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OVPR News

Congressional Visits Day
The OVPR is offering $500 travel stipends to the top five applicants for the new congressional travel competition. Congressional Visits Day is an annual event that brings scientists, engineers, researchers, educators and technology executives to Washington to raise visibility and support for science, engineering and technology. Dates for the 2015 Congressional Visits Day are March 17 and March 18. Applications for the travel stipend should be sent to rdt.vpr@ttu.edu by 5 p.m. Feb. 20. For more information >>

NSF Days at Texas Tech
Texas Tech is hosting representatives from the National Science Foundation (NSF) from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. May 20 at the Rawls College of Business building. NSF Days provide insight and instruction on how to compete for and secure NSF funding for science, engineering and education research. This day-long workshop will provide background on the NSF, its mission, priorities and budget. Representatives from NSF will give an overview on proposal writing, NSF's merit review process, and programs that fall within our seven scientific and engineering directorates, as well as funding opportunities that cross disciplinary boundaries. Additionally, NSF representatives will be on hand in breakout sessions to personally engage in discussions potential research proposals with attendees. Register here >>

Targeted Faculty Award Deadlines
AAAS-Lemelson Invention Ambassadors Program
Deadline: May 1
TAMEST: Edith and Peter O'Donnell Awards
Deadline: April 30
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship
Deadline: May 1
National Medal of Technology and Innovation
Deadline: June 2
For details on each award and other upcoming award deadlines, see the [Targeted Faculty Award webpage]>

**Funding Opportunities**

**Congressional Travel Competition**
- Deadline: Feb. 20

**Limited Submissions**
- Supporting Security and Justice Sector Reforms in Tunisia
  - TTU Notice of Intent: Feb. 24
- Rural Health Clinic Policy and Clinical Assessment Program
  - TTU Notice of Intent: Feb. 25
- National Science Foundation Research Traineeship Program
  - TTU Notice of Intent: Feb. 25
- FY 2015 Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Program
  - TTU Notice of Intent: Feb. 25
- Early Detection of Vision Problems in Young Children
  - TTU Notice of Intent: Feb. 25
- NEH Challenge Grants
  - TTU Notice of Intent: Feb. 25
- NIH Team-Based Design in Biomedical Engineering
  - TTU Notice of Intent: Feb. 25
- NSF Innovation Corps Site Programs
  - TTU Notice of Intent: March 3

For details on each limited submission and other upcoming notice of intent deadlines, see the [Limited Submissions webpage]>

**Events**

**Faculty Research Club**
- The Faculty Research Club is intended to provide a social setting to stimulate interdisciplinary research collaborations, promote informal discussions about research and disseminate information about campus resources to faculty.
  - 4 p.m.
    - Feb. 27
    - Experimental Sciences Building, room 120
    - Hosted by the Department of Political Science
    - Wine and other refreshments will be served
  - [For more information]>

**OVPR Discussion Series**
- Topics: Office of Research Commercialization talks about how they can assist faculty with commercialization needs.
• 12:30 p.m.  
  March 5  
  Experimental Sciences Building, room 120  
  For more information >>

TEDxTexasTechUniversity 2015 conference
• 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
  Feb. 28  
  Texas Tech Student Union Building  
  For more information and to register >>

Princeton Research Scholar Addresses Physicians, Farmers and the Politics of Antimicrobial Resistance
• 1-2 p.m.  
  March 3  
  Experimental Sciences Building, room 120  
  For more details >>

SBIR/STTR Webinars
• March 4  
  NSF SBIR/STTR Program Overview  
• March 11  
  Formatting and Readability Tips for SBIR/STTR Proposals  

For more information on these webinars >>
For more information about SBIR/STTR programs, contact Susan Back, director of the SBIR/STTR Resource Center at susan.back@ttu.edu.