The Proposal Development unit within the Office of Sponsored Programs publishes this notice on a bi-weekly basis. If you are interested in any of the opportunities listed, and would like review/editing assistance with a proposal, please contact Carol Brodie at 5-1328, carol.brodie@unlv.edu. However, for opportunities from foundations, please contact Caleen Johnson at 5-2828, caleen.johnson@unlv.edu. Please see the Proposal Development website, http://www.unlv.edu/research/proposal for a complete list of our office’s services. An archive of these newsletters can be found at http://www.unlv.edu/research/archives

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Workshop – How to Locate Grant Funding Opportunities Workshop

Tuesday, October 5, 2:00 p.m.
Lied Library Rhyolite Room, 1st Floor

You have a great idea for a research project...but how do you locate a relevant outside funding source? Come to this informative, hands-on workshop offered by UNLV’s Office of Sponsored Programs and the Lied Library, to learn how to utilize existing resources and search for current funding opportunities that match your expertise and research areas. Topics include:

- Demonstration of searchable databases available to UNLV researchers
- Determine how to receive direct notification of relevant funding opportunities
- Understanding the solicitation or program announcement
- Understanding eligibility

Seating is limited. All who are interested are encouraged to attend, but priority will be given to UNLV faculty.
Please RSVP https://www.library.unlv.edu/inst/signup/

Opportunities for Students

UNLV’s Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) has information on their website about research and funding opportunities for undergraduate students. Check them out here: http://www.unlv.edu/our

The Office of Sponsored Programs maintains a list of some financial resources for both graduate and undergraduate students: http://www.unlv.edu/research/financial-resources-graduate-and-undergraduate-students
National Science Foundation - East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes for U.S. Graduate Students (EAPSI)
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5284
An EAPSI award provides U.S. graduate students in science, engineering, and education: 1) first-hand research experiences in Australia, China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, or Taiwan; 2) an introduction to the science, policy, and scientific infrastructure of the respective location; and 3) an orientation to the culture, and language. It is expected that EAPSI awards will help students initiate professional relationships to enable future collaboration with foreign counterparts. As of the deadline date for the application, applicants must

- be U.S. citizens or permanent residents;
- be enrolled in a research-oriented Master’s or Ph.D. degree program, and, if enrolled in a joint Bachelor/Master's program, have graduated from the undergraduate degree portion of the program;
- be enrolled at a U.S. institution located in the United States; and
- propose a research project in fields of science, engineering, and science education supported by the National Science Foundation.

Deadline: November 10, 2016

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture - Fellowships
http://oieahc.wm.edu/fellowship/index.html
The Institute currently offers postdoctoral, predoctoral, and travel fellowships.

Short-Term Visiting Fellowship – for scholars, from advanced graduate students to senior scholars, to come to Williamsburg, Virginia, for periods of 1–2 months to use Williamsburg and other regional scholarly resources. Deadline: October 17, 2016.

Lapidus–OIEAHC Fellowship – predoctoral fellowships awarded annually to support advanced graduate student research related to Early American and transatlantic print culture. Deadline: January 16, 2017.

Historical Editing – current or former editorial apprentices, in any phase of their graduate school experience in William & Mary’s Lyon G. Tyler Department of History to build upon their skills through additional editorial work during the College of William & Mary’s winter and summer breaks. Deadline: December 5, 2016.

Travel Scholars Fellowship – awarded to faculty and graduate students from developing countries to support participation in an Institute conference or workshop.

International Opportunities

Conservation, Food & Health Foundation - Support for Programs in Developing World
http://cfhfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/
The Conservation, Food and Health Foundation seeks to promote the conservation of natural resources, improve the production and distribution of food, and improve health in the developing world. The foundation helps build capacity within developing countries in its three areas of interest with grants that support research or projects that solve specific problems. The foundation supports projects that demonstrate strong local leadership, promote professional development in the conservation, agricultural, and health sciences; develop the capacity of local organizations; and address a particular problem in the field. It prefers to support projects addressing under-funded issues and geographic areas.

If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Caleen Johnson at 5-2828, caleen.johnson@unlv.edu
Deadlines for Concept Applications: January 1, 2017; July 1, 2017

US Agency for International Development - Communication For Improved Health Outcomes (CIHO)
The Communication for Improved Health Outcomes Activity (CIHO) will complement the existing efforts by the Government of the Republic of Mozambique (GRM) and development partners to expand access and improve the quality of health services in Sofala. Social and behavior change communications (SBCC) interventions are essential for garnering community support and for addressing human behaviors that are requisite for maximizing the health impact of these health system advances. CIHO will improve Mozambique’s capacity to design, implement, and coordinate high-quality SBCC, allowing health promotion efforts to more effectively reduce morbidity and mortality caused by preventable diseases.
Deadline: September 27, 2016
US Agency for International Development - Climate Resilient Enterprise and Innovation Design (CREAID)
This Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) seeks opportunities to co-create, co-design, co-invest, and collaborate in the development of a grantmaking challenge fund mechanism focused in the area of climate resilience innovation and enterprise in Bangladesh. The focus of this BAA is to call for Expressions of Interest (EOIs), select a small group of collaborators who will come to Dhaka or a regional location to develop a concept note, and further review/approval, codesign a grantmaking mechanism that aims to fund innovative approaches and enterprising solutions that improve the wellbeing of marginalized and vulnerable poor, including women and girls, and improve their resilience to the risks posed by climate change and extreme weather events (e.g., floods and drought). Through the BAA, USAID will involve the donor and development community in the collaborative design of new climate solutions in Bangladesh.
Deadline for Expressions of Interest: October 5, 2016

Arts and the Humanities

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http://oieahc.wm.edu/fellowship/index.html
The Institute currently offers postdoctoral, predoctoral, and travel fellowships.
- Georgian Papers Programme—one-month-long fellowships for research on transatlantic and early American topics in the Georgian Papers collection at Windsor Castle.
- Scholars’ Workshop—a two-week workshop for six untented scholars to work both as a group and individually with Institute editors and staff on either a manuscript chapter or a journal article in progress. Deadline: January 23, 2017.
- Digital Collections Fellowship – intended to promote the creative use of digital tools and materials, these fellowships are intended to bring scholars and collections specialists together to make collections available for digital scholarship. Deadline: January 9, 2017.
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Social Science Research Council - Dissertation Proposal Development (DPD) Program
http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/view/dpd-university-initiative/
The SSRC requests proposals from US-based universities to establish interdisciplinary training programs that will assist humanities and social science graduate students to prepare cogent and effective dissertation research proposals. The University Initiative of the Council’s Dissertation Proposal Development Program will partner with five universities to design and institutionalize innovative, interdisciplinary approaches to research proposal training that can serve as models for emulation by additional graduate institutions.

The University Initiative will take place over three years, during which the DPD Program will provide guidance and advice in program design, coordinate collaboration between participating universities, and subsidize most of the initial financial costs, with the expectation that each participating university will sustain their program independently by the initiative’s closing. The DPD Program anticipates covering costs of up to $130,000 per university over the three-year initiative.
Deadline: October 28, 2016
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - Grants for Suicide Prevention Research
https://afsp.org/our-work/research/grant-information/
**Focus Grants:** Up to $500,000 per year for up to three years. Each year our research department requests applications for innovative, high-risk, potentially high-yield projects that focus on a specific area of suicide prevention. These areas have been determined by AFSP and its Scientific Council, and are reviewed and updated annually. Applicants must submit a Letter of Intent by **August 1st** to be eligible to apply.

**Linked Standard Research Innovation Grants:** up to $300,000 over 2 years. Grants awarded to investigators at any level performing research involving two or more unique sites with each site contributing unique expertise, as well as data collection.

**Distinguished Investigator Innovation Grants** Up to $125,000 over 2 years. Grants awarded to investigators at the level of associate professor or higher with an established record of research and publication on suicide.

**Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Innovation Grants** Up to $104,000 over 2 years. Grants awarded to investigators who have received a Ph.D., M.D., or other doctoral degree within the preceding six years and have had no more than three years of fellowship support. Fellows receive a stipend of $46,000 per year and an institutional allowance of $6,000 per year.

**Standard Research Innovation Grants** Up to $100,000 over 2 years. Grants awarded to individual investigators at any level.

**Young Investigator Innovation Grants** Up to $85,000 over 2 years. Grants awarded to investigators at or below the level of assistant professor. These grants must allocate $10,000 ($5,000 per year) of their award for an established suicide researcher to mentor the Young Investigator. AFSP is available to assist you in identifying a suitable mentor.

**Pilot Innovation Grants** Up to $30,000 over one or two years. Awarded to investigators at any level, these grants provide seed funding for new projects that have the potential to lead to larger investigations. These grants typically entail feasibility studies rather than hypothesis-driven research.

If you are interested in any of the above opportunities, contact Caleen Johnson at 5-2828, caleen.johnson@unlv.edu

**Deadline:** November 15, 2016

**State Justice Institute - Project Grant**
http://www.sji.gov/grant-project.php

Project Grants are the centerpiece of SJI’s efforts to improve the administration of justice in state courts nationwide. Project Grants are intended to support innovative education and training, demonstration, and technical assistance projects that can improve the administration of justice in State courts locally or nationwide. Ordinarily, Project Grants may not exceed $300,000; however, grants in excess of $200,000 may be awarded only to support highly promising projects likely to have a significant national impact. Project Grants are intended to support innovative research, demonstration, education, or technical assistance projects. SJI is interested in funding both innovative programs and programs of proven merit that can be replicated in other jurisdictions. SJI is especially interested in funding projects that:

- Formulate new procedures and techniques, or creatively enhance existing procedures and techniques;
- Address aspects of the state judicial systems that are in special need of serious attention;
- Have national significance by developing products, services, and techniques that may be used in other states; and;
- Create and disseminate products that effectively transfer the information and ideas developed to relevant audiences in state and local judicial systems, or provide technical assistance to facilitate the adaptation of effective programs and procedures in other state and local jurisdictions.

**Deadline:** November 1, 2016

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**Deadline:** October 28, 2016

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**Science, Mathematics and Engineering**

**National Science Foundation - Petascale Computing Resource Allocations (PRAC)**
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503224

In 2013, a new NSF-funded petascale computing system, Blue Waters, was deployed at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The goal of this project and system is to open up new possibilities in science and engineering by providing computational capability that makes it possible for investigators to tackle much larger and more complex research challenges across a wide spectrum of domains. The purpose of this solicitation is to invite research groups to submit requests for allocations of resources on the Blue Waters system. Proposers must show compelling science or engineering challenges that require petascale computing resources. Proposers must also be prepared to demonstrate that they have science or engineering research problems that require and can effectively exploit the petascale computing capabilities offered by Blue Waters. Proposals from or including junior researchers are encouraged, as one of the goals of this solicitation is to build a community capable of using petascale computing.

**Deadline:** November 9, 2016

**National Science Foundation - Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases (EEID)**
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5269

The Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases program supports research on the ecological, evolutionary, and socio-ecological principles and processes that influence the transmission dynamics of infectious diseases. The central theme of submitted projects must be quantitative or computational understanding of pathogen transmission dynamics. The intent is discovery of principles of infectious disease transmission and testing mathematical or computational models that elucidate infectious disease systems. Projects should be broad, interdisciplinary efforts that go beyond the scope of typical studies. They should focus on the determinants and interactions of transmission among humans, non-human animals, and/or plants.

**Deadline:** November 16, 2016

**National Science Foundation - Computational Mathematics**
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5390

Supports mathematical research in areas of science where computation plays a central and essential role, emphasizing design, analysis, and implementation of numerical methods and algorithms, and symbolic methods. The prominence of computation with analysis of the computational approach in the research is a hallmark of the program. Proposals ranging from single-investigator projects that develop and analyze innovative computational methods to interdisciplinary team projects that not only create and analyze new mathematical and computational techniques but also use/implement them to model, study, and solve important application problems are encouraged.

**Deadline:** December 1, 2016

**National Science Foundation - National Robotics Initiative (NRI): The realization of co-robots acting in direct support of individuals and groups**
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503641

The goal of the National Robotics Initiative is to accelerate the development and use of robots in the United States that work beside or cooperatively with people. Innovative robotics research and applications emphasizing the realization of such co-robots working in symbiotic relationships with human partners is supported by multiple agencies of the federal government including the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD). The purpose of this program is
to support the development of this next generation of robotics, to advance the capability and usability of such systems and artifacts, and to encourage existing and new communities to focus on innovative application areas. It will address the entire lifecycle from fundamental research and development to manufacturing and deployment. Questions concerning a particular project’s focus, direction and relevance to a participating funding organization should be addressed to that agency’s point of contact listed in section VIII of this solicitation.

Methods for the establishment and infusion of robotics in educational curricula and research to gain a better understanding of the long-term social, behavioral and economic implications of co-robots across all areas of human activity are important parts of this initiative. Collaboration between academic, industry, non-profit and other organizations is strongly encouraged to establish better linkages between fundamental science and technology development, deployment and use.

**Deadline:** January 12, 2017

**Environmental Protection Agency - Small Business Innovation Research Phase I Program Solicitation**
https://www.epa.gov/sbir/sbir-funding-opportunities
For the EPA, success of its SBIR program means that the technologies it supports will in fact be used to solve the problems for which they are being developed; therefore, from the outset of the selection process, the EPA will consider commercialization potential to be as important as technical potential, and it will evaluate proposals accordingly. The topics for this solicitation are:

- Air and Climate
- Manufacturing
- Toxic Chemicals
- Water
- Water and Homeland Security
- Greener Buildings

The EPA’s mission is to protect human health and the environment. Because its needs are large and the available funding is small, the EPA seeks “disruptive” technologies that offer totally new approaches to meeting its needs—not incremental improvements of existing technologies. Such novel technologies could, for example, completely eliminate a seemingly intractable problem or provide performance at dramatically reduced costs and orders of magnitude better than existing technology. In addition, the EPA seeks “platform” technologies that have the potential for many future applications in addition to the proposed application.

**Deadline:** Oct. 20, 2016

**Environmental Protection Agency - Campus RainWorks Challenge**
https://www.epa.gov/green-infraestructure/campus-rainworks-challenge-0
The US EPA’s Office of Water is pleased to announce the 5th annual Campus RainWorks Challenge for undergraduate and graduate students. EPA is inviting student teams to design an innovative green infrastructure project for a location on their campus. Student teams will collaborate with a faculty advisor to develop a project narrative and design boards describing the project. Winning teams will be awarded a student prize to be divided evenly among student team members, as well as a faculty prize to support green infrastructure research or training.

Team composition and size is at the discretion of the team submitting an entry. However, interdisciplinary teams are strongly encouraged, given that interdisciplinary collaboration is part of the judging criteria. Relevant disciplines include but are not limited to: landscape architecture, architecture, planning, engineering, conservation biology, landscape ecology, hydrology, soil science, economics, public administration, business administration, and communications.

**Deadlines:**
Registration: September 30, 2016
Entries: December 16, 2016

**Department of Energy - Atmospheric System Research Program**
The Atmospheric System Research Program (ASR) in the Climate and Environmental Sciences Division (CESD), Office of Biological and Environmental Research (BER) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), supports research on key cloud, aerosol, precipitation, and radiative transfer processes that has the potential to improve the accuracy of regional and global climate models. The ASR program hereby announces its
interest in research grant applications for observational, data analysis, and/or modeling studies that use data from CESD, including the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) Climate Research Facility and the ASR program, to improve understanding and model representation of convective cloud processes, boundary layer cloud processes, and secondary organic aerosol processes, and to pursue ASR-relevant research using observations from recent ARM field campaigns. The goals of the ASR program are closely aligned with the long-term cloud, aerosol, precipitation, and background meteorological measurements from the ARM Climate Research Facility. ARM provides a unique climatic observational database that is used to advance the predictability of regional and global climate models.

**Deadlines:**
- REQUIRED Pre-application: **September 21, 2016**
- Application: **November 22, 2016**

**Department of Energy - FY2017 Scientific Infrastructure Support for CINR Funding Opportunity Announcement**

http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=288293

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is for Scientific Infrastructure Support for Consolidated Innovative Nuclear Research and university research reactor upgrades for the U.S. nuclear research community. The Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Nuclear Energy (NE) conducts crosscutting nuclear energy research and development (R&D) and associated infrastructure support activities to develop innovative technologies that offer the promise of dramatically improved performance for advanced reactors and fuel cycle concepts while maximizing the impact of DOE resources. Areas of interest include:

- Fuel Cycle Research and Development (FC R&D)
- Reactor Concepts Research, Development and Demonstration (RC RD&D)
- Nuclear Energy Advanced Modeling and Simulation (NEAMS)

**Deadline:** **November 23, 2016**

**Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency - Extreme Optics and Imaging (EXTREME)**

http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=287909

The Defense Sciences Office at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is soliciting innovative research proposals in the area of optical systems capable of extreme performance and/or capabilities, which utilize Engineered Optical Materials (EnMats). Proposed research should investigate innovative approaches that enable revolutionary advances in science, devices, and/or systems. Specifically excluded is research that primarily results in evolutionary improvements to the existing state of practice. EXTREME is divided into three technical areas (TAs). The first two TAs focus on EnMat development and incorporation into relevant optical systems. The third TA focuses on modeling, design, and optimization, providing novel tools and approaches to support work in TA1 and TA2. Proposers may apply to any and all TAs.

- TA1: Modifying the Principles of Conventional Optics
- TA2: Multifunctional Optics
- TA3: Modeling, Design, and Optimization

**Deadlines:**
- Abstract: **September 9, 2016**
- Full Proposal: **October 25, 2016**

**Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency - DARPA-BAA-16-51: Information Innovation Office (I2O) Office-Wide BAA**

http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=288122

This BAA seeks revolutionary research ideas for topics not being addressed by ongoing I2O programs or other published solicitations. I2O sponsors basic and applied research in three thrust areas:

- Cyber.
- Analytics
- Symbiosis

I2O may also consider submissions outside these areas if the proposal involves the development of novel software-based capabilities having promise to provide decisive information advantage for the U.S. and its allies.

**Deadlines:**
- Abstract: **June 30, 2017**
- Proposal: **August 25, 2017**
American Museum of Natural History - Research Grants
http://www.amnh.org/our-research/richard-gilder-graduate-school/academics-and-re...

Grant Programs for Students, Postdoctoral Trainees, and Research Scientists. The AMNH Grants Program offers modest short term awards to researchers who are commencing their careers in the fields covered by AMNH. Grants are available from four funds each having specific restrictions. Frank M. Chapman Grants support and foster research in ornithology, both neontological and paleontological. Lerner-Gray Grants for Marine Research support marine zoology. Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Grants support research on North American fauna in any phase of wildlife conservation or natural history.

Deadlines:
Chapman Grants: May 1, 2016
Theodore Roosevelt Grant: February 15, 2016
Lerner-Gray Grants: March 15, 2016

Medical/Health/Behavioral Sciences

Department of Defense - Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs -- Breast Cancer Research Program -- Breakthrough Award -- Levels 1 and 2
http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=287712
The intent of the Breakthrough Award is to support promising research that has high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer. The critical components of this award mechanism are:

- **Impact:** Research supported by the Breakthrough Award will have the potential for a major impact and accelerate progress toward ending breast cancer. The impact may be near-term or long-term, but must be significant and move beyond an incremental advancement. Applications must articulate the pathway to making a clinical impact for individuals with, or at risk for, breast cancer, even if clinical impact is not an immediate outcome.

- **Research Scope:** Research proposed under this award mechanism may be small- to large-scale projects, at different stages of idea and research development. Two different funding levels, based on the scope of the research, are available under this Program Announcement/Funding Opportunity. Two additional funding levels, Funding Levels 3 and 4, are available under a different Program Announcement/Funding Opportunity (W81XWH-16-BCRPBREAKTHROUGH_FL34). It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator (PI) to select the funding level that is most appropriate for the research proposed.

The funding level should be selected based on the scope of the research project, rather than the amount of the budget.

- Funding Level 1: Innovative, high-risk/high-reward research that is in the earliest stages of idea development. Research with potential to yield new avenues of investigation. Proof of concept. No preliminary data required.
- Funding Level 2: Research that is already supported by preliminary data and has potential to make significant advancements toward clinical translation.

Deadlines:
- Pre-Application: November 3, 2016
- Application: November 17, 2016

Partnership for Clean Competition - Grants (To Study Anti-Doping Testing in Sports)
http://www.cleancompetition.org/programs/grants-program/

The PCC has supported world-class research since 2008, spending more than $16.0 M to support novel science. Research and grant-making are the foundation of the PCC and are the focus of everyday business activity. PCC-supported research contributes to a movement in addressing doping’s root causes and ultimately decreasing the use of performance-enhancing drugs by all participants in all sports at all levels of play.

With an emphasis on original work that focuses on improving existing analytical methods for detecting particular drugs, developing new analytical methods to test for substances not currently detectable, and discovering cost-effective approaches for testing widely abused substances across all levels of sport, the following areas of investigation reflect the PCC&’s current research priorities:

- Developing methods of cost-effective testing to detect and deter the use of banned and illegal substances.
- Developing testing protocols to detect designer substances used for doping purposes.
- Improving existing analytical methods to detect particular drugs, ex. GH, IGF-1, EPO, hCG.
- Developing analytical methods to detect performance enhancing drugs not currently detectable.
- Longitudinal urinary excretion patterns, metabolism and dose-concentration.
- Critical reviews to support interpretation of laboratory data.
- Alternative specimens, (ex. oral fluid, dried blood/plasma spots) for testing.

**Deadline:** Pre-Applications are reviewed three times per year, **March 1, July 1, and November 1.**

**Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute - Engagement Award: Knowledge, Training and Development, and Dissemination Awards**

http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/engagement-award-knowled...

These awards support projects that encourage active integration of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders as integral members of the patient-centered outcomes research/clinical effectiveness research (PCOR/CER) enterprise. Letters of Inquiry (LOI) should be submitted by the application deadline. Full proposal submissions are by invitation only, after review and approval of the LOI.

**Letter of Intent (LOI) deadline: September 30, 2016**

**Department of Defense - Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs -- Parkinson’s Research Program -- Focused Idea Award**

http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=286244

The PRP Focused Idea Award mechanism is being offered for the first time in FY16. The Focused Idea Award is intended to support projects that have the potential to yield high-impact findings and new avenues of investigation. This award mechanism supports conceptually innovative research that could lead to critical discoveries in Parkinson’s disease research and/or patient care. Preliminary data are not required. However, if unpublished preliminary data are provided, they should originate from the laboratory of the PI or a member(s) of the research team and support the feasibility of the study.

**Deadlines:**
- Pre-Application: **November 9, 2016**
- Application: **November 30, 2016**