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Dr. John Schenk, with the Department of Biology, who received external funding from the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Tim Whelan, with the Department of Literature & Philosophy, who was awarded a \$2000 Short-term Summer Research Fellowship at the New York Public Library to work in the Carl H. Pforzheimer Collection of Shelley and His Circle.

**From the Desk of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development**



The beginning of each academic year is filled with new challenges. For our new faculty as well as those with many years on our campus, there are training classes on procedures and policies enough to consume every spare moment. Please allow me just a quick moment by way of this newsletter to remind you of some important points of University policy and guidance.

**International Travel:** First please note that University policy dictating international travel (supported

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by start-up or grant funds) must be approved at several levels PRIOR to your intended travel. Failure to have prior approval will result in denial of reimbursement for travel expenses. Technology export controls may apply in many cases of international travel, and it is highly advised that you meet with our compliance officers in the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs (ORSSP) well in advance to avoid either last minute issues, or worse yet, issues during your travel abroad. The form for Request for Authority to Travel can be found [here](#), and a quick review will indicate the number of approvals required. Any requests for international travel submitted to the VPRED office without prior approvals from the department chair AND the Dean of the college will not be accepted.

**Startup and F&A Funds:** Next, startup funds and funds from grants or F&A residuals are the property of the University and must be used to advance the mission of the grant sponsor and the University. Prior to requesting purchases of big ticket items, it is advised that you discuss the intended purchase with your department Chair and perhaps with your Dean. Our budget managers and research accountants will expect evidence of support before processing such requests.

We are fortunate to have these funds to further our research endeavors, and we must manage them well and leverage them to the greatest extent possible. Good luck with your programs, and please call on ORSSP and VPRED to assist you in any way that we can.

## Call for Nominations – Award for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity

The Faculty Research Committee would like to invite you to submit your nomination for the FY17 competition for the Awards for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity. Nominations must be received via the online portal before 5 PM on September 12, 2016.

Any member of the Georgia Southern faculty or administration may nominate one core faculty member for the award using the online nomination form located at [http://research.georgiasouthern.edu/orssp/find-funding/internal\\_funding/awards-for-excellence-in-research-andor-scholarly-activity/](http://research.georgiasouthern.edu/orssp/find-funding/internal_funding/awards-for-excellence-in-research-andor-scholarly-activity/)

This award seeks to recognize faculty who excel in their research efforts in addition to fulfilling regular full-time teaching responsibilities. Nominees must have completed 3 years of service at GSU prior to nomination. Two awards are given each fiscal year, accompanied by a \$4000 stipend to allow recipients time to devote to their scholarly pursuit. Faculty who have won the Excellence in Research Award in the past 10 years are not eligible to compete.

Award recipients must be members of the core faculty during the academic year following election to remain eligible to serve and will participate in the Focus on Excellence Lecture Series, highlighting their scholarly work. Title

## HHS Office of Research Integrity Shares 5 Tips for Supervisors to Promote Research Integrity



**1. Be Available and Approachable** – Take the time to cultivate a relationship with your trainees. They are there to learn from you, so discuss progress and problems in an open and constructive manner. This can encourage conversation, promote transparency, and make them more comfortable coming to you with questions or concerns.

**2. Review Raw Data** – You are responsible for any data put forth by your research group. Regularly reviewing raw data, especially results related to any paper, grant, or poster; this can help catch both honest errors and intentional manipulations before they get out your door.

**3. Communicate Your Expectations** – Be clear about individual roles and responsibilities regarding experiments, data

management, authorship, and timelines of projects, as well as how trainees will be evaluated. Consider adopting a formal onboarding process and posting written standards in the lab.

**4. Provide Training and Guidance** – Not all trainees will arrive with the same skill level. Avoid making assumptions about anyone’s prior knowledge by regularly reviewing protocols, proper use of equipment, and data storage and management.

**5. Know Your Research Integrity Officer (RIO)** – Be prepared in case you ever suspect research misconduct. Find out now who the RIO is at your institution and share their contact information with your research team.

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