With the University's winter recess quickly approaching, we are encouraging those submitting proposals to do so as far in advance of the deadline as possible. As you are aware, the University will be closed from noon on Friday, December 23, 2011 through Monday, January 2, 2012. Proposals due during recess or immediately before should arrive to us no later than **Friday, December 16**\(^{th}\). Please send me an email as soon as possible if you are considering a proposal so that we may ensure proper staffing and alert our administrator in the central Department of Contracts and Grants.

For proposals due in early January, please consider completing the administrative shell, which includes the budget, budget justification, and abstract/summary, prior to winter recess. This would permit us to route the proposal for early approvals while still allowing time to revise the technical pieces during and following recess.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. Our goal as always is to support faculty in creating competitive research proposals. Early planning will make dealing with shortened schedules and holiday deadlines easier on all of us. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Best wishes,
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**PROPOSAL ACTIVITY YEARLY STATUS UPDATE**

We’ve recently updated our annual grant activity report to include both the 10-11 fiscal year and the current year up through the end of October. The following table includes a comparison in dollars terms of Sol School proposals, awards, and expenditures.

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<th>Fiscal Year</th>
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*Totals include ~$10mil in grant transfers received through the establishment of the Schaeffer Center.*
So far this fiscal year we have submitted 39 proposals, a 61% increase in volume over the same time period last year! You’ll find more details on submissions and awards made in November in the tables at the bottom of the newsletter.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

1. **James H. Zumberge Faculty Research & Innovation Fund**
   
   The primary purpose of the individual awards program is to help junior and new faculty launch their scholarly research careers. It does so by providing grants that assist faculty in developing sustained research programs or serve as a stepping stone to external funding agencies for faculty that do not already have significant sponsored research programs.

   The secondary purpose of the individual awards program is to support faculty who work in fields where external funding opportunities are limited. These awards support faculty in undertaking research that would not otherwise be carried out due to a lack of non-USC grant sources in the investigator’s area of scholarship.

   The Zumberge Fund Individual Award provides up to $25,000 in research support. The Zumberge Fund Individual Award includes a second component: Assistant faculty may, at their option, add a formal mentoring element to their project. Senior faculty who serve as research mentors and carry out a set of activities in support of the awardee’s project, outlined in the proposal, will receive $2,000 in funding for their own research accounts.

   Applications are due on **Wednesday, January 18th, 2012**. More information can be found in the attached solicitation.

2. **James H. Zumberge Faculty Research & Innovation Fund**
   
   Zumberge Multi-School Interdisciplinary Research Grants provide seed funding for broad, collaborative research activities that are interdisciplinary and involve groups of faculty from multiple schools across USC. Successful proposals are typically led by faculty with strong records of previous research accomplishments. The priority for interdisciplinary awards is for teams of such faculty who are preparing a proposal for an externally-funded multi-investigator grant on the scale of an interdisciplinary center, training grant, or program project award.

   At least two separate schools within USC must be represented between the primary appointments of the PI and co-PI. Applications should also specifically describe the involvement of other faculty (beyond the PI and co-PI) who have agreed to participate in the project.

   Research teams can apply for Large Grants of up to $50,000, or Small Grants of up to $10,000. Letters for intent for the Large Grants are due **Wednesday, January 18th, 2012**. The full solicitation is attached.

3. **NSF Sociology Program**
   
   Regular Research proposals targeted at the NSF Sociology program are due **Monday, January 16th, 2012**. More details can be found at the following link:  [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5369](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5369).
UPCOMING RESEARCH EVENTS

Thursday, December 8

Bundling Among Rivals: A Case of Pharmaceutical Cocktails
USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics – Quintiles Keynote Lecture Series
The speaker will be Sean Nicholson, Professor, Department of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University, and Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research. For any additional information, questions or comments, please contact Devin Stambler at dstamble@healthpolicy.usc.edu.
Time: 2-3 p.m.
Location: University Gateway (UGW), Schaeffer Center, Room 100B

Schaeffer Center Open House
Please join us for the Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics Faculty Open House on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 3:30-5 p.m. This informal event will provide an opportunity for faculty from the Price School of Public Policy and the School of Pharmacy, to meet each other, and to discuss the possibility for future research collaborations. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Devin Stambler at dstamble@healthpolicy.usc.edu.
Location: Schaeffer Center (3335 S. Figueroa St, Unit A in the new University Gateway building)

Monday, December 12

Certification and Standard Setting Among Nonprofits and NGOs: Theory and Evidence
USC Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy Nonprofit Research Seminar Series
The presenter will be Mary Kay Guerty, Associate Professor, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington. Dr. Gugerty has taught at the University of Washington since 2001. Her research interests focus on governance and the emergence and design of collective action institutions among individuals and organizations, with a particular focus on developing countries. Her current research focuses on the emergence of voluntary regulation and accountability programs among nonprofits and NGOs globally. She is the lead editor of Voluntary Regulation of Nonprofit and Nongovernmental Organizations: An Accountability Club Framework, published by Cambridge University Press in 2010 and co-edited with Aseem Prakash. Gugerty’s work in this area has also been published in Nonprofit and Voluntary Section Quarterly, Regulation and Governance, Public Administration and Development, and Policy Sciences. Please RSVP by Dec. 8 to cppp@usc.edu.
Time: Noon-1:30 p.m.
Location: RGL 308

Tuesday, December 13

Cost Effectiveness Analysis Under Stochastic Uncertainty
USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy Economics Brown Bag Lunch Series
Presenter: Professor Joel W. Hay, USC School of Pharmacy; Objective: To evaluate the optimal allocation of health care treatments when treatment costs and outcomes are uncertain; Contact: brianawh@healthpolicy.usc.edu.
Time: Noon-1 p.m.
Location: University Park Campus University Gateway (UGW) Schaeffer Center, Room 100B
Validation in CGE Modelling
USC CREATE Seminar
The presenter will be Peter B. Dixon, Sir John Monash Distinguished Professor at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. Refreshments will be served -- to ensure that enough is ordered, please RSVP directly to Erin Calicchio (calicchi@usc.edu, 213-740-3863) no later than Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011.
Time: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Location: RGL 308

PROPOSAL ACTIVITY

The following table includes proposals that were submitted in November:

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Total 3,891,100 1,124,676
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