International Research Grants Workshop

Division of Research
Texas A&M University
Research Development Services (RDS)

• Created in September 2013
• A unit of the Division of Research; reports to the Vice President for Research, Dr. Glen A. Laine.
• Assists the Texas A&M University research community through:
  • professional development in research proposal planning and writing.
  • Large interdisciplinary and individual grant proposal development support
  • administration of Texas A&M grant programs, including those with international partners
  • facilitating connections between inter- and multidisciplinary teams and federal agencies
• Located on the College Station campus, providing support to all Texas A&M colleges and schools, including those in Dallas, Fort Worth, Kingsville, Houston, Galveston, and Qatar
• http://vpr.tamu.edu/researchdevelopment
International Research Grants

RDS manages the following International programs –

• Texas A&M-CAPES (Brazilian universities)
• Texas A&M-CONACYT (CONACYT-member Mexican universities and research centers)
• Texas A&M-NSFC (Chinese universities and institutions)
Texas A&M-CAPES Overview

• CAPES - Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education
• Between faculty at Texas A&M and faculty at Brazilian universities
• Program seeks to facilitate global faculty-to-faculty collaboration and further research ties that yield preliminary results and enable joint applications for extramural funding
Texas A&M-CAPES
Program Details

• Program will award 6 grants of up to $50,000 for Texas A&M PI and equivalent amount in Reals for Brazilian PI
• Matching Funds requirement with 50% from the awardee’s college
• Each PI is limited to one submission per year
• Any individual PI is precluded from receiving an award in two successive years
Texas A&M-CAPES Eligibility

• Must involve one PI from Texas A&M and one from a Brazilian university
• Texas A&M PI must be tenured or tenure-track
• Brazilian PI must have served as a PI or Co-PI on a competitively awarded CAPES research grant in the past 5 years
Texas A&M-CAPES Proposal Submission

• Proposal in English must be submitted using the online eProposal system (https://eproposal.tamu.edu)
• Proposal in Portuguese must be submitted to CAPES in accordance with CAPES proposal submission processes
• The English and Portuguese versions of the proposals must be essentially the same
Texas A&M-CAPES Calendar*

- RFP Release Date: December 1, 2014
- Full Proposals Due: January 12, 2014
- Notifications of Awards: April 2014
- Award Period: May 1, 2015-April 30, 2017
- Transfer of Funds: May 2015
  (all compliance documents must be in place for funding to occur)

*Dates are subject to change
Texas A&M-CONACYT Overview

• CONACYT - National Council for Science and Technology (Basically the NSF in Mexico)
• Between faculty at Texas A&M and faculty at Mexican universities
• Program seeks to facilitate global faculty-to-faculty collaboration to:
  – Develop and sustain research collaborations through this project;
  – Jointly author high-impact publications in leading professional journals or books; and
  – Submit joint proposals for external research funding from competitive granting agencies.
Texas A&M-CONACYT
Types of Awards

• *Regular Research Awards* are intended to provide support for projects that advance scientific knowledge and will lay the basis for proposals to external funding agencies.

• *Special Research Awards* are intended to provide support for projects that build on existing extramurally funded research activities.
Texas A&M-CONACYT
Program Details

• *Regular Research Award* providing up to $24,000 in joint funding (up to 10 awards)

• *Special Research Project Award* providing up to $75,000 in joint funding (up to 2 awards)

• Letter of Intent (LOI) is required

• PIs may not submit proposals to both award programs.

• Each PI is limited to one submission per year.

• Any individual PI is precluded from receiving an award in two successive years.
Texas A&M-CONACYT Eligibility

• Must involve one PI from Texas A&M and one from a higher education institution in Mexico or CONACYT research center
• Texas A&M PI must be tenured or tenure-track
• Mexican PI must:
  – be part of the National System for Researchers (SNI) and
  – be a full-time faculty member from any institution of higher education or a research center in Mexico or research center that is registered in El Registro Nacional de Instituciones y Empresas Científicas y Tecnológicas (RENIIECYT)
Texas A&M-CONACYT Proposal Submission

- **One** joint proposal in English must be submitted using the online eProposal system (https://eproposal.tamu.edu)
- Only **one** proposal submitted
- Joint Proposal with TAMU and Mexican PIs –
  - Mexican PI creates an account in eProposal and has access to view/upload/edit proposal
Texas A&M-CONACYT Calendar*

- RFP Release Date: November 17, 2014
- Letters of Intent Due: January 26, 2015
- Full Proposals Due: March 9, 2015
- Notifications of Awards: June 2015
- Award Period: September 1, 2015-August 31, 2016
- Transfer of Funds: September 2015
  (all compliance documents must be in place for funding to occur)

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Texas A&M Mexico Office

• The Texas A&M Mexico Office was established to facilitate Texas A&M engagement in Mexico. Located in Mexico City.

• Assists Texas A&M faculty with research and other activities in Mexico through a variety of services.

• For more information, contact Dr. Suzanne Droleskey, sdroleskey@tamu.edu or 845-3099.
Texas A&M-NSFC Overview

• NSFC - National Natural Science Foundation of China
• Between faculty at Texas A&M and faculty at Chinese universities
• Program seeks to facilitate global faculty-to-faculty collaboration and further research ties that yield preliminary results and enable joint applications for extramural funding
Texas A&M-NSFC
Program Details

• Program will award up to 10 grants of up to $25,000 for Texas A&M PI and equivalent amount in RMB for Chinese PI
• Letter of Intent (LOI) is required
• Each PI is limited to one submission per year
• Any individual PI is precluded from receiving an award in two successive years
Texas A&M-NSFC
Eligibility

- Must involve one PI from Texas A&M and one from a Chinese university
- Texas A&M PI must be tenured or tenure-track
- Chinese PI must serve as a PI or Co-PI on a current NSFC research grant
Texas A&M-NSFC Proposal Submission

• Proposal in English must be submitted using the online eProposal system (https://eproposal.tamu.edu)

• Proposal in Chinese must be submitted to NSFC in accordance with NSFC proposal submission processes

• The English and Chinese versions of the proposals must be essentially the same
Texas A&M-NSFC Calendar*

• RFP Release Date: February 2, 2015
• Letters of Intent Due: March 2, 2015
• Full Proposals Due: April 6, 2015
• Notifications of Awards: June 2015
• Award Period: September 1, 2015-August 31, 2016
• Transfer of Funds: September 2015
  (all compliance documents must be in place for funding to occur)

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Writer’s Workshops for International Programs

• CONACYT Writer’s Workshop
  – November 20, 2014
• CAPES Writer’s Workshop
  – December 4, 2014
• NSFC Writer’s Workshop
  – February 3, 2015

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Research Compliance and Biosafety

• Under the Division of Research
• Provides information and guidance in areas such as:
  – biosafety
  – animal use and care
  – human subjects research
  – conflict of interest
  – biosafety occupational health
  – export controls
  – good laboratory practices
  – scientific misconduct
  – responsible conduct in research
• Oversight for research with animals, biohazardous materials, and human subjects is provided by Texas A&M’s Research Compliance Review Committees:
  – Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
  – Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)
  – Institutional Review Board (IRB)
International Awards and Compliance

• All awarded proposal will be reviewed by staff in Research Compliance and Biosafety to ensure that the proposed research meets research compliance and biosafety standards.

• Research conducted in a foreign country is still subject to Research Compliance and Biosafety standards due to the International Partnership agreements.
How to be in the know?

- International Program Coordinator
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- RDS Website
  - http://vpr.tamu.edu/researchdevelopment

- Join the RDS International Listserv
  - INTL-GRANTS@listserv.tamu.edu

- Join the RDS General Information Listserv
  - RDS-INFO@listserv.tamu.edu
Proposal Development Support

For the single investigator and large-scale, multidisciplinary, multi-investigator teams who are developing grant proposals, RDS provides:

- strategic research development;
- timeline development and tracking for proposals;
- review, critiquing, and editing of proposal text, biosketches, and other documents to match agency requirements and solicitations;
- linkages to other programs to serve educational efforts and broader impacts; and
- facilitation of external reviews (e.g., red team review), as applicable.
Faculty Professional Development

RDS provides multiple professional development opportunities throughout the year. Topics this year include:

- Writing successful grant proposals to –
  - Funding Agencies: NIH, NSF, CAREER, and others
  - Texas A&M Internal Programs: International Research Grant Programs, PESCA, Humanities & Arts Fellows Program
- Writing successful resubmissions to both federal funding agencies and Texas A&M-sponsored programs
- Temporary Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Assignments at Federal Agencies
- Broader Impacts
RDS Managed Grants and Other Programs

- Internal–
  - PESCA
  - Humanities & Arts Fellows Program
- Connecting researchers across disciplines and distances (i.e., Law School faculty connecting with inter- and multidisciplinary research groups)
- Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Assignments
Research Development Services Staff

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