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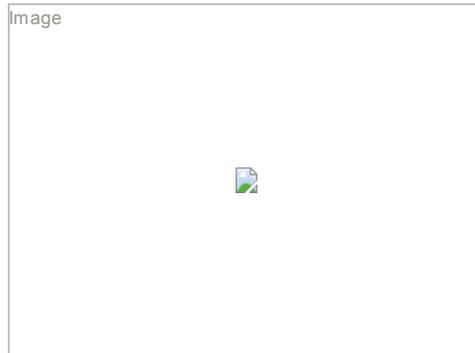
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**+ Extended Deadline -  
Stephen Russell Writing  
Winning Grants Workshop  
Registration**

**+ Purchasing Deadlines -  
Yes - They Do Apply to  
Your Grant.**

**+Sequestration Updates.**

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## Last Chance to [Register](#) for Stephen Russell Workshop: Writing Winning Grants

We have procured a few more spaces in Writing Winning Grants presented by Stephen Russell, PhD, cofounder of the Grant Writer's Workshop. Take this opportunity to register at: <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/research/grantworkshop/>

The Faculty Research Committee and the GSU Research Service Foundation are pleased to present "Write Winning Grants" with Stephen Russell, PhD, DVM. Seminar attendance includes a light breakfast, lunch and workbook. Registration fees will be paid by the Faculty Research Committee for all accepted attendees.

This widely acclaimed seminar addresses both practical and conceptual aspects important to the proposal-writing process. The session emphasizes idea development, how to write for reviewers, and proven tips and strategies for presenting your case to reviewers. It is designed for researchers who are actively involved in writing grants or interested in starting or restarting a research career. The seminar will address strategies for accessing funding opportunities through the NIH, NSF, USDA and foundation and industry sources. The seminar leader is Stephen W. Russell, a veteran grant writer who has presented grant writing seminars full-time since 1999. Earlier, he was on faculty at Scripps Research Institute, the University of North Carolina, the University of Florida and University of Kansas Medical Center. His work was continuously funded by NIH, USDA, American Cancer Society, foundations and industry from the early 1970s through 1999.

Registration: <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/research/grantworkshop>

## WARNING: Year End Purchasing Deadlines Apply to Grant Funds

Year End purchasing deadlines **DO** apply to sponsored funds. **All paperwork must come to your research accountant before going to their final destination.** Be aware of the following deadlines and plan your expenditures accordingly.

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Fiscal Year End Deadlines for submission to Research Accounting Fiscal Year 2013

Category	Deadline for receipt in Research Accounting	Transaction Details	Submit To
Purchases & Payments	May 10	Items requiring Purchase Orders up to \$25,000 and items covered by State Wide contracts. Purchases requiring purchase orders from \$5,000 - \$25,000 must be accompanied by at least three vendor quotes. ****(Purchases requiring IT approval must be submitted to IT services by May 10)*****	RA to send to Procurement
	June 1	Travel Expense statement for University travel prior to May 31	RA to send to Accounts Payable

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	June 10	VISA/PCard purchases posted to Bank Card Account at end of business day of deadline will be expensed in FY2013. Purchases posted after deadline, regardless of order date, will be expensed in FY2014	N/A
	June 17	Petty Cash reimbursement requests. Submit all FY2013 requests by deadline regardless of amount	RA to send to Accounts Payable
	June 17	Deadline to sign off and approve VISA Statement in Works for period ending June 15th	N/A
	June 17	Intra Campus departmental purchases such as University Store & Eagle Print Shop	Shop submits charges
	June 22	Travel expense statements for University travel ending June 1 through June 22. Travel ending June 23 through June 30 will be expensed in FY2014	RA to send to Financial Accounting
Expense Reallocations & Transfers	May 17	Payroll Expense Reallocations	RA to send to Payroll
	May 17	Operating Expense Transfers	RA to send to Financial Accounting

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Find the full listing at <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/controller/>

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## What Does Sequestration Mean for You?

As you are aware, across-the-board spending cuts, known as sequestration, will cancel approximately \$85 billion in Federal appropriations for the remainder of this Federal fiscal year. Federal agencies will implement these cuts in various ways. Some agencies have announced an intention to protect their workforce by cutting research awards; others will implement furloughs and possibly reductions in force in order to protect current and planned awards.

The times of receiving a three-year award and stretching it over five years have gone the way of the dinosaurs. Federal agencies are closely monitoring expenditure rates and significant underspending may be viewed as failure to make adequate progress, inadequate budgeting, or poor estimating practices. None of those scenarios bodes well for the awardees. Underspending may lead to budget cuts in future funding increments or even a termination of future funding increments. We have already experienced some funding cuts on some awards.

We urge Principal Investigators to review the pace of their expenditures against the project requirements and then to correct project schedules and adjust resources to ensure that progress (and spending) matches activities and accomplishments outlined in the proposal.

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