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## Announcements

### Faculty Colloquium Today

**Date:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024

**Time:** 12:00-1:00 pm

**Location:** Brown-Kopel | 3rd Floor Grand Hall

Please join the Faculty Colloquium today at noon. Today's program includes informational research discussions with lunch, followed by presentations from faculty members Edward Huang (ISE), Yazhou Tu (CSSE), and Ali Ghanbari (CSSE).

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## Funding Opportunities

### ACED: Accelerating Computing-Enabled Scientific Discovery

National Science Foundation

**Due** May 13, 2024

**Areas of interest:** multidisciplinary, computer science and software engineering

The ACED program invites proposals that utilize computing to accelerate scientific discovery, while advancing new computing technologies that will enable innovations beyond originally targeted uses and domains. At least two groups of researchers must work together in this program: one computing group and one group of a scientific or engineering discipline.

Track I: Emerging Ideas Proposals: These proposals are due May 13 and aim to support multidisciplinary projects with goals to obtain preliminary results, refine the overall research plan based on these results, and garner insights into whether these advances can be applied beyond the targeted use of domain. Projects are limited to \$500,000 in total budget.

**Dr. Narayanan of CSSE has offered to find collaborators in computing for any teams interested in submitting a proposal for this call.**

Read more about the solicitation [here](#).

# American Chemical Society GCI Pharmaceutical Roundtable Research Grant

American Chemical Society

**Due** May 15, 2024

**Areas of interest:** chemical engineering

The purpose of this call is to address key synthetic chemistry and process research challenges whose solutions result in more efficient pharmaceutical process development and production. Specifically, the Ignition Grant Program for Green Chemistry and Engineering Research offer funding for novel and innovative ideas that may potentially provide sustainable solutions to chemistry and engineering problems that affect the pharmaceutical industry from discovery to manufacturing.

Read more about this opportunity [here](#).

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## Updated NSF Proposal and Award Policies & Procedures Guide

The National Science Foundation has updated their [PAPPG](#) effective **May 20, 2024**. The entire document has been edited to clarify or enhance the intended meanings of certain sentences or sections. Website and document references have been updated to reflect current information, and data or terminology used in other NSF documents or systems has been updated to ensure consistency. Several of the major changes to the PAPPG will be discussed in further detail in upcoming newsletters.

### More About the Plan for Safe and Inclusive Working Environments

- It is NSF policy to foster safe and harassment-free environments wherever science is conducted. For each proposal that proposes to conduct research off-campus or off-site, the organization must have a plan in place that describes how the following types of behavior will be addressed:
  - Abuse of any person, including, but not limited to, harassment, stalking, bullying, or hazing of any kind, whether the behavior is carried out verbally, physically, electronically, or in written form; or
  - Conduct that is unwelcome, offensive, indecent, obscene, or disorderly.
- This plan should also identify steps the proposing organization will take to nurture an inclusive off-campus or off-site working environment.
- Communications within teams and to the organization should be considered in the plan. The process or method for making incident reports as well as how any reports received will be resolved should also be accounted for.
- Please use [this PSI-FVAR template](#) from the AU-OSP [Guidance & Forms](#) webpage. Please contact your ERAD administrator for help or questions developing this plan.
- The organization's plan for the proposal must be disseminated to individuals participating in the off-campus or off-site research prior to departure. **Proposers should not submit the plan to NSF for review, but will submit it to ERAD for filing with OSP.**
- There should be only one combined plan created by lead organizations for projects with simultaneously submitted collaborative proposals and proposals that include subawards.

### Postaward Additions of Off-Site or Off-Campus Research

- A Plan for Safe and Inclusive Working Environments must be included in any proposal that rebudgets funds to support off-site or off-campus research.

- If a plan was developed for the original proposal, no further documentation is necessary.
- If the original proposal did not require a Plan for Safe and Inclusive Working Environments, then PIs must develop one.

Read more about this plan [here](#).

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