

OFFICE OF RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

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Spring Into Summer Research!

Are you looking to the summer to get your research or professional development efforts started in earnest? If so, RASP is here to help. Remember that RASP can help you with finding opportunities, including scholarships, fellowships, and travel grants, just to name a few.

RASP recently subscribed to the [Research Development & Grant Writing News](#), a monthly grants newsletter. The April addition is attached for your review. RASP will email the newsletter after the 15 of each month. The newsletter offers proposal writing tips, techniques, and a host of other helpful information.

RASP also concluded negotiations on HPU's first Facilities and Administration (F&A) agreement. An F&A agreement allows HPU to recover costs not directly associated with a project. HPU's new F&A agreement is attached.

We welcome your comments. Feel free to contact The Researcher via email at rasp@highpoint.edu!

Sincerely,

Director
Research Administration & Sponsored Programs

Interesting Opportunities

➔ [Science Undergrad Lab Internships](#)

The Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) program encourages undergraduate students to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers by providing research experiences at the Department of Energy (DOE) laboratories. Selected students participate as interns appointed at one of 15 participating DOE laboratories. They perform research, under the guidance of laboratory staff scientists or engineers, on projects supporting the DOE mission.

Deadline: Oct 1, 2013

➔ [National Art Education Association](#)

Major grants supporting research that advances knowledge in the field of art education and that promulgates the goals outlined in *Creating a Visual Arts Research Agenda Toward the 21st Century*. Amounts up to \$10,000 will be awarded to selected art educators whose proposals specifically focus on issues relating to one of the recommendations identified by NAEA's Commission on Research.

Deadline: October 1, 2013

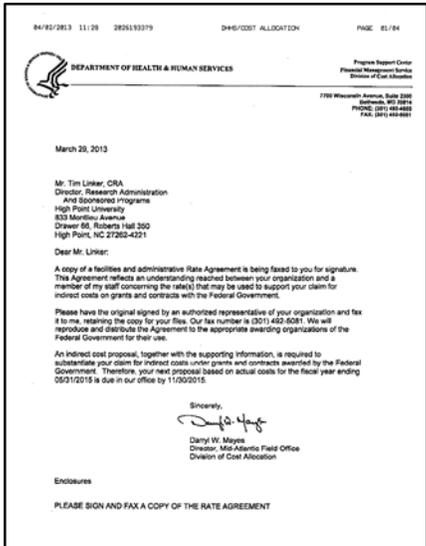


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Dr. Virginia McDermott

RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Virginia McDermott, Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Communication exemplifies the liberal arts ideal of a teacher-scholar. To her, research and teaching are integrally linked.

She states: "Part of my goal as a teacher and scholar is to help students understand that research is not just something done at universities; instead, it is an important component of an intellectual and engaged life." Her three areas research interest involve three basic questions:

- (1) How do problematic events change the nature of relationships and conversations?
- (2) How can communication facilitate coping—in personal relationships, organizations, and communities?
- (3) How can communication campaigns be used to address health issues and disparities and social inequities?

Recently, Dr. McDermott mentored Kaitland Willingham, a Communication graduate student, on a research project partially funded by a local company titled, "The Effect of Elaboration on the Investing Behaviors of College Students."



This project sought to determine the best methods to teach financial literacy to college students using the Elaboration Likelihood Model (ELM).

Both mentor and mentee found the project illuminating. This effort a great example of how teaching combined with research offer invaluable experiences for HPU students!

Want to learn more about the Elaboration Likelihood Model? Check out the [article](#) by Richard E. Petty and John T. Cacioppo that started it all.

HPU Finalizes Its Administrative & Facilities Rate Agreement

In March of 2013, RASP finalized the negotiation of its Facilities and Administration (F&A) rate agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). This agreement is the first agreement that HPU has received and the culmination of a nine-month process.

There are two types of costs in every sponsored programs budget: direct and indirect costs. Direct project costs include categories such as faculty salary, travel, and materials and supplies. F&A costs (a.k.a. indirect costs) include budgetary lines such as electricity, water, phone, postage, and certain personnel costs. Without a negotiated F&A agreement, these costs could not be adequately recovered from sponsors.

HPU's agreement provides two rates, one for on-campus programs and the other for off-

campus programs. All sponsored research programs must seek full F&A recovery unless a sponsor has an official policy of limiting or prohibiting F&A. This limitation or prohibition must be documented in the sponsor's Request For Proposal (RFP) or official sponsor documentation. In certain cases, the Director of RASP can waive F&A recovery in the best interests of HPU. These requests can be handled on a case-by-case basis. These rates are good through 5/31/16.

F&A received by HPU is distributed back to the Principal Investigator (PI), department, division, and RASP by formula. Of note is that the PI receives fifteen percent of all F&A received on a project. This is one of the most generous F&A return rates of all universities. These funds may be used for any PI requested cost except for salary enhancement. The rate can also be found on the [RASP website](#).

| F&A Rates | |
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| Location | Rate |
| On-Campus | 48.3% |
| Off-Campus | 17.2% |

| F&A Distribution | |
|------------------|------|
| Unit | Rate |
| PI | 15% |
| Department | 10% |
| Division | 25% |
| RASP | 50% |