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Note from SPAR

SPAR would like to thank the Baruch College community for trusting us with assisting in the grant submission and administration process. While we are in search of a new Director of SPAR, our team will continue to facilitate and enhance the acquisition of external funding by Baruch faculty, staff, and administrators to support the College's missions of research, teaching, and public service. SPAR will continue to work closely with the Research Foundation CUNY, the Baruch College Fund, and other College fiscal agents to insure that your awards have ample administrative support during its funding period. If you have any research idea that you would like to discuss contact us at SPAR@baruch.cuny.edu

The Sponsored Programs and Research (SPAR) Team

Proposal preparation & submissions:

SPAR requires proposal budgets to be approved by the appropriate Chair or Dean and finalized no later than 3 days prior to the deadline.

SPAR supplies extensive support in the budget development process. We provide applicants with a [budget template](#) spreadsheet that performs all necessary calculations. Also, we can help faculty members with their budget justification.

SPAR provides assistance for the faculty in obtaining internal approvals for their proposal before the final proposal is submitted to the sponsor. Once all internal approvals are in place, we will make all required copies and submit the proposal by the deadline.

For more information please access the [SPAR section of the Faculty Handbook](#) and [SPAR Homepage](#)

RFCUNY - BARUCH COLLEGE SPAR NEWS

SPAR Tips

◆ Need an RF logon ID or forgot yours? If you need assistance to recover or get an RF Logon ID, contact SPAR@baruch.cuny.edu

◆ Planning to buy a computer on your RF-Sponsored project? Contacting the following representatives will ensure you to secure educational pricing and sales tax exceptions.

Dell - Terri Lehenbauer, Senior Sales Representative – Education Sales Direct: 512-513-9266; Terri.Lehenbauer@dell.com.

Apple - Dave Koffskey at 512-674-6871, Koffskey@apple.com, www.apple.com/education

Amendments to RFCUNY's Time and Leave

- ◆ The New York Family Paid Leave (FPL) law has become effective January 1, 2018.
- ◆ Guidelines for the use of up to 40 hours of sick leave per calendar year to care for a family member needing medical care.
- ◆ For more information go to [RFCUNY's Time and Leave](#) or contact us at SPAR@baruch.cuny.edu

RFCUNY Launches Redesigned Website



The RFCUNY Website has experienced a significant transformation effective Friday March 23, 2018 at 5 p.m. Familiarize yourself with the new site and learn more about the changes that have been made with the new design. Explore the story Behind the RFCUNY Website Redesign <https://rfcuny.org/RFWBSITE/>. Send questions or comments to communications@rfcuny.org

Reduction in Full-time and Part-time Fringe Benefit Rates for Research Foundation Staff

This is to inform you that the following reduction to employee fringe benefit rates was passed at RFCUNY's January 31, 2018 Board of Directors meeting:

Category	Fringe Rate and Effective Date
Full-time and Part-time A employees	From the current 37.0% to 36.0% effective the pay period ending February 18, 2018; From 36.0% to 35.0% effective July 1, 2018
Part-time B employees	From the current 9.0% to 8.0% effective the pay period ending February 18, 2018

PSC - CUNY 48 Reminder

PSC-CUNY 48 ends June 30, 2018. Please make sure all allowable expenses are made on or before the end date, 06/30/2018. Invoices must be dated on or before 06/30/2018.

Submit all expense to The Research Foundation's [Payment Request System](#) on the RF website, <https://www.rfcuny.org>. RF login is required. You should have received an email from the SPAR office with further details regarding the PSC-CUNY 48 grant award.

Upcoming Events

Defense and Intelligence Research Forum @CUNY

The CUNY Graduate Center, the Advanced Science Research Center, and Research Foundation CUNY are sponsoring [Defense and Intelligence Research Forum](#) on April 20, 2018 from 11am-5pm. Located at the RFCUNY office in Times Square, this Forum is designed for faculty and researchers interested in pursuing science grants from the federal defense and intelligence agencies. The Forum will help familiarize the CUNY community with the defense and intelligence research landscape, increase awareness about the types of projects funded by these agencies, and share insights and tactics for applying.

Program Officers from several D&I agencies will present, discussing available grant opportunities, their agencies' research objectives, and their recommended strategies for assembling the most competitive proposals. CUNY PIs with a robust history of D&I funding will also discuss their insights for grant success with the respective agencies. [RSVP here](#)

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

William T. Grant Foundation - Research Grants



The William T. Grant Foundation supports high-quality research that is relevant to policies and practices that affect the lives of young people ages 5 to 25 in the United States. We fund research that increases understanding in one of our two focus areas: Programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality in youth outcomes; and strategies to improve the use of research evidence in ways that benefit youth. We seek research that builds stronger theory and empirical evidence in these two areas. We intend for the research we support to inform change. While we do not expect that any one study will create that change, the research should contribute to a body of useful knowledge to improve the lives of young people.

Deadline: Letter of Inquiry May 2, 2018 3PM

<http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants>

National Science Foundation - Smart and Connected Health (SCH)



The purpose of this interagency program solicitation is to support the development of technologies, analytics and models supporting next generation health and medical research through high-risk, high-reward advances in computer and information science, engineering and technology, behavior and cognition. Collaborations between academic, industry, and other organizations are strongly encouraged to establish better linkages between fundamental science, medicine and healthcare practice and technology development, deployment and use. This solicitation is aligned with national reports calling for new partnerships to facilitate major changes in health and medicine, as well as healthcare delivery and is aimed at the fundamental research to enable these changes. Realizing the promise of disruptive transformation in health, medicine and/or healthcare will require well-coordinated, multi-disciplinary approaches that draw from the computer and information sciences, engineering, social, behavioral, cognitive and economic sciences, biomedical and health research. Only Integrative proposals (INT) spanning up to 4 years with multi-disciplinary teams will be considered in response to this solicitation. Effective solutions must satisfy a multitude of constraints arising from clinical/medical needs, barriers to change, heterogeneity of data, semantic mismatch and limitations of current cyberphysical systems and an aging population. Such solutions demand multidisciplinary teams ready to address issues ranging from fundamental science and engineering to medical and public health practice.

Deadline: May 22, 2018 5PM

<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2018/nsf18541/nsf18541.htm>

National Institute of Justice - Research to Improve Officer Decision-making



As part of NSF's Harnessing the Data Revolution (HDR), the Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) seeks to develop user-friendly large-scale next-generation data resources and relevant analytic techniques to advance fundamental research in SBE areas of study. Successful proposals will, within the financial resources provided by the award, construct such databases and/or relevant analytic techniques and produce a finished product that will enable new types of data-intensive research. The databases or techniques should have significant impacts, either across multiple fields or within broad disciplinary areas, by enabling new types of data-intensive research in the SBE sciences.

Deadline: May 7, 2018

<https://www.grants.gov/custom/viewOppDetails.jsp?oppId=301417>

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation - Energy & Environment



The program goal is to advance understanding about the economic, environmental, security, and policy trade-offs associated with the increased deployment of low- and no-carbon resources and technologies across the energy system and the resulting impacts on the quality of American life. Interested scholars should send a letter of inquiry of no more than two pages to program director Evan S. Michelson.

Deadline: Letter of Inquiry (LOI) accepted anytime

<https://sloan.org/programs/energy-and-environment>

NEFE - Grants and Research Program for Financial Literacy



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR
FINANCIAL EDUCATION

Partnering for Financial Well-Being

NEFE seeks projects whose outcomes can improve the public's ability to achieve personal and household financial well-being. Of particular interest are proactive research projects initiated from one of a broad spectrum of scholarly disciplines whose findings may cultivate critical thinking in the financial literacy community. Also of interest are development projects that put research recommendations into action. Project outcomes must be capable of achieving traction and measurable impact with audiences such as financial education intermediaries, researchers, practitioners, decision makers, and others who can achieve effective outreach to a target population with an unmet financial literacy need or to the general public. The grants program seeks innovative research that can make a profound contribution to the field of financial literacy. Project outcomes should be actionable in the field of financial literacy, directly relevant to the financial well-being of the public, and able to be applied broadly.

Deadline: Letter of Inquiry 5 June, 2018

<https://www.nefe.org/What-We-Provide/Research-Funding/Grant-Guidelines>

Carnegie Corporation- International Peace and Security



The goal of this program is to build a more secure, peaceful, and prosperous world through independent analysis and action addressing critical global challenges. The project should support research or dissemination. The project must have the potential to strengthen U.S. and foreign expert community interaction, potentially foster future leaders in the area, and major institutions could be strengthened because of the work the applicant intended. This must not be a request for support for an endowment or for a PRI or program-related investments. The focus areas are as follows: **Nuclear Security, Global Dynamics,**

Transnational Movements and the Arab Region, Peacebuilding in Africa, Research and Policy.

Deadline: Letter of Intent (LOI) accepted anytime

<https://www.carnegie.org/programs/international-peace-and-security/>

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)- Health Services Research Projects (R01)



The Research Project Grant (R01) is an award made by AHRQ to an institution/organization to support a discrete, specified health services research project. The AHRQ mission is to produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable and affordable, and to work with HHS and other partners to make sure that the evidence is understood and used.

Deadline: June 5, 2018 5PM

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-291.html>

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