GRANTS SUBMITTED

Nicole Loew (PhD student, Faculty Advisors Melissa Lehan-Mackin and Lioness Ayres), Responsible Sexual Behavior: Perspectives of Rural Iowa Women. Iowa Prevention Research Center pilot grant.

Stephanie Edmonds (PhD student, Faculty Advisors Kathy Clark and Lioness Ayres), Examining Reproductive Life Planning Practices among Midwestern Title X Clinics, Iowa Prevention Research Center pilot grant.


Reminder: Purchase of Computer/Peripheral Supplies

Folks who are purchasing items for their units or grant projects: Please remember that anytime you are purchasing computers or computer-related supplies to please let Pat Whetstone and the IT team know before you make the purchase.

This is important for several reasons. Pat and his team can help you to identify the best options for your project, advise on the best way to make these purchases and, in some instances, may know about a less-expensive or better solution for your project. In addition, for inventory purposes they are also responsible for keeping a record of what has been ordered in the College, so keeping them in the loop is critically important to allowing them to keep this record up to date and accurate. Here are some categories of items whose purchase requires approval from the IT unit:

Although it’s been clear in the past that this policy applies to purchasing desktop and laptop computers, tablets, and printers, please note that it also applies to software (NVIVO, SPSS, etc.) and other computing service agreements (e.g., software support or maintenance costs) as well as any peripheral devices that plug into computers, including (but not limited to) smart pens, other smart devices, computer mouse and keyboard, speakers, USB thumb drives, and internal/external hard drives.

If you have any questions about whether a purchase requires approval from the IT department, please contact Pat Whetstone (patrick-whetstone@uiowa.edu).
Open Access Publication Support

Want to publish in an Open Access journal but can’t afford the hefty publication fees? To prevent cost of publishing in OA journals from being a deterrent, the Provost’s Office partners with UI Libraries to maintain an Open Access Fund. This fund will pay publication fees up to $3,000 for publication in open access journals. For more, visit:
http://guides.lib.uiowa.edu/scholarly_publishing/OAfund

Payment of Research Subjects – Dianne Rash

With many new projects gearing up, now is a good time to remind everyone of the options for paying research participants.

Research subjects are typically compensated by a check or a gift card. Both checks and gift cards are considered cash. The preference is to have subjects compensated by checks. Since gift cards are considered cash, there is additional recording keeping required for gift cards and anyone handling the gift cards must complete the University of Iowa’s Cash Handling course. Furthermore, UI policy states that purchases of gift cards for research subjects are allowed for U.S. Citizens only. If it is absolutely necessary to use gift cards, the ONRS will purchase gift cards from either Wal-Mart or Target once a month, on the first business day of the month.

In order to be compensated, subjects must provide identifying information: Name, Address, and Citizenship status. If payment exceeds $75, they must also provide their SSN. Since some individuals may be unwilling to provide this information, we strongly recommend that you indicate that there is an opportunity to waive receipt of payment should they not wish to provide this information. The Institutional Review Board actually requires this notification in the language of the consent form. Don’t panic if yours was approved without this statement, just make a note for future projects. Please contact Dianne Rash (dianne-rash@uiowa.edu) with questions.

CON Summer Grants Workshop June 15-18

Reminder to folks who are writing grants or are interested in learning more about the process of writing grants: Please attend our 2015 Summer Grants Workshop, June 15-18 in 133 CNB. The morning sessions are open to everyone! Updated schedule: http://www.nursing.uiowa.edu/sites/default/files/documents/research/Grantsmanship_Workshop_Schedule.pdf

CON Publications (received since the May 2015 ONRS Update).

Names of CON students/recent graduates are underlined

