April 15, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

It has been a few months since I have written and I wanted to write now to describe the progress we have made as an Institution and tell you about some new things on the horizon. *(For more information: follow the blue hotlinks below)*

1. Expect an announcement of a **new funding program sponsored** by the Presidents of TTUHSC, TTUHSC-EP and TTU and the system Chancellor. This will provide funds for ***new*** research programs that establish ***new*** collaborations between the campuses. If there are opportunities to establish new research relationships with TTU or TTUHSC-EP, this is a good time to start thinking about them.

2. Based on an initial suggestion by Dr. Dan Hardy, a new Research Compliance module for Digital Measures has been created that will enable you to see your trainings, licensures, and approved IRB, IACUC, and IBC protocols all in one place.   Throw away the Post-It notes on your computer. Sabrina Sattler from the Office of Institutional Planning and Assessment and Brian Nordstrom from Information Services were instrumental in assisting Office of Research staff with implementation of the new module.   Here is a sample of what it will look like:

Training

Type	Description	Date Completed	Ending Valid Date
Animal Use	Working with Mice in Research Settings	October 18, 2013	October 17, 2016
Animal Use	Reducing Pain and Distress in Laboratory Mice and Rats	January 6, 2014	January 5, 2017
Animal Use	Institutional Official: Animal Care and Use	August 7, 2014	August 6, 2017
Conflict of Interest	Conflict of Interest mini-course	October 18, 2013	October 17, 2017
General Research	Working with the IACUC	January 7, 2014	January 6, 2017
General Research	Biomedical Responsible Conduct of Research	October 18, 2013	
Human Subjects	Institutional/Signatory Official: Human Subject Research	August 7, 2014	August 6, 2017

Approvals & Safety Licenses

Type	Study Title	ID Number (e.g., IRB Number, IACUC Number)	Description	Details (Agents, Isotopes, other particulars)	Approval Date	Expiration Date
Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)		12345	LBK			December 31, 2015
Radiation Safety			4B111, 222	S35, P32, C14, H3, I125		May 31, 2015

3. **The R15 grant mechanism** has benefitted TTUHSC substantially. This program serves Institutions with limited NIH funding and provides investigator funding for a 3-year period and up to $300K over the project period. Based on our success in funding, the NIH has determined that TTUHSC SOM no longer qualifies for this program, effective April 1, 2014.

We believe that the SON, SOP and Allied Health remain eligible for the R15 program.

Accordingly, while all R15 applications that were submitted for the application deadline in late February will be reviewed and considered as R15 applications, TTUHSC SOM can no longer submit awards for this support mechanism going forward.

SOM faculty are encouraged to use the R01 mechanism for support. The duration (Typically up to 5 years) and budget (generally $250K-500K / year) of the R01 are superior to the R15 mechanism.

Please recall that the deadlines for the R01 differ from those for the R15.

These are excellent guidance resources for help in writing an R01:

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/writing_application.htm

http://www.niaid.nih.gov/researchfunding/grant/strategy/Pages/stepswin.aspx

In addition, Dr. Paula Grammas is available for discussions. Kindly refer technical questions to Erin Woods, OSP if you have questions about the R01 mechanism.

4. **Keep an electronic eye on the NIH.** NIH maintains a large number of opportunities to subscribe to listservs that can alert you of grant opportunities and policy changes. These can be customized according to your needs and interests. Here are a couple of listservs that might interest you. https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNIH/subscriber/new?preferences=true#tab1 http://era.nih.gov/about_era/get_connected.cfm
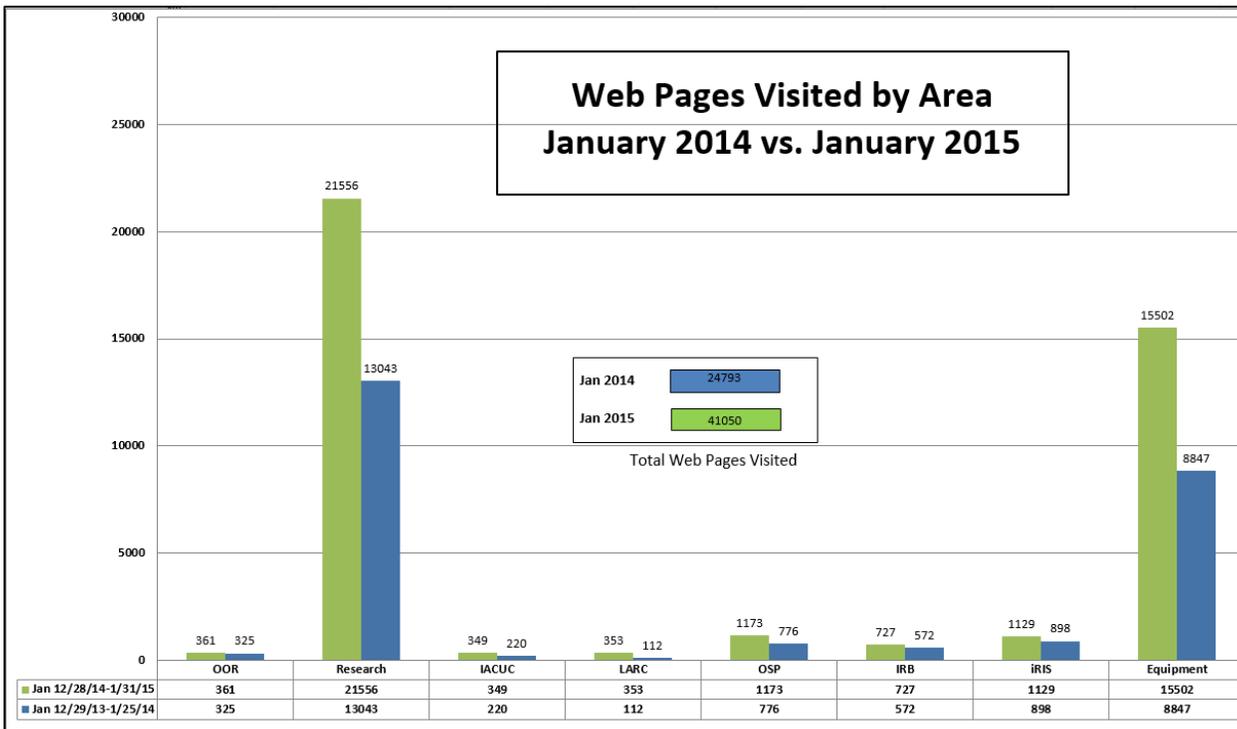

5. Read about the **upcoming special series, "Pharmacological Careers in Drug Discovery,"** Presented by Terry Kenakin Ph.D.,

6. Thanks to those who have praised **the new Research website design**—the design is focused on quick navigation and useful information. If you haven't seen it, please have a look. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS is intended to provide important information and stories about our successes.

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Are you using the new website: YES!

7. **AAHRPP accreditation is on the front burner.** If you want [more information](#):
Our accreditation site visit is in early May.

8. **Presidential lecturers:** Two are established and we are still working on the 2015 speaker: We are fortunate to have the following speakers committed to visiting us.

Dr. Elaine [Fuchs](#) (2016)
Dr. Huda [Zogbhi](#) (2017):

Good wishes.

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