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Special Reminders

Since the last newsletter, there have been several changes within the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP). In June 2019, Mr. C.J. Smith accepted the position of Assistant Director of the Office Sponsored Programs. That same month, Ms. Jennifer Cook-Johns joined us as Grants Specialist.

Policies and Forms used by OSP have been changed and updated. An updated version of the [Proposal Review and Compliance](#) (PRC) form is posted on the SWOSU OSP website. Old PRC versions will be accepted **until September 30, 2020**. After that, OSP will not accept old versions and will request an updated version. Please visit the OSP website to view our updated [Policies and Guidelines](#). For other [Research Related Forms](#), please visit the website.

Supplemental Assistance will be awarded on a first-come-first-serve basis, as usual, and will be earmarked until the travel restrictions are lifted. Requests for Supplemental Assistance will be handled as follows:

1. Faculty members and/or students making a presentation at a virtual conference may apply for OSP funds. OSP funds can be used to cover the cost of registration for the virtual conference.
2. Faculty members and/or students planning possible travel to present scholarly work for Spring or early Summer, please complete the OSP Financial Assistance Form, which will be on Etrieve by October 1. Once received, the faculty member will receive an award letter and funds will be earmarked. Once travel restrictions are lifted, faculty members will need to process the university travel form, along with the OSP award letter attached.

Supplemental Assistance information **NOT NEEDED** at this time:

1. The University Travel Form
2. Copy of approved hotel(s) with rate(s)
3. Quoted airfares

What **MUST** be submitted:

1. Completed OSP Financial Assistance Form
2. Letter of Acceptance identifying presenters

Signatures *are still required* from the applicant, chair, associate dean, and dean. Once all signatures are collected, please submit the form to Ms. Jennifer Cook-Johns. An updated version of the “Request for Financial Assistance” is being created in Etrieve, and OSP will make it public once it is finished.

The 2020 Principal Investigator Recognition Reception will not be held in-person this year. We will make a Special Edition Newsletter showcasing all of the Principal Investigators of FY20 and all the projects on which they worked so hard.

CESU Membership

SWOSU was recently accepted into the Great Plains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU). This is an agreement between the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of Defense, and 23 universities, the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and the World Wildlife Fund Northern Great Plains Program. The overall CESU network is composed of 17 biogeographic region and includes more than 465 nonfederal partners and 16 federal agencies.

The objectives of CESU are to:

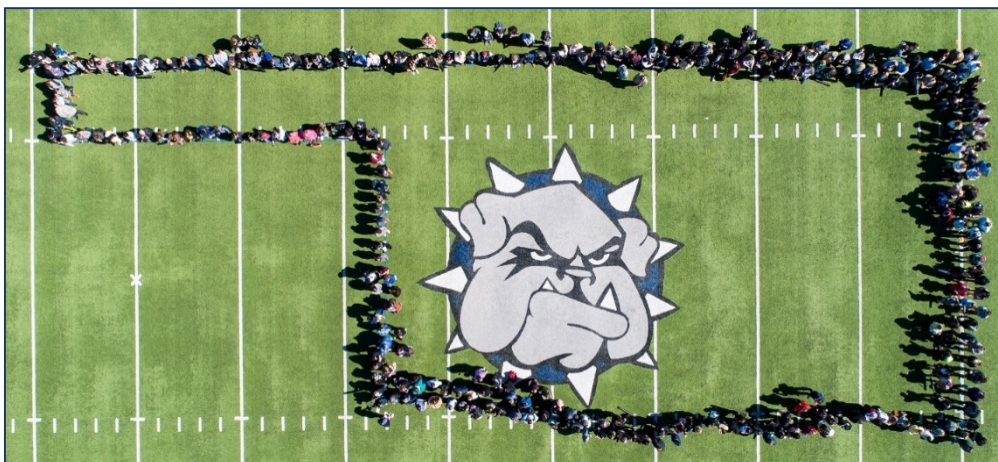
- Provide research, technical assistance and education to federal land management, environmental, and research agencies and their potential partners
- Develop a program of research, technical assistance and education that involves the biological, physical, social, and cultural sciences needed to address resources issues and interdisciplinary problem-solving at multiple scales and in an ecosystem context at the local, regional, and national level
- Place special emphasis on the working collaboration among federal agencies and universities and their related partner institutions.

This partnership allows SWOSU to pursue additional funding opportunities that are reserved for CESU members. The lead on this agreement is Mr. Eric Pritchard, Instructor, Parks and Recreation Management/Wildland Firefighting. For more information about CESU, visit their website at cesu.psu.edu or contact Mr. Pritchard at Eric.Pritchard@SWOSU.edu.

Oklahoma Research Day 2020

For the second year, SWOSU hosted the Annual Oklahoma Research Day (ORD) on March 6. Nearly 1,000 students and faculty from Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Northeastern Oklahoma State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, the University of Central Oklahoma, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, East Central University, and Cameron University attended and presented 554 poster presentations ranging across the board of research.

A special thank you to the sponsors of Oklahoma Research Day; without their support, ORD 2020 would not have been nearly as successful. Those sponsors include the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the City of Weatherford, the Oklahoma Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (OK-EPSCoR), and the Oklahoma IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (OK-INBRE). Members of the SWOSU Family that deserve many thanks include Auxiliary Services, without whom, our banquet and dinner could not have happened. The Physical Plant members who helped move tables across campus and unload display boards. The staff of the Pioneer Cellular Event Center, along with Burrows Pro Audio, set up a fantastic venue for the banquet and keynote speaker, Dr. Bonnie Dunbar. The Wellness Center Staff who facilitated the seamless presentation portion of ORD. The SWOSU Business Services department that helped with different arrangements. We'd also like to thank Ms. Carla Sandy and Ms. Heather Hummel for organizing registration and the vendor area, respectively. Lastly, the SWOSU University Research and Scholarly Activity Committee (URSAC) who was the backbone of planning Oklahoma Research Day. Oklahoma Research Day would not have been possible without the unremitting efforts of these sponsors and volunteers. Cameron University is hosting ORD 2021 on March 5, 2021, and it will be a virtual conference instead of in-person.



SWOSU Research & Scholarly Activity Fairs

The Twenty-Seventh Annual SWOSU Research and Scholarly Activity Fair was held on Thursday, November 21, 2019. Over 150 students and faculty presented 92 posters and 17 oral presentations. Departments represented include Allied Health Sciences; Art, Communication & Theatre; Biological Sciences; Business; Chemistry and Physics; Computer Science; Engineering Technology; Language and Literature; Mathematics; Music; Pharmacy; Psychology; and Social Sciences. It is an honor and a pleasure for SWOSU to be able to showcase the remarkable research in which students and faculty are involved.

The Twenty-Eighth Research and Scholarly Activity Fair will be held on Friday, November 13, 2020, as a virtual conference. The company providing the virtual format is Forager One. Presenters will be able to present their research, make oral presentations, and present music and/or theatrical performances live or by way of recording. Registration and presentation details will be released by October. In the meantime, if you have ideas or questions about this new format, please submit them to Jennifer Cook-Johns through OSP@SWOSU.edu.

Dr. Blake Sonobe Lecture Series



Last Fall, the Office of Sponsored Programs launched the Dr. Blake Sonobe Lecture Series. In honor of Dr. Sonobe's tireless commitment to the promotion of undergraduate research, the lecture series provides a platform for student researchers to share their experiences. At the first event, Dr. Sonobe shared memories of his time as an undergraduate researcher at the Air Force Academy. Dr. Sonobe encouraged students and faculty in attendance to continue to prioritize research opportunities.

The first featured presenter was Ms. Elisabeth Allbritton, an undergraduate researcher performing chemistry research under the mentorship of Dr. Tim Hubin, chair of the SWOSU Department of Chemistry and Physics. A senior from Tulsa, Allbritton began her research career through Oklahoma-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (OK-LSAMP), a program aimed at increasing the number of students from under-represented populations who receive degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. During her time at SWOSU, Allbritton has presented her research at multiple venues and, most recently, spent 12 weeks working alongside fellow researchers in France. Allbritton said that her research has provided her with once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that would not have otherwise been possible if not for the support of her mentors at SWOSU.

The second event in the series featured Mr. Dillon Martone, a senior Language & Literature student under the mentorship of Dr. Denise Landrum-Geyer. Mr. Martone led an interactive discussion that explored common themes and techniques applied to world building. Martone spoke in-depth about his research processes and the methods employed to bring the fantasy genre into a more modern mold.

The goal of the Blake Sonobe Lecture Series is to create an opportunity for students and faculty to come together to enjoy a meal and learn about what research looks like in various disciplines. Student presenters are All SWOSU students and faculty are invited to attend this fellowship of scholars. For more information or questions about the series, contact the Office of Sponsored Programs at osp@swosu.edu or call Jennifer Cook-Johns at 580-774-7012



URSAC and IRB Committees

The University Research and Scholarly Activity Committee (URSAC) is supported by the Office of Sponsored Programs. The mission of URSAC is to support research experiences for undergraduate students with SWOSU faculty members and to promote and enhance a positive culture of achieving excellence in integrative research, scholarship, and creative activity across the disciplines.

Members include:

- Dr. Denise Landrum-Geyer, Department of Language and Literature (Chair)
- Dr. Jon Henrikson, Department of Chemistry
- Dr. Sophia Lee, Department of Music
- Dr. Jeremy Evert, Department of Computer Science
- Ms. Brandy Chase, Department of Allied Health Sciences
- Dr. Jared Edwards, Department of Psychology
- Dr. Horrick Sharma, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Mr. Frederic Murray, Al Harris Library
- Ms. Kim Zachary, College of Associate and Applied Programs

The Institutional Review Board ensures the protection of human subjects in research. This committee is also supported by OSP. All applications to IRB must be submitted to OSP (osp@swosu.edu) and will then be directed to the committee for review.

IRB Members include:

- Dr. Jared Edwards, Department of Psychology (Co-Chair)
- Dr. Anne Pate, Department of Allied Health Sciences (Co-Chair)
- Dr. Denise Landrum-Geyer, Department of Language and Literature
- Dr. William Kelley, Department of Chemistry
- Mr. Ed Klein, Department of Education
- Dr. Scott Long, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Ms. Pat Penner, Non-SWOSU Affiliated Member

OSP FY19 and FY20 Annual Report

The Office of Sponsored Programs has completed the Annual Report for FY19. It is accessible on the [OSP website](#) and the SWOSU Digital Commons.

The FY20 Annual Report is near completion and will be distributed soon.

Special Message from the Director

As President Beutler always says, the Fall is a great time to be on a college campus! And there's no where I'd rather be than right here at SWOSU. This fall the definition of a college campus definitely has a new meaning and with that brings new opportunities.

I just wanted to take a moment to share some of our exciting new opportunities with you.

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)—this service offers professional development education for both students and faculty. Subjects include research ethics, biosafety, human subjects research, institutional animal care and use, and other research related topics. If you are interested in using this training for your course, let us know.

OK Grant Watch—This resource is a grant search program specific to resources in Oklahoma. In FY20, the university grant portfolio totaled \$4,799,750! By adding new search services, we plan to work with our campus community to bring in even more resources to support our students, institutional needs, and research endeavors.

Symposium by Forager One-This program will be the online platform used for the Research and Scholarly Activity Fair. We anticipate that it will also be used for Oklahoma Research Day. By having your students participate in one of these virtual research fairs, they will be more prepared for discipline specific virtual conference presentations. We are excited to see the creativity and ingenuity of our students and faculty in this new era of online professional meetings.

In closing, I want to wish you a happy new academic year! Good luck with your research and scholarly activity and remember that we are here to support you!

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