

Research Matters

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Notes from Beneath the Blue Awning

Hello UWF Researchers,

Happy fall (season, not term) from the whole RAE staff. We wish you all the best as you make the turn into the upcoming holidays and the final push of the semester.

As you are all aware, the national and state economies are creating challenging conditions for higher education. These conditions are likely to persist for some time and will affect the way that all of us at UWF support the UWF core mission. While the state budget has contracted, federal sponsor funding remains at pre-pandemic levels. Therefore, this is a great time to explore how external funding can support your initiatives to provide the best possible teaching, research, and service to our students and stakeholders. RAE is here to help you do so.



If you've not yet created a **GrantForward** account to explore for funding opportunities that align with your professional goals, follow **this link** and do so now. (**NOTE:** You can create multiple searches for different aspects of your professional portfolio and have them delivered on a schedule of YOUR choosing). It's easy, free (well, RAE pays), and can supercharge your knowledge about funding opportunities for public and private sources in ALL disciplines.

Many times, we can get stuck in the weeds and lose the forest for the trees (Did I mix too many plant-based metaphors?). To help ensure that you are making some strategic decisions regarding your research funding, take a few minutes to complete the **Crafting a Research Agenda** survey. This short survey will help you think through how your strengths (and even your weaknesses) can create opportunities for expanding your opportunities.

If you are interested in National Science Foundation (NSF) grant opportunities, consider registering for the upcoming **NSF Fall 2020 Virtual Grants Conference** that is "designed to give new faculty, researchers and administrators key insights into a

wide range of current issues at NSF. NSF program officers will be providing up-to-date information about specific funding opportunities and answering attendee questions.” Registration opens Oct. 29 for the events during the weeks of Nov. 16 and 30, 2020.

Once you’ve identified the right funding opportunity for your great idea, please let RAE know (early!!) by submitting a Proposal Request ticket to our **RAE Service Desk**. (While you’re there, check out your entry in the **Researcher Interests and Skills database** and let us know if we need to **update** our records).

Finally, it is my pleasure to introduce two new members of the UWF RAE team:

- Senior Grant Specialist **Catherine Stresing** joins us after more than a decade spent supporting proposals and grant applications for Florida State University.
- Senior Grant Specialist **Leigh Stephens** most recently worked managing a federal program at St. Jude’s Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, after specializing in subawards while at Auburn University.

Both of these exemplary new team members will support RAE’s continuing efforts to enhance and expand the quality and quantity of proposals submitted (and funding secured) for UWF faculty and staff.

Regards,

Matthew Schwartz

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Received a Grant or Have Some Good News About a Research Project?

*We'd love to share your accomplishments!
Please feel free to [contact us](#).*

Funding Opportunities

Watch this space! RAE is currently re-working how we share funding opportunities to our faculty and staff.

In the meantime, feel free to access **GrantForward**—UWF faculty and staff can sign up with their UWF account to create a free profile with this funding search tool! For a step-by-step guide, please refer to our **GrantForward Handout**.

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