Note from SPAR

Dear Baruch College Community, the SPAR team is proud to present our enhanced new version of the monthly Newsletter in which we have added a new section entitled “Research on Campus”. In this section we will start showcasing research active faculty members. Take a look at all the news, resources, and announcements we include in the newsletter. If you have any research ideas that you would like to discuss with us or you would like us to feature your research on our Newsletter please contact us at SPARproposalinquiry@baruch.cuny.edu.

Office of Award Pre-Proposal Support

RFCUNY offers CUNY faculty, graduate and doctoral students assistance to identify and obtain external funding to support their research, education, training curriculum development and other related activities. Please click here for all the resources offered at the Office of Award Pre-Proposal Support.

Peer Review Program

RFCUNY’S Pre-Submission Peer-Review Program function is to assess the quality of CUNY grant proposals. Submitting your proposal through this process will provide you with feedback and suggestions for improvement, which will enhance your opportunity to write and submit competitive successful proposals to an external funding agency.

**Feature Spring Semester Workshop**

Grantseeking Strategies for the Humanities and Arts Workshop

The Research Foundation Office of Award and Pre-proposal Support will be presenting a workshop for Baruch College Faculty. Daniel Siepmann, Sponsored Programs Development and Administrative Coordinator at RFCUNY will present as guest speaker about strategies to search for grants in the Humanities, Arts and more. We encourage all faculty members new and experienced to attend this highly informative workshop and to bring all their questions and ideas.

Thursday April 18, 2019 12:30PM - 2:00PM
Newman Vertical Campus 14-270

RSVP to Ana Alas Iglesias at Ana.alasiglesias@baruch.cuny.edu as space is limited; Lunch will be served.
Pivot has a new URL
On March 1, 2019 Pivot moved to https://pivot.proquest.com and the previous Pivot URL, https://pivot.cos.com was discontinued.

CUNY - Events
Social Justice & Emerging Technologies Conference 2019
Register Now for Friday, April 12, 2019. The conference will be from 9:00am to 4:30pm at The CUNY School of Law.

PSC CUNY Awards Announcement
On April 15th, the PSC CUNY Awards decisions for Cycle 50 Traditional A and B will be announced. If you do not receive an e-mail please follow up with us.

Submitted Proposals

Weissman School of Arts and Sciences
Jean Gaffney - Dept. of Natural Sciences
Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation - $100,000
Understanding diversity in structure/Function of fatty acid binding proteins
Pablo Peixoto - Dept. of Natural Sciences - National Institutes of Health/ NYU - $252,120
Electrophysiological characterization of the mitochondrial permeability transition in neurological disorders
Total Requested: $352,120

Marxe School of Public and International Affairs
Deborah Balk - CUNY Institute for Demographic Research
World Resource Institute - $61,800
The urban population living in low-lying coastal zones
Deborah Balk & Bryan Jones - CIDR
Advanced Science Research Center/ NSF - $403,175 CNH2-L: Risk and vulnerability in urbanizing river deltas: Coupled dynamics of urban growth and deltaic Change
Deborah Balk - CIDR
University of Colorado Boulder / NSF - $159,159
RIDIR: The next generation of historical settlement data products for the conterminous U.S. over 150 Years
Total Requested: $624,134

Zicklin School of Business
Remy Arteaga - Lawrence N. Field Center for Entrepreneurship - Kauffman Foundation - $450,000
Big Data accelerator at CUNY Startups

Conflict of Interest (COI) Form
Please remember to complete a Conflict of Interest form (COI) before submitting a research proposal. NOTE: If you report a conflict, the supplemental form must be submitted simultaneously with the mandatory conflict of interest form. The complete policy and procedures can be found at: http://www.cuny.edu/research/compliance/conflictofinterestpolicy.html

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Certificate
All CUNY faculty, staff, postdoctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate students involved in research are required to complete the CITI Program training for Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR); CUNY’s Policy on Training in Responsible Conduct of Research is available here. The RCR training can be accessed at CITIProgramHomepage under “courses”. Completed certificates for both trainings must be sent to the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research at SPAR@baruch.cuny.edu. If you have any question, please contact us.
Ram Bezawada - Allen G. Aaronson Department of Marketing & International Business
“Drivers and Behavioral Consequences of Customer’s Social Media Participation: An Empirical Examination”
Many firms increasingly rely on social media platforms to engage with their customers. In this research, leveraging a unique dataset, Professor Bezawada empirically models firms social media decisions and the resulting consumer outcomes. His results show that customers’ online social media activity (i.e., their joining and contributing on firms’ social media pages) is positively associated with their spending, email responsiveness and promotion sensitivity albeit to different degrees.

Anna Dsouza - Austin W. Marxe School of Public & International Affairs
“Experiential Measures of Food Insecurity and Weather Shocks”
In this research remote-sensing and other geospatial data and Gallup World Poll survey data is used to estimate how precipitation and temperature shocks affect individual experiences of food insecurity (e.g., skipping meals or going a whole day without food) in Sub-Saharan Africa. The continent is one of the world’s poorest with a large share of its population dependent on rain-fed agriculture for livelihoods and sustenance. Preliminary results suggest that colder than normal temperatures during the most recent growing season lead to a reduction in food insecurity. Understanding how individual access to food changes as weather changes can contribute to discussions around climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Elisabeth Gareis - Dept. of Communication Studies
“A Quest for Friendship”
This project focuses on the social integration of refugees in a semi-rural area in the South of Germany. Prof. Gareis interviewed 50 refugees from Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Iraq, Iran, Syria, and Yemen on their friendship experiences with German nationals and their reception in Germany since their arrival in 2015. Professor Gareis’ research interest is in intercultural friendship and its role in prejudice reduction and the success of international sojourns.

Ivan Montiel - Loomba Dept. of Management
“Understanding the Antecedents and Performance Implications of a Third-Party Environmental Standard Decertification”
Professor Montiel’s study focuses on providing a better understanding on two fronts: (i) antecedents of environmental management system decertification and (ii) the effects of environmental management system decertification on environmental performance. By combining both qualitative and quantitative data he provides novel insights into an under-researched phenomenon that has important theoretical and practical implications for both the environmental management and business administration scholarships. Professor Montiel’s research interest is in corporate social responsibility and sustainability strategies with special focus in emerging economies.

Douglas Muzzio - Marxe School of Public and International Affairs
“Silent City: The Reel American City Before Movies Talked”
Professor Muzzio explores representations of the American city in silent movies. Silent movies recorded the surface of the city – the urban masses, the huge street markets, the skyscrapers, the subways. More consequently, they helped frame the way the emerging American metropolis was perceived, experienced, understood, and responded to.
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Con Edison Social & Behavioral Research Award
In support of Con Edison’s goal of increasing public awareness of gas safety and of the importance of reporting natural gas odors, the CUNY Office of K-16 Initiatives is requesting proposals for behavioral research projects that aim to better understand the factors that may or may not prompt community members to contact 911 or Con Edison when they detect a gas leak or gas odor. Projects relevant to human behavioral responses to detecting and reporting natural gas odors will be considered. This research will be used to inform and enhance Con Edison’s public outreach, superintendent training curriculum, and other gas safety programs. The grant funding is for one year (August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020). We anticipate awarding 5-8 projects with funding levels of $25,000-$35,000 in 2019.
DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2019 5PM
http://www2.cuny.edu/research/faculty-resources/internal-funding/con-edison-social-behavioral-research-award/

RFCUNY - Faculty Travel for Grant Development Program
The Faculty Travel for Grant Development program financially supports CUNY researchers and scholars pursuing new grant proposals that require out-of-town travel. All travel for grant development should pertain to meetings with proposal collaborators and/or representatives of external funders, such as federal agency officers or private foundation program officers. Applicants should provide evidence that an idea intended for grant funding is fully thought-out and ready for advanced planning and discussion. This program is not designed to fund the totality of travel expenses, but rather, to assist by defraying a significant portion of the costs. Eligibility is limited to tenured and tenure-track faculty or full-time researchers. Applicants are eligible for one award in a given fiscal year period.
DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ANYTIME
Faculty Travel for Grant Development Program Application

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NSF - Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER)
CAREER: The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation’s most prestigious awards in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization. Activities pursued by early-career faculty should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research. NSF encourages submission of CAREER proposals from early-career faculty at all CAREER-eligible organizations and especially encourages women, members of underrepresented minority groups, and persons with disabilities to apply. Anyone interested in applying to the CAREER program contact Melisa.mendez@baruch.cuny.edu and Ana.alasiglesias@baruch.cuny.edu to make an appointment and discuss the next steps.
DEADLINE: JULY 17, 2019 5PM
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Russell Sage Foundation Grants

The Russell Sage Foundation currently pursues four principal programs:

Behavioral Economics: supports research that uses insights and methods from psychology, economics, sociology, political science and other social sciences to examine and improve social and living conditions in the United States. Read More

Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration: The new program encourages multi-disciplinary perspectives on questions stemming from the significant changes in the racial, ethnic, and immigrant-origin composition of the U.S. population. Read More

Immigration and Immigrant Integration: The RSF/Carnegie Corporation Initiative on Immigration and Immigrant Integration supports innovative research on the effects of race, citizenship, legal status and politics, political culture and public policy on outcomes for immigrants and for the native-born of different racial and ethnic groups and generations. Read More

Social, Political, and Economic Inequality: focuses on whether rising economic inequality has affected social, political, and economic institutions in the U.S., and the extent to which increased inequality has affected equality of opportunity, social mobility, and the intergenerational transmission of advantage. Read More

Decision Making and Human Behavior in Context: The Russell Sage Foundation (RSF) is launching a new special initiative on Decision Making and Human Behavior in Context that will support innovative research on decision making across the social sciences that examines causes, consequences, processes, or context from a behavioral or alternative perspective. Read More

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http://www.russellsage.org/how-to-apply/apply-project-grants/guidelines

The Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation

Humanities Program

Programs in the following areas are eligible: history; archaeology; literature; languages, both classical and modern; philosophy; ethics; comparative religion; the history, criticism, and theory of the arts; and those aspects of the social sciences which share the content and methods of humanistic disciplines. The Foundation welcomes projects that cross the boundaries between humanistic disciplines and explore the connection between the humanities and other areas of scholarship.

Performing Arts Program

The principal mission of the Performing Arts Program is to provide core program and special project support to organizations of quality in the fields of dance, music and theater that perform and produce or present work in New York City. Applications are accepted only from performing arts organizations based in New York City.

Research Libraries Program

The overall objective of the Research Libraries Program is to improve the ability of research libraries to serve the needs of scholarship in the humanities and the performing arts, and to help make their resources more widely accessible to scholars and the general public. Wherever possible, grants to libraries seek to promote cooperative cataloging projects, with an emphasis on access to archival, manuscript, and other unique sources; some elements of interpretation and exhibition; scholarly library publications; bibliographical and publishing projects of interest to research libraries; and collection-level preservation/conservation work and research.

DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ANYTIME

http://delmas.org/programs/
**William T. Grant Foundation - Research Grants**

The research grants program supports high-quality field-initiated studies that are relevant to policies and practices that affect the lives of young people ages 5 to 25 in the United States. Foundation’s focus areas:

**Reducing Inequality:** research to build, test, and increase programs, policies, and practices to reducing inequality in youth outcomes including academic, social, behavioral, and economic, particularly on the basis of race, ethnicity, economic standing, or immigrant origin status.

**Improving the Use of Research Evidence:** research to identify, build, and test strategies to ensure that research evidence reaches the hands of decision makers, responds to their needs, and is used in ways that benefit youth. We are particularly interested in research on improving the use of evidence by state and local decision makers, mid-level managers, and intermediaries.

**DEADLINE:** MAY 1, 2019 3 PM  
http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants

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**American Heart Association - Merit Award**

To fund highly promising investigators with stellar track records of accomplishment, demonstrated by federal or equivalent funding [NIH, AHRQ, HRSA, etc.] from multiple sources and excellent publication records with accelerating impact, who have the potential to move a field of science forward with creative approaches that are aligned with the mission of the American Heart Association.

Awards for research broadly related to cardiovascular function and disease, including stroke, or to related basic science, clinical, bioengineering, biotechnology, and public health problems. Supports individual scientists with a trajectory of success, who propose novel approaches to major research challenges that have the potential to produce unusually high impact.

**DEADLINE:** LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) JULY 11, 2019  
https://professional.heart.org/professional/ResearchPrograms/ApplicationInformation/UCM_316909_Application-Information.jsp