Welcome to The Researcher!

Welcome to the inaugural edition of The Researcher. This newsletter is dedicated to providing you research-related information and the latest news from the Office of Research Administration and Sponsored Programs (RASP).

Each quarter, The Researcher will spotlight a HPU faculty member’s research effort. Along the way, we’ll endeavor to provide you timely articles designed to make your research efforts more productive. We welcome your questions or ideas for improvement. Feel free to contact The Researcher via email at rasp@highpoint.edu.

This fall brings a host of opportunities to learn about and engage in research at HPU. Whether it’s learning from an expert or finding opportunities, let’s get started.

As always, let me know how I can assist you in turning your research ideas into a reality.

Sincerely,

Director
Research Administration and Sponsored Programs

Interesting Opportunities

- **NEH: America’s Historical and Cultural Organizations grants**
  America’s Historical and Cultural Organizations grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. Grants support the following formats: exhibitions at museums, libraries, and other venues; interpretations of historic places, sites, or regions; book/film discussion programs; living history presentations; other face-to-face programs at libraries, community centers, and other public venues; and interpretive websites.
  Deadline: January 9, 2013

- **NSF: Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**
  This program seeks to improve the quality of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education for all undergraduate students. The program supports efforts to create, adapt, and disseminate new learning materials and teaching strategies to reflect advances both in STEM disciplines and in what is known about teaching and learning.
  Deadline: January 14, 2013

Learn How to Win Research Funding on November 8th

Come and learn how to write a winning proposal and find federal funding from Dr. Bob Lowman. Reserve your seat now by emailing rasp@highpoint.edu.
Dr. Alexis Wright

RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Alexis Wright joined the Department of Physical Therapy in 2011, and her research presence can already be felt on campus, both literally and physically. Dr. Wright’s recent grant from the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists (AAOMPT) continues her strong focus on the role of manual physical therapy.

Dr. Wright notes, “My big area of research interest is in improving the quality of care provided by physical therapists with an emphasis on manual therapy. This is why you will see that many of my projects have a big component of manual therapy prescribed interventions, including mobilization and manipulation. Manual Therapy has become increasingly popular in our field over the last ten years which means the research is relatively young in terms of treatment effectiveness and there are very few long terms studies out there.”

While High Point University will offer manual therapy as part of its physical therapy curriculum, many other programs do not. Dr. Wright hopes that the results from the AAOMPT study can provide piloting project data in support of a larger submission to the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

A NIH funded project would advance Dr. Wright’s cause of growing manual physical therapy in the United States, as the NIH is the largest supporter of medical and health-related research in the world. Dr. Wright commented that, “A NIH grant is the seal of approval that one’s research is meaningful and worthy of attention.” We at RASP agree!

Registration Open For November 8th Grant Writing Workshops

Dr. Bob Lowman is the Vice Chancellor for Research and research professor in Psychology at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a nationally recognized speaker who has presented his proven techniques and strategies for winning research funding at over fifty colleges, universities, and non-profits.

Bob will present a seminar on The Twelve Keys to Successful Grant Writing in the morning. The afternoon seminar, The Ins and Outs of Federal Funding, will provide a road map on locating funding at various federal agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and the National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities. The seminar looks at the mission statements and strategic planning goals of each agency, explores their structures and funding mechanisms, identifies unique attributes of their various funding programs, examines sample solicitations, and discusses their methods of merit review.

The seminars will be held on November 8th in the Wilson Commerce Ballroom. The morning seminar will be from 8:30 AM through 12 PM. The afternoon seminar will be from 1:00 PM through 4:30 PM. Please reserve in advance by emailing rasp@highpoint.edu

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