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WELCOME TO THE HCRS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our first installment of the Health Colleges Research Services News and Announcements! Our goal is to limit the content to three or four “hot” research related topics per month throughout the Academic Year. While the focus of our office is primarily pre-award services, we plan to include information useful to investigators both pre- and post-award. If you have questions about us or the services we provide, please visit our [website](#).

NIH EARLY STAGE INVESTIGATOR STATUS

By Theresa Couch

NIH Early Stage Investigators (ESI) are PD/PI’s who have completed their terminal degree or finished their post-graduate clinical training within the past 10 years, *and* who have not already received an NIH independent research award. As an ESI, you receive a few benefits in the NIH review and award process, such as scientific review focused more on approach than track record and a higher priority for funding.

The ESI status is automatically calculated by eRA Commons based on the date of your terminal degree or clinical training, whichever is later. **There is not a checkbox to mark this status in the proposal!**

To verify your degree or training dates, log in to eRA Commons and click on the Personal Profile tab. Then open the Education panel and click Edit in the top right of the panel. Once you are in edit mode, add or update the date for your degree or training and then click Save All at the top of the screen. HCRS cannot access or edit your profile, so if you encounter any issues please contact the [eRA Commons Help Desk](#).

More information about the [ESI policy](#), and a [FAQ page](#), is available online.

OTHER SUPPORT REMINDER

By Erin Gorman

Most federal agencies require “Current & Pending Support” or

“Other Support” documents for all PIs and Senior/Key Personnel to be submitted before an award is issued. When completing your Other Support document, please remember to include ALL support including gifts, grants, and contracts from all foreign and domestic sources, including MSU project support. Visiting scholars supported by their home institution should be included as well. It is the responsibility of the Investigator/Key Person to make sure that all projects and affiliations are disclosed and that the document is completed in its entirety.

Find guidance on NIH Other Support requirements here: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/othersupport.htm>.

HCRS TIP: FIND FUNDING

By Teresa Thomas

Are you looking for funding opportunities? Are you looking for subject experts to collaborate with? Here are some resources that may help you identify funding sources for your research.

MSU Scholars

This public site highlights MSU subject experts and can be used to identify collaborators. Faculty can also review and update their own research profiles here.

Faculty Insight

An MSU Net ID is required to log into this site. Grant funding opportunities (Federal, State, Industry, Foundation) can be found.

NIH RePORTer Matchmaker

NIH RePORTer Matchmaker allows faculty to enter complete abstracts or key scientific terminology and the system will “match” or identify similar projects funded by NIH. The results also show which institutes/center funds these projects and under which funding mechanism (R21, R34, R01, etc.). Information returned is not tracked and it does not store abstracts entered for search criteria.

Foundation Directory Online Professional

The Foundation Center maintains this database with over 140,000 private/corporate foundations as well as links to federal funding opportunities. This database is available for anyone with an MSU Net ID. Individuals can use this database to find who has received funding in the past on over 13 million awarded grants and find information on more than a million entities who file IRS Forms 990's.

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