

EHHS Endeavors

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Welcome from your Grants Coordinator

You are reading the inaugural issue of *EHHS Endeavors*, a new way of conveying information relating to your scholarly activities. Through these pages we will share colleagues' accomplishments, alert you to agency policy or procedural changes which might affect future proposals, answer your questions, and more. See inside article on additional plans for this newsletter. Cheers, Michelle



Pull up a chair, get comfy,
and enjoy our first issue.

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Message from the Dean

I first want to thank Nancy Barbour for agreeing to oversee our Research Office. When Melody Tankersley stepped down from this role, Nancy agreed to take on this additional responsibility. I truly appreciate her willingness to take on this role.

I also want to thank Nancy, Michelle Hoversten, and Freida Boland for putting together this first newsletter from the Research Office. During the past year, we have worked on building the capacity of that office in order to better support faculty in their research efforts and this newsletter is just one example of the different ways we will try to keep everyone informed.

Dan



Season's Greetings!

It has turned cold and it has snowed. In northeast Ohio, those are sure signs that the winter season has arrived and with it a myriad of holidays. As you and your loved ones celebrate the holidays, we wish you all health and warmth now and into the new year!

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NIH News: Significant Grant Application Changes

New NIH grant application forms, guidelines, and page limits take affect for all submissions to opportunities with due dates on or after January 25, 2010. Most notably are significantly shorter page limits and restructuring of application components:

Shortened Page Limits. The page limits for the new Research Strategy section (replacing current sections 2-5 of Research Plan) are 6 and 12 pages plus one additional page for Specific Aims. As always, if the funding opportunity announcement (FOA) specifies something different then these limitations, follow the FOA instructions.

Restructured Research Plan. The three current Research Plan sections of Background & Significance, Preliminary Studies/Progress Report, and Research Design & Methods will be consolidated into a new single section entitled Research Strategy. The Research Strategy section will be sub-divided into Significance, Innovation, and Approach.

The *Facilities & Other Resources* section will now require a description of how the scientific environment will contribute to the probability of success of the proposed project and a description of unique features of the environment, again specific to the proposed project.

Biographical Sketches. A new Personal Statement will now be required on all BioSketches (not just on the PI's). The statement is to address why the individual's experience and qualifications make him/her ideal for their role in the project.

Notice NOT-OD-09-149 (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-10-002.html>) outlines the extent of the changes. A good summary of the changes is available at http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov/docs/application_changes.pdf.



Research and Evaluation Bureau

Are you familiar with the work of the Research and Evaluation Bureau on the 5th floor of White Hall?

The Research and Evaluation Bureau – commonly called “The Bureau” – has been providing innovative evaluation and research services to the University and the community for more than 45 years. With a multidisciplinary professional staff highly trained in mixed methodology research techniques, the Bureau works with EHHS College faculty and departments, other University entities and departments, and outside agencies. Recent clients include the Ohio Board of Regents; the Ohio Domestic Violence Network; STEM initiatives at the local, state, and national levels; Stark County Board of Education; and Akron and Kent City Schools.

Bureau services are offered for free to EHHS faculty for nonfunded projects. These services include help with research and statistical design, instrument development, data entry and analysis, and transcriptions. The Bureau also engages in grant activities, both for their own evaluation projects and as external evaluators in collaborative projects with others.

One faculty client shared that the Bureau staff helped her to better understand and utilize the statistics from her research. Another stated she feels the Bureau's services are even stronger since the Bureau has adopted the policy of unlimited hours of service to faculty.

From brainstorming to implementing an instrument to analyzing data, the staff of the Bureau is ready to partner with faculty on many different types of projects. Bureau director Dr. Debbie Shama-Davis encourages all faculty to contact the Bureau for more information on Bureau services. Stop by the Bureau office at 507 White Hall or visit www.ehhs.kent.edu/reb to learn more. You can also call 330-672-7918 or send an e-mail to reb@kent.edu.



Attention faculty!

Are you applying for a grant?

We can help with your evaluation plan and/or research design.

The Research and Evaluation Bureau will work with you to develop and write the evaluation and/or research plan for your grant. This service is offered at no cost to you, with the understanding that the Bureau will serve as the evaluation agency if your proposal is funded.

In most cases, the Bureau is considered by funding agencies (including NSF) to be *external evaluators*.

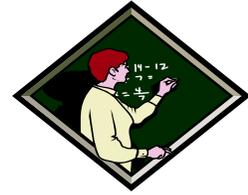
External Funding Report: July—Sept 2009

Congratulations to all who have been successful in their quest for externally sponsored funding of their scholarly activities. Award categories: R=Research, I=Instruction, PS=Public Service

FLA		
(I)	Anita Varrati w/James Henderson (TLC) \$100,000 from Ohio Dept of Ed	<i>Teaching Leadership Endorsement Pilot Project</i>
HS		
(R)	Lynne Rowan w/Susan Grogan-Johnson \$145,457 from OMNIE	<i>Speech Language Pathology Pilot Telepractice Project</i>
LDES		
(R)	Kelly Cichy \$14,261 from Penn State Univ	<i>Daily Stress and Well-Being During Adulthood</i>
(R)	Karen Kritzer \$794,087 from U.S. Dept of Ed	<i>Building Math Readiness in Young Deaf/ Hard-of-Hearing Children: Parents as Partners</i>
(R)	Robert Flexer w/Robert Baer \$410,000 from Ohio Dept of Ed	<i>Ohio Longitudinal Transition Study 2009-2010</i>
(I)	Robert Flexer \$199,996 from Ohio Dept of Ed	<i>Preparation of Community Inclusion Specialists for Secondary Students with Low Incidence Disabilities</i>
(I)	Robert Flexer w/Robert Baer \$199,871 from Ohio Dept of Ed	<i>Developing College Campuses as Transition Settings for Students with Multiple Disabilities Ages 18-21</i>
(I)	Pamela Luft w/ Courtney Vierstra \$99,706 from U.S. Dept of Ed	<i>RCD Training Across Four Diverse DHH Subpopulations</i>
(I)	Caven Mcloughlin w/Lynne Rowan (HS) \$199,280 from U.S. Dept of Ed	<i>Interdisciplinary Training for Related Services Providers (ITRSP)</i>
TLC		
(I)	Patrick O'Connor \$108,000 from Ohio Dept of Ed	<i>FY10 Teacher Preparation and Retention</i>
(PS)	Nancy Padak \$577,564 from OBR	<i>Ohio Literacy Resource Center - FY 2010</i>
(PS)	Nancy Padak \$69,106 from OBR	<i>2010 WIA Incentive Grant</i>
(PS)	Nancy Padak \$40,000 from World Educ Inc	<i>LINCS Region 1 Regional Resource Center 2008-2009</i>
(PS)	Nancy Padak \$18,500 from Ohio State Univ Research Fndtn	<i>Stackable Certificates: Development of a Draft College and Work Ready Skills Certificate</i>
(PS)	Nancy Padak \$146,311 from U.S. Dept of Ed	<i>NIFL LINCS Basic Skills Resource Collection</i>
(I)	Alexa Sandmann w/Debra Debenedictis \$49,000 from Ntl Writing Project Corp	<i>National Writing Project at Kent State University 2009-2010</i>
EHHS - NON SCHOOL		
(R)	Debbie Shama-Davis w/Pamela Freeman \$60,000 from OBR	<i>Evaluation of the Regents STEM & Foreign Language Language Academy Initiative</i>

Kudos to those faculty who have submitted proposals thus far this fiscal year. From July through November 2009, EHHS faculty have submitted 21 proposals for new, external funding. Submitted also were: materials for 5 external continuation or supplemental awards, 2 letters of inquiry or pre-proposals, and 4 internal (KSU) proposals.

Note: because internal proposals, external letters of inquiry, and external pre-proposals typically do not have to go through either the EHHS Research Office or Sponsored Programs, there is no formal mechanism for us to know about these submissions. Please inform Michelle Hoversten of any of these items so we may reflect your efforts in our counts.



Alphabet Soup

Learning, or relearning, the details behind acronyms commonly used in the world of grants.

RAGS = Research and Graduate Studies, Division of. When preparing to submit proposals or when seeking help in managing an award, we frequently refer to RAGS. However, RAGS is comprised of many units – for external funding, the office we primarily interact with is Sponsored Programs which has both pre-award and post-award staff. Other units in RAGS include University Graduate Studies, University Research Council, Research Safety & Compliance including the Institutional Review Board (IRB), and Technology Transfer and Economic Development. For more information on RAGS or any of its unit, visit <http://www1.kent.edu/rags/>.

Plans for Endeavors Newsletter

Content: each month we will share proposals submitted and awards received info as well as news from the Research and Evaluation Bureau. Next month we will introduce two new features: 1) showcasing a project and 2) a funding opportunity section under which we can share upcoming deadlines, highlight a funding source, explain the *e-fos* system, and more.

Length: approximately four pages (informative but not overwhelming).

Frequency of distribution: still being determined; it is slated for monthly right now while we share more news than can fit in four pages but it is anticipated we will move to every other month during the AY and once in the summer.

We want your feedback! How can Endeavors help you? What ideas do you have for articles? Tell us what you think – send an email to mhoverst@kent.edu.



Invitation to Comment

What did you think when you got this newsletter? Did the title peak your interest?

Endeavors is a proposed title but we want to hear from you ... please email Michelle Hoversten at mhoverst@kent.edu to tell her if you like the proposed title or to suggest a new title. When a permanent newsletter title is selected, a Food for Thought gift certificate will be awarded to the individual submitting the chosen title (including Endeavors if it is chosen) – if multiple entries are received for the same title, a random drawing will be made from those entries. Deadline for title suggestions is January 13.

Holiday Schedule

The holiday schedule for Kent State means that research support offices (EHHS Research Office and RAGS/ Sponsored Programs) will be closed Thursday, December 24, 2009 through Friday, January 1, 2010. Additionally, Michelle (your EHHS grants coordinator) will be on vacation the three days before the holiday break i.e., December 21-23 (so her last day to assist you is 12/18).

If you are working on a proposal due during the holiday break, or shortly thereafter, please contact and coordinate with Michelle or whomever you are working with in Sponsored Programs immediately.

