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OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND  
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# Virtual Seminar Series Fall 2020



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# Creating Connections Training facilitated by the Alan Alda Center

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Registration: [www.tfaforms.com/4840083](http://www.tfaforms.com/4840083)

The inaugural Mississippi Science Communication Summit will bring together faculty, researchers, staff, and graduate students from across the state who are interested in strengthening their skills in science communication. This online summit will include an interactive virtual workshop, "Creating Connections," facilitated by the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science. The Alda Center is renowned for their innovative approach to science communication training, which integrates improvisational acting techniques. The workshop will include techniques for making messages memorable, reducing use of jargon, strategizing messages, and developing an engaging online presence. Please plan to attend the entire session, as you will be participating in interactive exercises with partners and small groups.

Space is limited, and advance registration is required. To participate in this session, participants must have a webcam, microphone, and Adobe Reader. Participants must also have Zoom downloaded on their system.



## The Office of Research and Economic Development's Support for Research and Sponsored Programs

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Julie Jordan, Interim Vice President  
Office of Research and Economic Development  
ORED Unit Directors

Join our virtual Town Hall to learn about the people and services of the Office of Research and Economic Development, as well as its support units, which are dedicated to facilitating institutional research, economic development, and other externally funded programs. Our team can help you with identifying funding sources and collaborators, leveraging institutional capacities, managing proposal preparation, submissions, intellectual property, regulatory compliance and security, as well as corporate engagement and economic development, just to name a few! Get to know the functions and personnel of our teams.





# Is My Project the Right Fit for this Opportunity?

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

**2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

Stephanie Hyche, Director, Office of Research Development  
Office of Research Development Staff

A square peg simply won't fit in a round hole. This program will not only present a variety of resources to help faculty locate appropriate funding opportunities, but we will also discuss how to be sure the funding mechanisms you select are the right "fit" before you invest hours of time and labor into crafting a grant proposal. We will share best practices for using searchable databases of funding opportunity announcements, preparing a strong, shareable concept paper, and vetting your ideas with agency program officials.



## A Cradle to Grave Look at Managing Externally Funded Projects

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020**

**2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

Brandy Akers, Executive Director of Research Fiscal Affairs  
Office of Research and Economic Development

The Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) is responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable federal, state, and university regulations and policies related to research and externally funded sponsored projects. This seminar will highlight important topics relevant to the pre-award and post-award process helping to link federal and state regulations to university policy. Topics covered will include cost share, F&A rates and distribution, Uniform Guidance, helpful banner screens and other important aspects for effectively managing externally funded contracts and grants. This seminar is designed for individuals who are just beginning to work with sponsored projects or for those who want a refresher in such topics.

## What is Your "Science Identity"?

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

**2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

Tracey Baham, Director,  
Office of Institutional Research & Effectiveness  
Stephen Cunetto, Associate Dean, University Libraries  
Stephanie Hyche, Director, Office of Research Development

How are you presented to the world as a scholar? Come hear about several of the resources, services, and data platforms that capture your professional information and presents your expertise to your peers, funders, and the public, such as Digital Measures, VIVO, ORCID, and SciENcv, among others. We will discuss how you can use these tools to promote yourself and your work, and how others may use them on your behalf.



# Steps and Systems for Proposal Packaging, Routing, and Submissions via OSP

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020**

**2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

Stephanie Hyche, Director, Office of Research Development

Tina Kinard, Associate Director, Office of Sponsored Projects

Kimber Rayborn, Grants and Contracts Administrator, Office of Sponsored Projects

The Office of Sponsored Projects provides institutional oversight and regulatory approval for all proposals and agreements related to external funding. This workshop will review and demonstrate the essential processes for proposal submission and execution of related agreements such as subaward requests, NDAs, contracts, etc. The presenters will walk through the steps to create an OSP ticket via the Service Request Portal, review the required internal forms (IAS, Child Accounts, etc.) and demonstrate use of the “Cayuse” submission platform.

## Increased Telework and Security Implications

**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

**2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

Tom Ritter, Senior Security and Compliance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer

*National Cybersecurity Awareness Month*

During the pandemic, the personnel at MSU were required to use information and telecommunication technologies (telework) from various locations outside of MSU in order to continue the business operations of the University. While telework can create benefits for an organization, it can also generate an increase of new information security risks. Therefore, we must have a good understanding of how to mitigate these risks, in order for telework to achieve success in our business procedures. Come to this seminar and learn more about the security risks that may arise in teleworking, the impact of a staff and faculty migration to telework environments, and how we can improve our home and mobile security to control these risks.

## Building University and Industry Partnerships

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

**2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

Jim Martin, Associate Vice President for Corporate Engagement and Economic Development

Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development

The power of university and industry partnerships can produce groundbreaking research and innovation that solves complex problems, drives economic growth, and creates a more skilled workforce. Both parties rely on one another for their strengths. Industry has the funding for research and the experience to commercialize a product while universities provide the scientific research. Collaborating industries and universities create research powerhouses who can tackle the in-the-trenches work to invent, develop, and test products.

There are major challenges in society, and universities and industry can combine their technical skills, knowledge, and resources to innovate and address those challenges. Universities know that some problems can't be solved in isolation in a lab, and industry feedback is key to taking an invention or product from conception to market. However, industry and university collaborations aren't always easy. These partnerships can be large, complex, and difficult to organize, and they require two very different types of dance partners to move in sync: universities moving at a slow, measured pace and industry keeping up with the hectic energy of a fast-evolving economy. Attend this seminar and not only learn the benefits for partnerships between these two entities, but identify the steps involved in making the initial connection so that communication can begin between the faculty/researcher and the industry representative(s) while creating a long-lasting relationship.

[Responsible Conduct of Research credit will be given for attendance.](#)



# Export Control Contract Language, Negotiations, and When to Contact the Office of Research Compliance and Security

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Deana Card, Office of Research Compliance and Security

Chris Jenkins, Export Control Officer, Office of Research Compliance and Security

As export control clauses increasingly find their way into both funded and unfunded agreements, even Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA) and Material Transfer Agreements (MTA) can have significant export control considerations. Some industry partners may assume that universities have an approach to export control similar to theirs which could exclude certain foreign persons or separate them from export-controlled information or equipment. Office of Research Compliance and Security (ORCS) wants to help make sure that we as a university avoid the possibility of violations and follow the law. Attend this seminar and learn more about these clauses including DFARS restrictions, fundamental research exemptions, etc. and how they apply to your research.

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## Preparing the Human Subjects Study Record

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Nicole Cobb, Human Research Protection Program Officer, Office of Research Compliance and Security

Stephanie Hyche, Director, Office of Research Development

Applications for research funding which involve human subjects require comprehensive documentation of the investigator's plans to collect information, perform research activities, and protect subjects. In addition to obtaining internal approvals via MSU's IRB, the proposal may require a "Human Subjects Study Record" in which specific details must be provided on the subjects and study itself, plans for mitigating any risks, and potential benefits of the proposed study, among others. This seminar will provide instructions (including templates and forms) on completing both the internal IRB approval process via MyProtocol and the required PHS Human Subjects Study Record form and associated attachments, as well as how to include them with your proposal during submission.

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