National Science Foundation*

School of Law

Margaret Fisher | 2020-21 Judicial Institute | *U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington* (renewal)

Margaret Fisher | Seattle Youth Traffic Court | *Seattle Municipal Court* (renewal)

Office of the Provost

Robert Dullea | Reimagining our Curriculum: Academic Calendar & Academic Program and Portfolio Review | *M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust*

In addition to the above awardees, we would like to congratulate investigators from the **seven colleges, schools, programs, and centers** who submitted **14 proposals** this quarter! We commend these investigators' commitment in these most challenging times.

*Note: This list comprises all new and renewed sponsored projects awarded in the first quarter of the current fiscal year (July 1-Sept 30, 2020). For a complete list of funds awarded in previous fiscal quarters, please see past OSP Observers, [here](#).

Faculty Research Highlight

Highlighted Sponsored Projects: Center for Change in Transition Services (CCTS)



Cinda Johnson, CCTS Principal Investigator and Associate Professor of Special Education

CCTS-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Pre-Employment Transition Services Collaboration and Support | *Washington State Dept. of Social and Health Services*

Special Education State Needs Project | *Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction*

The [Center for Change in Transition Services](#) (CCTS) at the College of Education empowers educators and administrators to improve transition services for youth with disabilities by providing training, data analysis, resources and materials, and technical assistance to educators, school districts and local education agencies throughout Washington state. Cinda Johnson, Associate Professor and Principal Investigator, recently received renewal funding through the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and a new award from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) to support this work. In addition to these recent awards, Dr. Johnson is also currently supported by OSPI to provide statewide professional development and support to educators, district leaders, and other personnel around improving the inclusion of students ages 6-21 with disabilities in general education settings. These three awards follow a long and fruitful history of external funding: Just in the past decade, the CCTS has received over \$7.86 million from multiple sponsors to advance the center. “Building upon initial funding for CCTS year after year has been a successful endeavor mostly due to the excellent services that we provide statewide and our reputation and collaboration with state and federal organizations,” says Cinda. “It is important to have a clear mission that is aligned with the research agenda which then makes proposals much easier to write.” Congratulations to Dr. Johnson, CCTS Director Elaine Marcinek, and their team!

News & Awards on the OSP website

Please visit the recently-established “[News & Awards](#)” page on the OSP website to learn more about current research activity at SU, including external grants awarded to SU investigators. In particular, check out links to recent [SU Newsroom](#) articles about the following externally-funded investigators:

- Professor of Physics **Mary Alberg**’s recent National Science Foundation grant [\[article\]](#)
- The **Institute for Public Services**’s Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-funded Project on Family Homelessness [\[article\]](#)
- Associate Professor of Nursing **Mo Sin**’s grant from the Parkinson’s Foundation [\[article\]](#)
- Recent funding from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, including awards to Assistant Professors **Heidi Liere** (Environmental Studies) and **Chris Whidbey** (Chemistry) [\[article\]](#)

OSP Policy Updates

Managing Ongoing Research Impacts of COVID-19

OSP continues to be available to support investigators in understanding implications of ongoing and evolving impacts of COVID-19. In addition to the [OSP homepage](#) – which provides an up-to-date and comprehensive inventory of SU and sponsor policies and guidance – your [Sponsored Research Officer](#) is able to help think through approaches to addressing challenges associated with managing current awards and pursuing new opportunities, as well as to work with funding agencies as needed.

Reminder: Proposal Submission Process

The OSP is your partner in submitting grant proposals (preliminary and full), letters of intent, subawards to other institutions, and contract proposals to external entities. In order to enable the OSP team to effectively support investigators in the submission and institutional review process – as well as ensure compliance with sponsor and internal policies – SU requires that investigators follow an established set of steps. For those new to this process (or in need of a refresher), please visit the OSP website for an [overview of the internal submission process](#), which is initiated by submitting a [Notice of Intent to Apply](#). Please also feel to [contact us](#) with any questions!

Sponsor Policy Updates

National Science Foundation Updates

New Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG), with additional changes effective October 5, 2020: The NSF has released its [annual revision to the PAPPG](#) which all applications submitted on or after June 1st must follow. Significant changes include:

- **Project Description** – A separate “Intellectual Merit” heading is no longer required, though NSF continues to require a distinct section titled “Broader Impacts.”
- **Biographical Sketches** – NSF now requires one of two NSF-approved formats for submissions of ‘BioSketches’: (1) Generated through the NIH [Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae \(SciENcv\) platform](#), which integrates with ORCID; or (2) The official NSF template (fillable pdf [here](#)). More information and FAQs about both formats are [here](#). Note that NSF highly encourages the use of SciENcv, which is likely to become the only required format soon.
- **Current and Pending Support** section – As with BioSketches, NSF now requires one of two NSF-approved formats for reporting Current and Pending Support: (1) Generated through the NIH [SciENcv](#) platform; or (2) The official NSF template (fillable pdf [here](#)). Additional clarification and FAQs about both formats are [here](#).

As always, [OSP](#) is available to help faculty understand these new formats and requirements!

Research.gov Updates: NSF continues to expand the types of proposals that can be submitted through the [Research.gov](#) portal. In addition to single-organization proposals, including those with sub-awards, Research.gov now accepts separately-submitted collaborative proposals from multiple organizations (more details [here](#)). Additionally, the Directorate of Biological Sciences (BIO) will now require the use of Research.gov for preparation and submission of proposals to programs with rolling deadlines.

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Virtual Regional Seminar – October 27-30

The NIH will be holding their annual seminar designed for researchers new to NIH and grants administrators on October 27-30. [Registration](#) is free and a number of sessions may be of interest to SU investigators, including those covering the fundamentals of NIH, grant writing, mock study section review, and the Academic Research Enhancement (R15) Award (AREA). A detailed agenda is [here](#).

National Science Foundation (NSF) Virtual Grants Conference – Dates TBD

The NSF has announced that the annual Grants Conference will be held virtually this fall. Dates and details are pending. Sign up [here](#) to be notified about final dates.

New Resources to Support Faculty Research

Center for Faculty Development Programs

The [Center for Faculty Development](#) is hosting several [virtual workshops in Fall quarter](#) as part of their regular series, all of which offer excellent opportunities for professional and personal growth. The following may of particular interest to research-active faculty:

Research Practice Reboot: Writing Rocks

Monday, **October 26th** (2:30-3:30pm)

Affinity Group for Tenure-Track Faculty of Color

Tuesdays, **October 20th & November 17th** (1:30-2:45pm)

Affinity Group for Faculty Parents

Tuesdays, **October 20th & November 10th** (3:30-4:30pm)

More information, registration, and Zoom links for all of the above are available [here](#).

Advice from Recent Awardees of Common Funding Opportunities

Three excellent seminars in which faculty from peer institutions who were recently awarded grants through the [American Council of Learned Societies](#) (ACLS), [Guggenheim Fellowship](#), and [NSF CAREER](#) programs shared their experiences and advice are available through the generous work of colleagues at Grinnell and Carleton Colleges. We highly recommend that SU faculty interested in pursuing any of these opportunities take advantage of the expert insights shared in the below panels:

- [ACLS Fellowship: Advice from Winners at Liberal Arts Colleges](#)
- [Guggenheim Fellowship: Advice from Winners at Liberal Arts Colleges](#)
- [NSF CAREER: Advice from Winners at Liberal Arts Colleges](#)

National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity – Upcoming Curriculum

The [National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity](#) (NCFDD) – an organization dedicated to advancing diversity in academia and supporting faculty in successfully navigating academic careers – provides many excellent resources, all of which are available to faculty through SU's institutional membership. Instructions for activating your NCFDD membership are provided by the SU Center for Faculty Development [here](#). Four upcoming programs that may be of interest to SU faculty are:

“Five Secrets to a Super-Productive Semester” – Led by Dr. Joy Gaston Gayles, Professor of Higher Education at North Carolina State University

Thursday, October 15th (11-12:00pm) – More information and registration [here](#).

“How to Manage Stress, Rejection, and Haters in Your Midst” – Led by Dr. Carlita Favero, Associate Professor of Biology and Neuroscience at Ursinus College

Thursday, November 12th (11-12:30pm) – More information and registration [here](#).

“Engagement Matters: Developing a Career as a Community Scholar” – Led by Dr. KerryAnn O'Meara, Professor of Higher Education at University of Maryland

Tuesday, November 24th (11-12:00pm) – More information and registration [here](#).

Fall 2020 14-Day Writing Challenge – NCFDD's quarterly program which provides a structured and supportive environment to commit and be accountable to daily writing.

October 19th – November 1st – More information and registration (open through October 14th) [here](#).

The Office of Sponsored Projects is here to help!

We are here to support the full life-cycle of your research and scholarship – from identifying funding opportunities and creating a research plan, developing and submitting competitive proposals, and managing awards. Please reach out to us to [request a consultation](#), [notify us of your intent to apply](#) for a funding opportunity, or for [help with managing your award!](#)

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Please direct any suggestions about how we can make the quarterly OSP Observer most useful to [Kara Luckey](mailto:kluckey@seattleu.edu) – we welcome your thoughts!