

1. Please check out information on our web site (password protected) at <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/vpr/faculty-award-ops.php?>

This information will be updated weekly (attachment)

2. Attachment

Please check the tabbed pages at the bottom of the Excel Chart provided to find [Medical](#), [Multidisciplinary](#), [Physical Science](#) and [Engineering](#), [Social Sciences](#), [International](#), [Environmental](#), [Arts and Humanities](#) and [Curriculum Development](#) solicitations.

3. Check these links out at NIH:

i) Scoring Analysis with Funding and Investigator Status

<https://loop.nigms.nih.gov/index.php/2010/09/14/scoring-analysis-with-funding-and-investigator-status/>

ii) New Videos Reveal How NIH Identifies the Most Promising Research Applications

<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/jun2010/csr-16.htm>
<http://www.csr.nih.gov/video/video.asp>

4. Biofuels Stakeholders meetings:

There are two Biofuels info sessions coming up. One is happening in Austin on Oct 4th and the other is USDA and is happening Oct 21st in Lubbock.

Austin, Oct 4th

Bioenergy Stakeholders-The Bioenergy Research Committee will meet October 4th to continue their work on compiling bioenergy research to address the legislature's assigned research tasks. The posting can be found here: [http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/pubomquery\\$omquery.queryview?P_OM_ID=128921&Z_CHK=32568](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/pubomquery$omquery.queryview?P_OM_ID=128921&Z_CHK=32568). Public testimony will be taken.

Lubbock, Oct 21st

The USDA invites you to attend one of our Community Forums on expanding the U.S. Biofuels Market. Please see the attached invitation along with a a discussion questionnaire that will be addressed at the sessions after the presentation.

RSVP's and written comments may be sent to Yvonne.Rhea@tx.usda.gov

5. Senate FY 2011 Department of Defense Funding Bill: Science and Technology Programs

The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved its version of the FY 2011 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill. S. 3800 provides \$669,871.7 million in funding, \$8,099.0 million less than the Obama Administration's request. Under this request, funding for the three defense science and technology programs would decline by 12.5 percent.

The good news though is that the recommendation for Basic Research is up approximately 9.3%. Recommendations for Navy are also up 2.7%.

6. Strategy to transform K-12 STEM Education from the President's Council of S&T Advisors "Report to the President – Prepare and Inspire: K-12 Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) for America's Future"

This is the first of two reports. The second report will address colleges and universities. These reports are intended to drive NSF and Department of Education future activity. The 7 recommendations:

Standards: "Support the current state-led movement for shared standards in math and science."

Teachers: "Recruit and train 100,000 great STEM teachers over the next decade who are able to prepare and inspire students."

“Recognize and reward the top 5 percent of the nation’s STEM teachers, by creating a STEM Master Teachers Corps.”

Educational Technology: “Use technology to drive innovation, by creating an Advanced Research Projects Agency for Education.”

Students: “Create opportunities for inspiration through individual and group experiences outside the classroom.”

Schools: “Create 1,000 new STEM-focused schools over the next decade.”

“Ensure strong and strategic national leadership.”

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