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## Mid-South Training for Innovators and Entrepreneurs

The NSF I-Corps program is targeted toward research with commercialization potential and is an evidence-based approach to bring ideas from lab to market (i.e. projects funded by a national lab or research organization). STEM and non-STEM based ideas are welcome from faculty, staff and students.

Jackson State University is hosting free High Quality Innovation and Entrepreneurship training. The Virtual I-Corps 101 sessions begin October 23, with classes on the 23rd, 24th, November 7, and November 14. All sessions are from 5pm-8pm.

Although the preferred submission date for applications was October 13, applications are still being accepted. Just make sure you move quickly if you're interested in attending these sessions. **To apply to the JSUMS I-Corps 101 Short Course**, visit <https://forms.gle/kTD3iiFyFhVwV7ne7>

To learn more about Mid-South Hub, go to their website [Mid-South Hub \(midsouthhub.org\)](https://midsouthhub.org).

Please contact Allyson Best ([amilhou@olemiss.edu](mailto:amilhou@olemiss.edu)) for a referral.

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## Dr. Nathan Murray Selected as AIAA Associate Fellow

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) announced its newly elected Class of 2024 Associate Fellows. Among them is UM employee Dr. Nathan Murray, the Interim Director for the National Center for Physical Acoustics, Senior Scientist of Aeroacoustics, and Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering, and the Director of Mississippi NASA Space Grant Consortium.

Per AIAA's Constitution, Associate Fellows are "persons who

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or scientific work, or who have done work of outstanding merit or have otherwise made outstanding contributions to the arts, sciences, or technology of aeronautics or astronautics." To be selected as an Associate Fellow an individual must be an AIAA Senior Member in good standing, with at least 12 years of professional experience, and be recommended by three AIAA Associate Fellows.

AIAA President Laura McGill said, "Only one member of the Institute for every 150 members is selected as an Associate Fellow each year by the Review Committee. Nathan Murray has now distinguished himself by his contributions to the aerospace community, has earned this title based on those contributions, and is a visible credit to the University of Mississippi."

Congratulations, Nathan!

AIAA will formally honor and induct the class at the AIAA Associate Fellows Induction Ceremony and Reception, Wednesday, 10 January 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, Orlando, Florida, during the 2024 AIAA SciTech Forum.



## Matthew Ross

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## Upcoming ORSP-SPA Process Changes

The ORSP team, under the guidance of Dr. Greg Easson, is leading an effort to streamline and simplify the way externally funded opportunities are submitted by PIs for internal UM review. The ORSP leadership staff has mapped out processes that will relieve some of the administrative burden currently experienced by applicants for externally funded opportunities.

With the recent assignment of several newly trained SPA Research Administrators, many of the Schools and the College now have one ORSP touchpoint to contact for their sponsored program support. We anticipate this will provide a more personal and efficient experience as researchers work directly with the same RA assigned to their unit.

Current processes throughout ORSP are being evaluated so that, when possible, they can be refined for a more efficient model of service. For example, to reduce the amount of information requested from PIs at the *intent to submit* stage of the funding application process, significant revisions to the SPAN form have been made.

There are more process evaluations and changes expected. We will provide updates on our progress in the ORSP Connect Newsletter... so stay tuned!

## Access the Faculty and Staff ORSP Quick Start Guide

### Quick Start

Use the **Quick Start** Guide for links and often needed information.

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