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REMINDER – Notice of Breaks in Service for Grants Administration and Research Compliance: Unless you have already made contact with your grant coordinator to make arrangements for limited service, no additional proposals can be accepted during the week of March 31 – April 4. Your grant coordinators will not be available to respond to your emails and requests in the timely fashion during this period. You are encouraged to contact your [Grant Coordinator](#) as soon as you identify a funding opportunity you want to submit to during the upcoming months to assure your project can be submitted in a timely fashion.

WHY? In the coming months, Georgia Southern University will be implementing an electronic research administration (eRA) system to facilitate the preparation and submission of competitive proposals for external funding. This will periodically result in Breaks in Service by staff in (1) the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs and (2) the Office of Research Integrity. We regret any inconvenience this might cause to our faculty and staff, but this is necessary to keep our system implementation on track. Contact information can be found at <http://research.georgiasouthern.edu/orssp/>.

Grant Writing Workshop Held

Faculty from various departments and colleges across campus attended a Grant Writing Workshop on Monday, February 24th. The workshop, “Breaking through the Barriers to Writing Proposals,” was conducted by Dr. Robert Lucas, director of the Institute for Scholarly Productivity. The workshop was sponsored by the Faculty Research Committee and the Research and Service Foundation.

Research Administration Question of the Month

Q: What is an OMNI CIRCULAR and what does it mean to me?

A: The Office of Management and Budgets has drafted a new circular that combines the existing guidance for differing kinds of entities that use federal funding under a single document. The intent is to streamline and provide uniform rules for how federal grant dollars can be spent. The guidelines will become effective on December 26, 2014. Watch for more information in the upcoming months as the guidelines are finalized.

Close the Innovation Deficit

What is the American innovation deficit? It is the widening gap between actual and needed federal investments in research and higher education if the United States is to remain the world’s innovation leader. Funding for research and education helps build the economy by fostering innovation. This four minute video succinctly illustrates the issues surrounding the need for greater investment in research and innovation. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZS0Gcsi5820> (Credits: Colorado State University and CoverSketch)

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