

BRIGHT IDEAS

Insights & opportunities from Mizzou Research

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[View Mizzou's May and June grants and contracts.](#)

Federal Research Funding Updates and Strategies to Support Faculty

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

The Division of Research is hosting a webinar for the research community where campus leaders will discuss the shifting federal funding landscape at **10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19**. [Register to attend and receive the event Zoom link.](#)



Industry partnerships grant opportunities for research

While industry grants only made up 6 percent of academic research funding nationally in the past decade, they can offer an alternative to traditional government grants, as researchers Richard Hammer and Marc Johnson have found. Read about their partners and projects.



From service to startups: veterans tap local experts

Every summer for a decade, Mizzou has led an Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans program that leverages higher education to offer training to post-9/11 veterans with service-connected disabilities. Only eight universities in the U.S. offer the program.

Professional development

NEW: Charting Research Pathways Program

This six-week program will help faculty at all stages reframe their research, identify new funding streams and adapt to shifting federal priorities. Sessions are **1:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 1, 9, 15 and 28 and Nov. 4 and 10**. [Register by Sept. 8.](#)

Researcher Writing Retreat

Find a quiet place to read, write and think in community with other scholars during this semester's first retreat at **9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sept. 19**. The Professional Development team also will be available for consultations. [Register for retreat.](#)

Early Career Researcher Workshop Series

- Research Planning and Goal Setting – **9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 26**. [Register by Sept. 19.](#)
- Foundation Funding – **9 a.m.-noon, Oct. 24**. [Register by Oct. 16.](#)

Virtual Principal Investigator Leadership Program

Learn best practices and avoid common pitfalls in project management, meeting grant deliverables and team effectiveness at **noon-1:30 p.m. Oct. 13, 14, 15 and 16**. [Register by Oct. 6.](#)

Resources for researchers



Access water quality report

Mizzou's Consumer Confidence Report, an annual summary of campus water quality, helps investigators maintain research integrity.



Now accepting proposals

Research Council grants up to \$15,000 are available to support research, scholarship and creative activities. Apply by **Aug. 25**.

Download funding opportunity quick guides

The Division of Research Professional Development team has created new fact sheets to give investigators a broad overview of processes, values and types of opportunities offered by major research funders.

Easily find research services

If you need a refresher on all the Division of Research offers, check out our updated booklet for new faculty. You'll find information on our departments and resources to help you get funded and manage your project.

Get ready to use Hellbender and quantum in class

With the fall semester rapidly approaching, it's time to make preparations for instructional use of the high-performance computing cluster, Hellbender. Reach out to IT Research Support Solutions to get prepared.

From Mizzou Libraries:

- [Research Ready in 15 webinar series](#) – Refresh your knowledge of key scholarly databases. Each 15-minute, on-demand session offers practical overviews of content and features. Fall series includes JSTOR, Factiva, PsycINFO, Web of Science, PubMed, SimplyAnalytics, CABI Digital Library and more.
- [Mergent Market Atlas database](#) – Use Mergent Online as your first destination for global public company information and research.

Important dates

Deadlines

Institutional Biosafety Committee

Aug. 18: Submit research protocols for Sept. 18 meeting.

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Aug. 25: [Submit](#) human subjects research applications, amendments and annual updates for Sept. 10 full board review.

Limited submissions funding

Sept. 1: [NSF Strengthening the Cyberinfrastructure Professionals Ecosystem \(SCiPE\)](#)

NextGen Postdoctoral Fellows Program

Sept. 15: Submit application for this two-year translational human health research program with \$70,000 stipend.

Events

Extra Credit film series

Aug. 25 (6 p.m.) – “Dirty Dancing” and researcher panel discussion

NextGen Precision Health Discovery Series

Aug. 26 (noon) – [Beneath the Pads: Long-Term Health Implications of a Life in Football](#)

Grant Connections meeting

Aug. 27 (10 a.m.) – Federal updates and Q&A session ([Zoom link](#))

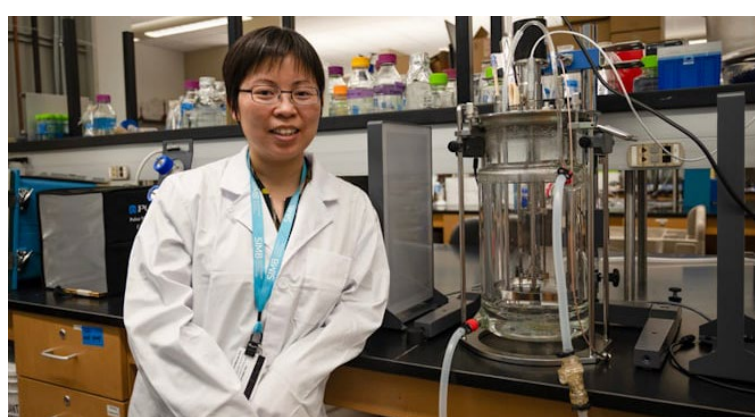
University of Missouri Research Reactor

Sept. 4 (10:30 a.m.) – MURR Expansion Groundbreaking ([RSVP by Aug. 29](#))

HRPP/IRB research compliance seminar

Sept. 8 (2 p.m.) – Adobe Acrobat: FDA Electronic Signatures for 21 CFR Part 11 Compliance ([Request Zoom link](#))

In case you missed it



Removing pollutants

Susie Dai, an engineering professor and Bond LSC investigator, is pioneering a scalable solution to clean up harmful PFAS without rare or expensive chemicals. The project is funded by a gift from Love, Tito's, the philanthropic arm of Tito's Handmade Vodka. [More research news](#)



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