

1. Norman Hackerman Advanced Research Program (NHARP) (updated from last month)

The purpose of this email is to inform sponsored projects offices and others interested in the program about several forthcoming changes to the 2011 Norman Hackerman Advanced Research Program (NHARP). NHARP funding was significantly reduced from \$16 million to \$1,000,000 for the 2012-2013 biennium. The following changes have been reviewed and are recommended by the Board's Strategic Policy and Planning Committee and will be considered by the Board at their July 28 meeting:

- Only “Early Career Investigators” may submit a proposal. •Definition of “early career” *is a non-tenured, tenure track faculty member or a research professional (not including post-doctoral students, research assistants/associates, or instructors) from an eligible institution who has been employed at the institution in that capacity for not less than two years and not more than five years, as of the pre-proposal submission date.*

Targeted research areas are:

1. Molecular Biology, Cellular Biology, and Genetics (excluding cancer-related research)
 2. Materials Science/Nanoscience
- Maximum award of \$80,000 for the two-year grant period
 - Principal investigators are limited to one submission
 - Only single investigator, single institution proposals may be submitted
 - Notice of intent and pre-proposal are required for each submission

The notice of intent format is available on our website at:

<http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/NHARP/>

NOTICE OF INTENT DEADLINE: September 1, 2011, 5:00 PM C.D.T.

PRE-PROPOSAL DEADLINE: September 15, 2011, 5:00 PM C.D.T.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: December 15, 2011, 5:00 PM C.S.T.A full version of the request for applications (RFA) can be found at <http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/NHARP/>. Link directly to the RFA at: <http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/NHARP/RFA/>.

2. Exploration of Critical Issues Emanating from Japan's March 11th Disasters- Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership

Concept papers are being accepted on a rolling basis until **1 September, 2011**.

Invited Full Proposals will be due on 1 November, 2011. For full details

<http://www.cgp.org/CustomContentRetrieve.aspx?ID=4047812>

3. NSF and USAID Launch International Interagency Program

NSF and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) launched a joint initiative to address global development challenges and renewed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that provides a framework for collaboration between the two agencies. The Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER) program is an initiative that supports and builds scientific and technical capacity in the developing world. PEER capitalizes on competitively awarded grants made to developing countries' scientists by facilitating collaboration with NSF-funded scientists in U.S. institutions. Initial research focus areas include water, renewable energy, food security, climate change and disaster mitigation. Learn more about these pilot projects in this [video slideshow](#). More details on PEER are available in the [press release](#), and a video from the PEER launch event can also be viewed [online](#).

4. DoD FY2012 Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP) - For Submission to AIR FORCE.

DURIP is designed to improve the capabilities of U.S. institutions of higher education to conduct research and to educate scientists and engineers in areas important to national defense, by providing funds for the acquisition of research equipment. **Application deadline September 20th, 2011.**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=108473>

5. Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI)

The MURI Program supports basic research in science and engineering at US institutions of higher education that is of potential interest to DoD. The program is focused on multidisciplinary research efforts where more than one traditional discipline interacts to provide rapid advances in scientific areas of interest to the DoD. Please contact Col. (Ret) Lou Ortiz (lou.ortiz@ttu.edu) if you are interested in this.

Deadline for white papers September 15, 2011

Deadline for Full Proposals November 10, 2011.

<http://www.onr.navy.mil/~media/Files/Funding-Announcements/BAA/2011/11-026.ashx>

6. St. Baldrick's Infrastructure Grant applications Cancer Research Fall 2011.

<https://proposalcentral.altum.com/default.asp>.

Applications are due by 9/5/2011. No letter of intent is required.

7. Cancer Prevention and Research

Conference, to be held **November 15-17, 2011,** at the Austin Convention Center in Austin, TX.

Confirmed plenary speakers include Ronald A. DePinho, President-designate of MD Anderson Cancer Center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvey Fineberg, M.D., Ph.D., President of the Institute of Medicine, and Tyler Jacks, Ph.D.,

Director of MIT's Institute for Integrative Cancer Research. [Program Schedule.](#)

8. NSF Regional Grants Conference, October 17 – 18, 2011, Austin, Texas

Jul.07, 2011 in [Grants](#), [Technology News](#). The first [National Science Foundation](#) Regional Grants Conference of fiscal year 2012, will be hosted by The University of Texas at Austin on October 17-18, 2011. Key officials representing each NSF program directorate, administrative office, the NSF Office of International Science & Engineering, Office of General Counsel, and Office of the Inspector General will participate in this two-day conference. The conference is considered a must, particularly for new faculty, researchers, educators and administrators who want to gain insight into a wide range of important and timely issues at NSF including: the state of current funding; the proposal and award process; and current and recently updated policies and procedures.

9. Cleonvation Conference Texas-Israel

Hotel ZaZa, Houston TX September 14, 2010
Houston on September 14

<http://texasisrael-cleantech.org/cleanovation-conference-2011/>

10. Solar Decathlon site

Solar Decathlon site. Last week's solicitation will let DOE consider a new site for Solar Decathlon 2013.

For more details, visit FedConnect and search for reference no. DE-SOL-0003159