The weatherperson predicts mostly hot, sunny days ahead. The Research Office predicts that FY09 total sponsored research activity will be better than the FY08 numbers. Some of the indications for this prediction can be seen below under the spotlight, and on pages five to seven.

There was an enthusiastic response from faculty to the National Institutes of Health special opportunities for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). See page two for the number of proposals submitted to date.

**Spotlight on...**

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**LSAMP is champ**

Chancellor Steven Diner will lead the NSF Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation award of $5,000,000. LSAMP is a partnership between RU and other NJ universities - Bloomfield, Essex County, Fairleigh Dickenson, Kean, Montclair, NJ City, and William Patterson—with the expectation of increasing the number of STEM graduates. Alexander Gates will serve as Administrative Director.

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**The Nurse as Educator**

The College of Nursing will use the three million dollars from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to “develop, implement and evaluate an education curriculum that integrates faculty preparation into the nursing doctoral program to prepare nurses as faculty/educators”. This project is spearheaded by Lucille Joel and Mary Ann Scoloveno.

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**ARRA Dollars at Work**

William Shiflett, Psychology, was recently funded with federal stimulus dollars. The NIH grant titled “Pavlovian Influences on Reward-Seeking Behavior” explores how this behavior impacts craving and relapse among previous drug abusers.

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**Have No Fear**

Denis Pare in CMBN continues his winning ways in obtaining NIH funding. His most recent grant is titled “Role of Intercalated Amygdala Neurons in the Extinction of Conditioned Fear” His research could provide some of the clues leading to the understanding of human anxiety disorders.

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Investigative Report
Breaking News ...  
Two Newark faculty EXPOSED !
Lee Slater, Earth and Environmental Sciences, and Haesun Kim, Biological Sciences, are featured in the University’s FY08 annual research report. See here: http://orsp.rutgers.edu/downloads/AnnualRpt/FY08_Annual_Report.pdf
ARRA Report... by the numbers

The Proposal Response to Date

The National Institutes of Health reported more than 20,000 proposals were submitted to their Challenge grants initiative for a possible 200 awards. As a result of the overwhelming response NIH recently announced that 500 awards will now be funded. Some institutions reported submitting a few hundred proposals. The volume of submissions slowed the grants.gov submission portal and it was a period of time filled with tension and anxiety as administrators worked to meet the deadlines, and waited for confirmation that the proposals had arrived safely at NIH.

The Newark campus reports more modest figures but nonetheless faculty with active grants requested supplemental funds that would expand on their projects. One welcome outcome was the emergence of faculty new to the sponsored research activity who used this opportunity to write their first substantial proposal for external funding.

CSR typically reviews 16,000 applications with the help of about 8,000 reviewers in each of the three main yearly review rounds. Including Challenge Grants and other ARRA grants, CSR will assess about 40,000 applications this round with about 28,000 reviewers.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius announced today that the National Institutes of Health received approximately 20,000 applications for Challenge Grants, a new program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). This large number of applications is approximately equal to the total number of applications NIH receives in one of the agency’s three major review rounds each year.
A TO Z… Who is doing what in a nutshell of five minutes or less

Chancellor’s Annual Research Day
April 23, 2009

Moderated by
Kyle Farmbry, SPAA
&
Jyl Josephson, Women’s Studies

Law, Political Theory, & Sexuality -- – Carlos Ball, Law
Society’s legal, political, and moral responses to sexual minorities.

In Praise of Mixing – Fran Bartkowski, English
Questions surrounding contemporary ideas of kinship.

Geographic Risk Assessments for Violent Crime Forecasting & Tactical Police Responses – Joel Caplan, Criminal Justice
Risk terrains as one promising method with which to apply empirical findings to decades of criminological research to law enforcement practice.

Marianismo, methodological mayhem & the mambo: Promoting physical activity among immigrant Hispanic women in New Brunswick – Karen D’Alonzo, Nursing
Primarily on promotion of physical activity in women across lifespan, with a particular emphasis on minority women and the role of acculturation in the adoption of health promotion behaviors.

Study of molecule/semiconductor interfaces for renewable energy and sensor applications – Elena Galoppini, Chemistry
Application for solar cells, sensors and other devise based on nanostructured semiconductors.

Atmospheric Particles: From the Global to the Regional in conducting interdisciplinary Science Research – Yuan Gao, Earth & Environmental Sciences
The role of atmospheric particles in the climate system, using examples of Asian dust transported over the North Pacific and urban particulate air pollution at Newark.

Marital Naming/Naming Marriage: Language and Status in Family Law – Suzanne Kim, Law
Addresses interactions between family, gender, and social practice.

Social and Institutional Influences on Urban Entrepreneurship – Jeffrey Robinson, Business
Preliminary research on the influence of social structure and institutions on entrepreneurial activity and the usefulness of these insights for effective public policy.

The Long, Forgotten History of Predatory Lending – Beryl Satter, History
Predatory lending schemes from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s that enriched corrupt real estate speculators and mortgage brokers while destroying huge swathes of urban landscape suggests that clarity on this history will help us with the economic realities of the present.

Civil Resistance and the Struggle for Land in the Global South – Kurt Schock, Sociology & Anthropology
Focusing on the land rights of peoples in Brazil and India, the success of two social movement organizations are shown to have had success in transforming marginalized peoples into agents of change, putting land reform on the national agenda, and promoting a more equitable distribution of land.

Super Jail – Denyse Thomasos, Visual & Performing Arts
Abstract Super Jails - Thomasos creates architectural structures and weavings, generating cage-like spaces to translate the psychological impact confinement has had on people of color from slavery to the present day.

Why Do City Managers Take Policy-Making Responsibilities? – Yahong Zhang, SPAA
Survey data from Florida council-manager cities, provide feasible ways in which appointed administrators and elected officials cooperate with and compromise to each other to maintain government operation.

Program notes provided by the Office of Communications Newark (www.newark.rutgers.edu/research)
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Over all, I think the main thing a musician would like to do is give a picture to the listener of the many wonderful things that he knows of and senses in the universe. . . That’s what I would like to do. I think that’s one of the greatest things you can do in life and we all try to do it in some way... John Coltrane

On April 8, 2009 Paul Boxer (Psychology), Mauricio Delgado (Psychology), Keesha Middlemass (Political Science), and Lee Slater (Earth and Environmental Science) joined other colleagues and staff in a JAM session. They engaged in a “Riff” to share their experiences in writing proposals for external funding and offered their

TOP TEN LIST (Maybe More)
• Write the proposal that interests you most – your enthusiasm will be evident to the reviewers.
• Read the abstracts of proposals recently funded.
• Read the proposal guidelines carefully and make your own checklist of requirements.
• If possible, talk with/email program officers and project directors about your work before you apply for funding.
• Start on your proposal as early as possible. Give yourself a personal deadline for each components of your proposal.
  Remember - everything, including internal processes takes time. Honor your calendar.
• Work out the budget carefully.
• Collaborate. Think in interdisciplinary ways.
• Seek mentoring. Ask senior colleagues to read your proposal and give you feedback.
• Get letters of support well before you need them.
• Volunteer to review proposals. Go to conferences. Talk with program officers and colleagues about your work.

During his talk, Haym Hirsh from NSF gave many tips on funding. Some are repeated below and most are applicable to all agencies. A good proposal is a good idea, well expressed, with a clear indication of methods for pursuing the idea, evaluating the findings, making them known to all who need to know, and indicating the broader impacts of the activity.

—Be true to the science
  It won't be funded if it isn't an exciting project
—Submit your best ideas, not all your ideas
  Spend more time on key proposals
  Don't build a negative reputation
—Don't write a "trust me" proposal
—Gradually ramp up your funding
—Propose a project that matches your proposed duration
  Don't propose a 1 year or 10 year project for a 3-year program
—Think about the reviewers
  It's not for them to figure out your brilliant idea, it is for you to make it impossible to miss it
  Your reviewers may not all be in your narrow area
  You are not writing a paper
  Grab the reader within 3 pages or you're likely lost
—Proofread (and print a sample!) before final submission
  Reviewers HATE missing references, typos, etc. - it reflects lack of appreciation of their time
  It is YOUR responsibility if the budget has an error that puts it over budget limits, uses the wrong font, goes over on pages, won't print, etc.

—Seek feedback from colleagues with NSF awards or who have spent time at NSF.
—Work hard on your Project Summary
  Affects where it is reviewed, reviewers selected, etc.
—Do not submit multiple similar proposals to different programs at the same time.
—Read the solicitation and follow all instructions
—Don't ask for an extension
—Contact Program Directors:
  To understand reviews and decision
  For help figuring out the home for an idea
  If unhappy with reviews, don't complain, explain
  Ask to serve on a panel
  Ask about EAGERs

Grants for Rapid Response Research (RAPID) and EArly-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER) have replaced the Small Grants for Exploratory Research (SGER) program. RAPID is a funding mechanism to support quick-response research on natural or anthropogenic disasters and similar unanticipated events. Requests may be for up to $200K and of one year duration. The EAGER mechanism supports high-risk, exploratory and potentially transformative research. Requests may be for up to $300K and of up to two years duration. RAPID and EAGER proposals are only required to be reviewed internally at NSF; further submission information is contained in these sections.

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LIMITED PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

What is it?
Funding agencies are increasingly limiting proposal submissions to one, two or three proposals only from the same institution.

How does it work?
Institutions, such as NIH and NSF, recognize the Newark Campus as a separate institution. If there is interest greater than the set number of eligible PIs the process is as follows:

A) Abstracts of the proposal, including any cost share requirements, should be submitted to the Dean, FASN/Chief Academic Research Officer.

B) The Dean will engage a peer review committee to recommend which proposal proceeds to full completion and submission.

C) The Dean will notify the successful applicants.

What if the Newark Campus is not considered separate?
The process will follow the guidelines established by the Vice President for Research at the New Brunswick campus.
BEST WISHES

We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Guyaram Narine, Grant Accounting Manager, who will be out of office for an extended period of time. Rochelle Williams and Stephanie Knight have assumed the responsibility for managing the post award office.

ALL new outgoing proposals for external funding require full internal approval using the endorsement form.

ALL award continuations, supplements require a new endorsement form. In these instances only the PI/PDs signature is required.

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