CUNY QC Research Updates

December 11, 2019

Upcoming Deadlines for CUNY funding

A reminder for the upcoming deadlines for the CUNY and QC funding programs below, listed our QC Research Website

- PSC-CUNY Award Program (Due: December 15, 2019)
- The CUNY Book Completion Award (BCA) (Due: Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 at 5.00pm)
- The CUNY Junior Faculty Research Award in Science and Engineering program (JFRASE) (Due: December 20, 2019)
- Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) award (Due: Dec. 31, 2019)
- QC Research Enhancement Award.pdf (Due: Dec. 31, 2019)

FAQ for QC Internal Funding (Dec. 11, 2019)

With our Research Enhancement Award application due on Dec. 31, we would like to share with you a compilation of questions from our colleagues on our Research Enhancement Award and Epsilon Award, along with our answers. The link for this list is on our research website at https://sites.google.com/qc.cuny.edu/research/funding/funding-from-qc?authuser=0 check right column bottom bullet, or

- **FAQ for QC Internal Funding**

If new questions arise, we will update this list..

Q. Who are eligible for the QC Research Enhancement Award or Epsilon Award?
A. To be eligible, one must be a QC professorial faculty (tenure / tenure track faculty, including full professors, associate professors, and assistant professors). See the program announcements.

Q. How is the Epsilon Award different from the Research Enhancement Award besides the award size?
A. The Epsilon Award is to provide just-in-time support for a variety of research needs (software, book publishing, travel etc) at small level. These proposals will be reviewed throughout the academic year as they come in. The Research Enhancement Award is to provide support for bigger needs that you plan ahead for next year.

Q. Who will be reviewers for these applications?
A. The Epsilon Award applications are reviewed by the QC Research Advisory Committee throughout the academic year. The Research Enhancement Award applications are reviewed

by a review panel with QC colleagues, assembled after consulting your Deans. We will likely ask for your help in January and will appreciate your willingness to offer your expertise and time.

Q. Can I use my NSF or NIH biosketches as CV for the Research Enhancement Award application?
A. The NIH biosketch is up to five page, so you need to shrink that to two pages. The NSF biosketch does not include funding record, so you need to include those.

Q. Can I ask for release time? If so, what is the appropriate budget for that?
A. Release time may be requested, as long as the applicant is not an untenured faculty with remaining contractual release time. The budget for a 3 credit release time request should be $5000 even (and proportional figures for smaller requests). This is the usual cap for Research Enhanced Award. It is lower than the actual cost for hiring a replacement adjust, but we will make up the difference.

Q. What is the fringe rate if I plan to support a student research assistant?
A. This will depend on the hours and their status.   GRAs have to be on tax levy and the fringe is 13% until they apply for FICA and then it is 2%. If part time B it is 9.34% if over 38 hours it is 35.34%. In addition, personnel earn annual leave which should be taken during the course of employment. If it is not, it is paid out in addition to what was paid in salary. We suggest that you provide your best estimate in the proposal. If an award is to be made, Poline Papoulis of ORSP will work with you to determine the exact budget.

Funding Opportunities from CUNY GC

[**Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) award**](#) **(Due: Dec. 31, 2019)**
The Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) of The Graduate Center invites tenured and tenure-track scholars both within and outside of CUNY to apply for our Distinguished Faculty Awards.Preference will be given to scholars conducting research in Inequality, Immigration, Multilingualism & Translation, and Global Cities, but scholars working in other fields, especially in the Humanities, are also encouraged to apply. Distinguished Awards fall into two categories:

- ***Distinguished Visiting Scholars***: for scholars who are not employed by the City University of New York.
- **Distinguished CUNY Fellows**: for tenured and tenure-track faculty at one of the campuses of the City University of New York. A Distinguished CUNY Fellow will receive course buyouts up to a maximum of 3 course releases for one semester.

Funding Opportunities for training grants

For those interested in pursuing for training grants, the winter break could be a good time to think about possible opportunities. Here, we highlight some of those from NSF Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) and let us know if you have a general interest.
https://www.nsf.gov/funding/programs.jsp?org=EHR

- **CyberCorps(R) Scholarship for Service (SFS)** (Due July 31, 2020)
- **EHR Core Research (ECR): Building Capacity in STEM Education Research (ECR: BCSER)** (Due: February 28, 2020 Fourth Friday in February, Annually Thereafter)
- **National Science Foundation Research Traineeship (NRT) Program** (Due: February 6, 2020 February 6, Annually Thereafter)
- **Training-based Workforce Development for Advanced Cyberinfrastructure (CyberTraining)** (Due: January 15, 2020 Third Wednesday in January, Annually Thereafter)
- **Advanced Technological Education (ATE)** (Due: October 1, 2020)
- **Computer Science for All (CSforAll:RPP)** (Due: February 11, 2020 Second Tuesday in February, Annually Thereafter)
- **Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Education and Human Resources (IUSE: EHR)** (Due: Feb 4 - Dec. 1, 2020, depending on the track)
- **NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM)** (Due: March 25, 2020 Last Wednesday in March, Annually Thereafter)
- **Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program** (Due: August 25, 2020 Last Tuesday in August, Annually Thereafter)
- **EHR Core Research (ECR): Building Capacity in STEM Education Research (ECR: BCSER)** (Due: February 28, 2020 Fourth Friday in February, Annually Thereafter)
- **Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI Program)** (Due: September 16, 2020)
- **ADVANCE: Organizational Change for Gender Equity in STEM Academic Professions (ADVANCE)** (Due: January 15, 2020 - March 2, 2020 depending on track)
- **Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP)** (due dates depending on the , 2020 - March 2, 2020 depending on type of submission)

NSF HSI STEM Resource Hub JUMPSTART Grantsmanship Workshops
The NSF HSI STEM Resource Hub is offering a series of **JUMPSTART Grantsmanship Workshops** across the country to provide basic insight and instruction on how to compete for NSF funding with a focus on the NSF HSI initiative. During the event, participants will have an opportunity to seek advice from successful grant applicants, to direct questions to experienced and knowledgeable grant awardees, and to closely analyze a sample proposal to learn which pitfalls to avoid. Preference will be given to applicants from 2 and 4-year HSIs with limited prior NSF support and faculty in their first 10 years of academic appointment. Space is limited and individual must apply to participate. Registration is free and some financial assistance will be

provided. Upcoming workshops later this winter and spring will include: Miami Florida, Austin Texas, northern New Mexico, and Chicago Illinois. Applications upcoming workshops can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/jumpstart2020a Let us know at yrong@qc.cuny.edu if you have an interest.

Updates from our Office of Regulatory Compliance (ORC)

Janet Echeverry, who has been our HRPP Analyst for the past four years, will leave Queens College for a new position in Baruch. Her last day at QC will be Dec. 20, 2019. She will be missed and we wish her the best of luck in her new endeavor.

After Dec. 20, 2019, CUNY central will provide IRB coverage for up to one month. Therefore, any need for IRB should be addressed to Eliana Forero, CUNY Research Compliance Analyst, at eliana.forero@cuny.edu. Please keep in mind that during holiday period, people may be out of office and unable to respond to your request immediately. If you have any question or urgent need, you can email me at yrong@qc.cuny.edu.

We have started the process of recruiting new staff to meet our needs. If you know someone who could be potential fit, please pass this opportunity out: https://www.rfcuny.org/careers/postings?pvnID=QC-1912-003__414

From the QC Tech Incubator
- I-Corp Workshop (apply by Dec, 16) https://forms.gle/6A5qKVdkkRKZ3ebD7
- 30 sec pitch - ongoing via an app: https://www.30secondpitch.com/
- Queens Startup (apply by March 1, 2020 http://queensstartup.org/

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