

*Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Campus Center, Room H-313C, Telephone: 516-876-3215*

Dear Faculty:

The introduction to our Office's homepage asks two questions and offers two possible answers:

- How do colleges and universities distinguish themselves today? By doing something more and doing some things better.
- How does an institution or an academic department within an institution manage to do something more or do some things better? Usually through grants from government agencies, private foundations, and other third-party sources, because tuition dollars and State support to colleges can only go so far.

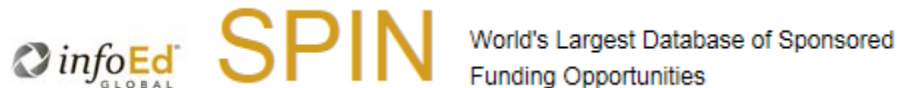
This newsletter serves to remind that – despite Covid – the Office for Research & Sponsored Programs is open for business daily. Prior to the pandemic, so much of our activity had already transitioned from paper-driven to digital and in this issue of *Current Funding Opportunities*, we would like to introduce to some – and remind others of – a number of online tools for grant-seekers.

The first two entries appearing below, SPIN and CITI, are available to our College community through paid subscriptions. They are not intended for use by the general public. Other entries appearing below are government sites – application submission sites, for the most part – that require users to register and affiliate with an organization. Guidance on the use of these government sites is, in some cases, the responsibility of the Office for Research & Sponsored Programs; in other cases, one must contact the relevant agency's Help Desk. We hope you find this compilation and these descriptions useful.

Tom Murphy

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## Identifying Funding Opportunities



An especially valuable online tool for grant-seekers from academe is the SPIN database. SPIN stands for the "Sponsored Programs Information Network," a moniker given the database when it was originally developed by SUNY in the early 1980s. SPIN, now privatized and published by a company known as InfoEd Global, currently provides information on over 40,000 funding opportunities from over 10,000 sponsor organizations on a wide array of disciplines. Because it is web-based, SPIN is accessible from virtually anywhere. One particularly valuable feature of the database is that a registered user can create an individualized profile in order to receive prompt and automatic notification when new, relevant opportunities arise (and when existing grant programs are modified).

To access SPIN, visit [www.oldwestbury.edu/research](http://www.oldwestbury.edu/research) and look for the **SPINPlus** link along the right margin of your screen. To register as a SPIN User and create a User Profile which can produce e-mail notifications relating to your unique professional interests, contact the ORSP ([murphyt@oldwestbury.edu](mailto:murphyt@oldwestbury.edu)) providing your first name, last name, email address and a preferred SPIN username.

Once registered, individuals can set up their professional profiles and save search parameters for future use. New users should note that they can control the frequency of email notifications one receives. Registered users can arrange for daily mailings or weekly notification.

## Research Compliance Training Programs



**The Trusted Standard in  
Research, Ethics, and  
Compliance Training**

Thousands of academic institutions, government agencies and commercial organizations rely upon the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) for their research ethics and compliance training needs. Since its founding in 2000, CITI Program has been at the forefront of online research ethics and compliance training, with content developers who are established leaders in their respective fields, including: use of humans as research subjects (IRB), animal care and maintenance in research (IACUC), sponsor-mandated Responsible Conduct of Research programs (RCR), sponsor-mandated educational programs on Conflicts of Interest in research (COI), and more.

To access and use CITI, visit [www.oldwestbury.edu/research](http://www.oldwestbury.edu/research) and look for the **CITI Compliance Training** link, the first entry on the left margin of your screen. Click Register and enter "SUNY – College at Old Westbury" in the Organization Affiliation field.

## Registering on Federal Government Sites

### National Science Foundation



In the past, individuals who wished to register for FastLane, or its intended successor Research.gov, were required to do so through the ORSP. This process has been changed. Today, individuals register direct. After completing the online registration form, the ORSP is contacted by NSF to formally authorize/approve the applicant.

If an individual is already entered in the NSF database through another institution, one may revise her/his registration to affiliate with the College at Old Westbury. Persons in this position are urged by NSF to not attempt to create a second account, specific to Old Westbury.

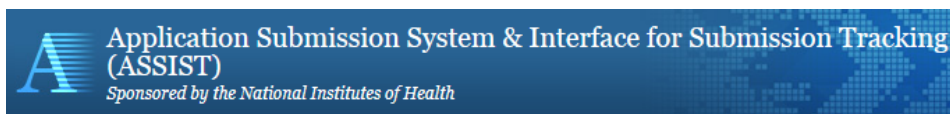
### National Institutes of Health



Individuals who wish to submit a grant application to the National Institutes of Health will do so using a program known as ASSIST (see directly below), however, to use ASSIST one must also register in eRA Commons. To register in the Commons, provide the ORSP the following:

- A User ID (sometimes known as one's "credential"):
- First Name, Middle Name, Last Name
- E-mail address

Faculty who already have an eRA Commons account from another institution should contact the ORSP to affiliate that account with Old Westbury.



Apply Online Using ASSIST

ASSIST is used only with grant applications to the U.S. Public Health Service, including proposals to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Please note that in order to use ASSIST one must be registered within eRA Commons (above).

ASSIST is accessible through one's Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA); look for the "button" reproduced at left. FOAs are accessible through GRANTS.GOV, the NIH Guide for Grants & Contracts – Funding Opportunities and Notices, or other online NIH and PHS sources. The College's ORSP is also available to provide you guidance with ASSIST.



### Workspace

Within Grants.gov is a function called Workspace. Workspace is envisioned to become a standard means to apply for any and all federal grants in the future. It is the program that we have used to submit grant applications to the U. S. Department of Education, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Archives, and several other Federal agencies.

A valuable Workspace feature is that it allows a grant "team" to simultaneously access and edit different forms within an application. Register to use Workspace by visiting: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>.

## Humanities Announcements

### **2021 Fellowships Webinar: National Endowment for the Humanities**

**Tuesday, February 9, 12:30 – 3:00 pm**

The National Endowment for the Humanities is now accepting applications for their **2021 Fellowships** program. On February 9, from 12:30-3 pm, the agency will be offering a **live webinar** for prospective applicants to introduce the program, describe the application process, and offer application-writing suggestions. There will be a chance to ask questions and captions will be available.

NEH Fellowships are competitive awards granted to individual scholars pursuing projects that embody exceptional research, rigorous analysis, and clear writing. Fellowships provide recipients time to conduct research or to produce books, monographs, peer-reviewed articles, e-books, digital materials, translations with annotations or a critical apparatus, or critical editions. Projects may be at any stage of development. The maximum award amount is \$60,000, and the application deadline is April 14, 2021. For further information, visit: <https://www.neh.gov/grants/research/fellowships>

### **Grants Information Webinar: New York Humanities**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2:00 – 3:00 pm**

During this webinar, Humanities New York staff will go over HNY's funding opportunities, eligibility, and the application process and they will provide tips for preparing a successful application. To register, visit:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grants-information-webinar-tickets-137818182895?aff=News&utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=d9d7b9a64d-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2017\\_10\\_04\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_4156e3c688-d9d7b9a64d-289254357&mc\\_cid=d9d7b9a64d&mc\\_eid=09b9422124](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grants-information-webinar-tickets-137818182895?aff=News&utm_source=Newsletter&utm_campaign=d9d7b9a64d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_10_04_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4156e3c688-d9d7b9a64d-289254357&mc_cid=d9d7b9a64d&mc_eid=09b9422124)

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### **Two Important Research Grant Programs Designed Specifically for Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions: NIH's "AREA" and NSF's "RUI/ROA" Programs**

The **National Institutes of Health (NIH)** and the **National Science Foundation (NSF)** are our nation's two largest providers of research support to academe, providing funding for both natural and physical sciences and the social and behavioral sciences. Both agencies recognize the importance of undergraduate education and exposing undergraduates to cutting edge research and research techniques. For this reason, each agency provides special programs in support of research at Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions (PUI). Following, a few facts about each agency's respective PUI research programs.



#### **National Institutes of Health**

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/par-18-714.html>

The **Academic Research Enhancement Awards (AREA)** program supports small-scale research projects at educational institutions that have not been major recipients of NIH support but who provide baccalaureate degrees for a significant number of the Nation's research scientists. Awards provide Direct Costs of up to \$300,000 for periods not to exceed 36 months.

**Application due dates:** February 25, June 25, and October 25 annually.



#### **National Science Foundation**

<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2014/nsf14579/nsf14579.htm>

■ **Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI)** awards support PUI faculty in research that engages them at their home institution, and supports the integration of research and undergraduate education.

■ **Research Opportunity Awards (ROA)** allow faculty to work as visiting scientists at research-intensive organizations where they collaborate with other NSF-supported investigators.

**Application due dates:** Vary by program. Contact ORSP for assistance determining due dates.

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## **www.oldwestbury.edu/research**

*The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs serves the College at Old Westbury in the dual roles of promoting grant-supported scholarly activity and assisting in the administration and management of sponsored programs. Consequently, the Office reports to both the Office of Academic Affairs and the Division of Business & Finance.*



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