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OVPR News

College Forum Series Continues This April and May

Continuing the practice started last year, Provost Schovanec, CFO Sloan and VPR Duncan will again conduct a series of college forums. At these meetings we will discuss Texas Tech's progress toward achieving our strategic goals and provide an update on the university and college budgets. We will also report on this year's College Budget Hearings held this spring with the Deans and their leadership. These forums are intended to provide an opportunity for an open dialogue. [For more information >>](#)

Faculty Development Workshop

The OVPR will host a 3-day event with topics and activities to help faculty develop more competitive federal grant proposals. [Read more >>](#)

Reporting Safety Concerns Made Easier: Introducing the S.C.A.N. System

A new system makes it easier to report safety concerns or close calls on campus. [Read more >>](#)

Faculty, Students Recognized for Excellence by TTU Parents Association

The Texas Tech University Parents Association honored students and faculty with rewards for their initiatives to make Texas Tech an outstanding institution. [Read more >>](#)

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. [Register here >>](#)

Funding Opportunities

\$50K Curricular Development Grant Available for Creation of Courses Geared Toward Commercialization and Entrepreneurship

VentureWell is offering a \$50,000 grant to curricular development for faculty to create new courses and programs aiming to help students develop ideas and skills to bring them to the marketplace. Deadline for submissions is May 8, 2015.

For more information, [visit VentureWell's website](#) or contact Jennifer Horn at jennifer.horn@ttu.edu.

Targeted Faculty Award Deadlines

AAAS-Lemelson Invention Ambassadors Program

Deadline: April 28

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

Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator

Deadline: June 3

Pew Biomedical Scholars

Deadline: July 15

Faculty Scholars Program

Deadline: July 28

For details on each award and other upcoming award deadlines, see the [Targeted Faculty Award webpage >>](#)

Limited Submissions

ADVANCE: Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Careers – Institutional Transformation Award

TTU Internal Deadline: April 22

Collections in Support of Biological Research (CSBR)

TTU Internal Deadline: April 22

Jointly Sponsored Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award
Institutional Predoctoral Training Program in the Neurosciences (T32)
TTU Internal Deadline: April 22

Brain Research Foundation - Scientific Innovations Award
TTU Internal Deadline: May 5

W.M. Keck Foundation – Research Program
TTU Internal Deadline: May 12

Developing and Improving Institutional Animal Resources (G20)
TTU Internal Deadline: May 12

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.

The meeting is open to all faculty at Texas Tech and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Faculty members are welcome to invite post-doctoral scholars to help them develop research network.

- 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

April 24

NEW LOCATION: TTUHSC Academic Classroom Building, ACB 120

Sponsored by the TTUHSC Office of the Vice President for Research

Speakers will include:

- Phil Sizer, TTUHSC Physical Therapy
- C. Roger James, TTUHSC Rehabilitative Services
- Mary Beth Schmitt, TTUHSC Speech and Hearing Sciences
- Martina I. Klein, TTU Department of Psychological Sciences

Bring your ID for one complimentary glass of wine (cash will be accepted for additional glasses). Cheese, tea and water will be offered as refreshments.

[For more information >>](#)

SBIR/STTR Webinars for April

- Commercialization Planning for NSF

Noon – 2 p.m.

April 22

Administration Building, Room 333B

- Policies and Procedures for SBIR/STTR Awardees
Noon – 2 p.m.
April 23
Administration Building, Room 333B

College Forum Series

- April 21
 - Arts & Sciences
 - 1 p.m., M&C Room 67
- April 22
 - Agricultural Sciences
 - 10 a.m., Exp. Science Bldg. Room 120
 - Library
 - 1 p.m., Library Room 309
 - Law
 - 4 p.m., Room 105
- April 23
 - Visual & Performing Arts
 - 10 a.m., Escondido Theatre in the SUB
- April 29
 - Architecture
 - Noon, ARCH Community Lounge
- May 4
 - Education
 - 9 a.m., Education 001
 - Media & Communication
 - 1 p.m., M&C Room 67
- May 5
 - Business Administration
 - 3 p.m., McCoy Atrium
- May 6
 - Honors College
 - 9 a.m., Provost Conference Room
 - Human Sciences
 - 11 a.m., HS Room 169
 - Admin. Support (eLearning, IT, NRHC, Museum, OIA)
 - 1 p.m., OIA Auditorium
- May 7
 - Graduate School
 - 9 a.m., Administration Bldg. Room 313

[Read more about the College Forum Series >>](#)

Faculty Honors Convocation

- 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.
April 28
Student Union Building, Ballroom Part B

Sharpen Your Grantsmanship Skills Webinar

- April 28
Available on-demand at 8 a.m. CT
Let's face it, if you're a PI juggling teaching and research, among various other duties, submitting grant proposals can feel like a burdensome, daunting imposition on your time. This 75-minute discussion on grantsmanship will have you working smarter, not harder. This webinar will show you tips and strategies for maximizing research productivity and competitiveness for grant funding, advice for working with institutional grant offices, and grant reviewing to improve your own writing. While this webinar is geared toward more established researchers, success at winning grants is critical at any stage of an academic research career, and the information will be beneficial to early-career researchers as well. Our grantsmanship experts will answer questions submitted by those who register to watch this webinar. This webinar is free with AAAS membership.
[Register here >>](#)

TTIME Spring Windup: A Pitch Workshop and Competition

- April 28
5:30 p.m. – 9 pm
Q&A Workshop and Pitch Prep Session
- April 29
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Office Hours for Questions (Optional)
- April 30
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Competition
TTIME is sponsoring a pitch workshop and competition for Texas Tech student entrepreneurs on April 28 and 30. TTIME encourages startup teams from Texas Tech to enter and compete in other competitions around the country and state. It also seeks to support all entrepreneurial groups/individuals on campus. To make that possible, TTIME will provide funding for the top three teams. [For more information >>](#)

Careers in Drug Discovery

- 2 p.m.
May 11
TTUHSC Academic Classroom Building, Room 220

Terry Kenakin, professor of pharmacology at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, will present the session. The course is taught from the perspective of industrial drug discovery. Kenakin has worked in drug industry for 32 years. [For more information >>](#)

SBIR Event: Meet with the National Cancer Institute

- 10 a.m.

May 19

The session, sponsored by J Labs, the Johnson and Johnson accelerator, provides an update on funding opportunities available to small businesses as well as tips on strengthening your SBIR application. There also will be information on NCI's other initiatives including the NCI SBIR Bridge Award, the NCI SBIR Investor Forum, and I-Corps™ at NIH. Participating Representative: Dr. Xing-Jian Lou, program director, Small Business Innovation Research Development Center, National Cancer Institute. APPLICATION DEADLINE for one-on-one meetings is April 19. [Register here >>](#)

Unmanned Systems Symposium

- May 19

Learn more about unmanned systems and autonomous vehicles at this conference to promote multi-level interaction and possible research collaboration and education related to unmanned systems. This is an exciting event from the Office of the President and the Office of the Vice President for Research! [Please watch for further information to be announced >>](#)

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