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Despite navigating challenges posed by the pandemic, CHHS faculty continue to actively pursue their many varied research agendas. We can be proud of contributions that our faculty are making across the spectrum of health care and social service research, and pivotal changes some have made to pursue alternative research paths related to the COVID environment and immediate needs. Our 2021 Quarter 2 awards data are trending solidly at just over \$1.5 million.

Upcoming Award Deadlines:

- The **Resiliency Center for Families and Children** has issued a request for proposals for its **Research and Innovation Incentive Grant Program**. The request details (PDF) are attached, as is a submission form template (MS Word). Proposals are due by 5 p.m. on **March 15**.
- **CHHS Research Incentive Awards** are available to jump-start projects for which you need a nominal amount of funds. These awards are well-suited for new ideas, pilot studies, or other work. More information can be found at wmich.edu/hhs/research.
 - Innovation Team award: One \$2,500 award offered per semester; due **March 31**
 - Research Development award: Two \$1,500 awards offered per semester; due **March 31**
 - Submit any questions as well as applications to ann.tyler@wmich.edu.
- **ORI Interdisciplinary Team Excellence Enhancement Grant**, due **March 23**, by 5 p.m. Visit the website to access a new feature for faculty who are looking for potential team members. ORI has added a "Looking for Members or Join a Team" button on the website wmich.edu/research/interdisciplinary-grant. Once the forms have been submitted the information on the form will be added to the website.

New Research Resources and Support:

- **Interdisciplinary Research Methods Seminars:** College-wide seminars on research and analytical methods presented by faculty and students in the [Interdisciplinary Health Sciences](http://wmich.edu/interdisciplinary-health-sciences) Ph.D. program.
 - Past sessions: Survey Research Methods (Nov. 6, 2020) and Secondary Data Analysis (Dec. 9, 2020).
 - Next in series: Data Visualization, Date TBD, more information to come.
- **Scholarly Support Pods:** Small groups of early-career faculty will be meeting monthly with

senior faculty mentors to focus on specific scholarly goals in an environment of mutual support and accountability. Tiffany Lee, Maureen Mickus, Jennifer Harrison, Ann Tyler serving as senior mentors.

- **Stat Assist service through IHS:** Remember that if you have the need for statistical advice on your scholarly work, contact ann.tyler@wmich.edu for a referral to a consult through the interdisciplinary doctoral program.
- Licenses for the **qualitative analysis software**, NVivo, have been purchased by the college for research support. The software has been installed on two Mobile lab systems and is on two LRC machines, which will eventually have remote access. Plans are underway to install at our Grand Rapids site as well. Please contact [CHHS IT Helpdesk](#) for options and further information.
- **BRAIN Lab:** The lab serves as an interdisciplinary hub for faculty across the college and campus engaged in basic and applied research using various neuroscience-driven methodologies. Lab affiliates are compiling a detailed inventory of all the Biopac equipment and modules available in [the BRAIN lab](#) and other labs in CHHS. Biopac equipment is widely used in the life sciences and medical research for physiological measurement and analysis. With primary affiliation to the School of Music, the BRAIN Lab has had a past focus on auditory cognition and music; however, recent collaborations span other areas of neuroscience and application to rehabilitation.

ORI Opportunities and Reminders:

- 2021 Discovery Acceleration Workshops: **March 22, noon to 1 p.m.** - *Grants and Contracts - Appointments on Grants*
- **7/5/2 Rule:**
 - PAF routed to OVPR by noon 7 days before sponsor deadline
 - administrative and supporting documents (final version) due 5 days before
 - final narrative proposal due 2 days before deadline.
 - Rule exception requests must be submitted to associate dean.
- Remember that a **research restart plan** is required before returning to on-site research activities. Also, the **travel waiver** process is still in effect (wmich.edu/travel). Should you need to travel for your research or creative scholarship the waiver request should be sent to **Terri Kinzy** for externally or ORI grant funded work, or the **Provost** for unfunded work.
- **Workshops on demand:** We can develop workshops for specific topics; let me know if you have requests!

This is a time too for exploring new partnerships in response to interdisciplinary initiatives and opportunities on campus. If there is anything I can do to connect you to others on campus who may share similar research interests, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for your dedication to discovery - all the best,
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