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Grant Award Winners

Congratulations to:

Laura McCullough, from the Office of Public Safety, who received a research grant from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Stacey Smallwood, from the Department of Community Health in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, who received a research grant from Gilead Sciences.

The National Science Foundation's Commitment to Public Access – 2 New Initiatives

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is committed to expanding public access to its funded research results. Under the new "Today's Data, Tomorrow's Discoveries" plan, the NSF framework will require published results of federally funded research to be available to the public within one year of publication. Final versions of accepted manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals and juried conference proceedings must be:

- deposited in a public access compliant repository designated by NSF;

- available for download, reading and analysis free of charge no later than 12 months after initial publication;

- tagged with a minimum set of machine-readable metadata elements in a metadata record to be made available free of charge upon initial publication;

- managed to ensure long-term preservation; and

- reported in annual and final reports during the period of the award with a persistent identifier that provides links to the full text of the publication as well as other metadata elements

This is a requirement that will apply to new awards that result from proposals that are either due or submitted **on or after January 25, 2016**. This date will also be the effective date of the Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide. To read more about the NSF's Public Access plan, please click here.

The NSF will also begin a pilot study to gain feedback on the its Public Access solution. This pilot study will help to provide feedback from the research community from the perspective of the public, Principal Investigator (PI), and Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI). NSF will reach out to PIs/Co-PIs with recent awards to elicit volunteers for the pilot study, but any PIs/Co-PIs from active or closed awards from NSF are also encouraged to participate.

For information on Public Access, please click here. If you have questions about the Public Access pilot study, please email the NSF at nsf-par@nsf.gov.

Export Controls Compliance When Academic Research Collides with Commercial

Interests

Researchers in academia are beginning to seek funding through industrial partners due to the difficulties with securing government funding. These new collaborations between university researchers and industry can bring about meaningful advancements, but can also add to the complexity of compliance requirements for the universities. It becomes more difficult to separate the proprietary data from fundamental research data. Learning to identify export controlled technologies and discriminate between basic research and innovation that may cross the line into export controlled research is a critical step for faculty researchers. The following short case studies give some basic insight into export risk identification and unfortunate consequence prevention. Click here to read the case studies.

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