

# 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 (RENIECYT)



# 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](mailto: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?

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- Join the RDS General Information Listserv
  - [RDS-INFO@listserv.tamu.edu](mailto: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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