

# BRIGHT IDEAS

Insights & opportunities from Mizzou Research

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**View grants and contracts awarded in May and June.**



## Biosafety at forefront as national experts meet

[The Laboratory for Infectious Disease Research \(LIDR\) hosted scientists from 21 academic and federal Biosafety Level 3 institutions](#) in July at the RAV3N annual meeting. These experts exchanged ideas about recent infectious disease developments and facility insights.

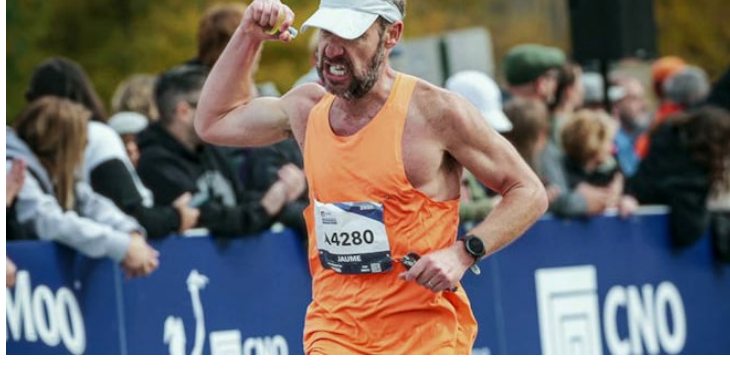
## International Travel



### New global travel policy

[UM System employees must obtain advance authorization for all international travel related to university business.](#)

Approval also may be required for personal travel to countries of concern.



### Marathon mindset

Researcher Jaume Padilla discusses how a scientific background informs his approach to running and how running influences his research. [Learn how he balances both pursuits.](#)



### EHS has measurable impact

[Environmental Health and Safety's \(EHS\) annual report](#) showcases countless ways the department supports the campus community.



### Accelerating IRB approvals

Starting **Aug. 31**, the Division of Research will require [additional trainings for researchers who conduct studies with human participants.](#)

## UM System funding priorities

### White paper proposal process for federal funding

The UM System Office of Government Relations advocates for strong federal support for research by submitting targeted appropriation requests to Congress. Each university submits white paper proposals that are reviewed and evaluated for possible inclusion. [Faculty and staff can learn more about the process at two webinars:](#)

- Federal Funding Landscape: Policy, Process and Priorities from **1-2:15 p.m.** on **Aug. 17**.
- Defense Research from **1-2:15 p.m.** on **Aug. 21**.

## Professional development

### Introduction to Dimensions

Dimensions is a scholarly activity database that includes publications, funded grants, patents and other information. Learn how to use this powerful tool to find collaborators, track funded activity and identify trends from **noon-1 p.m.** on **Aug. 20**. [Register for webinar.](#)

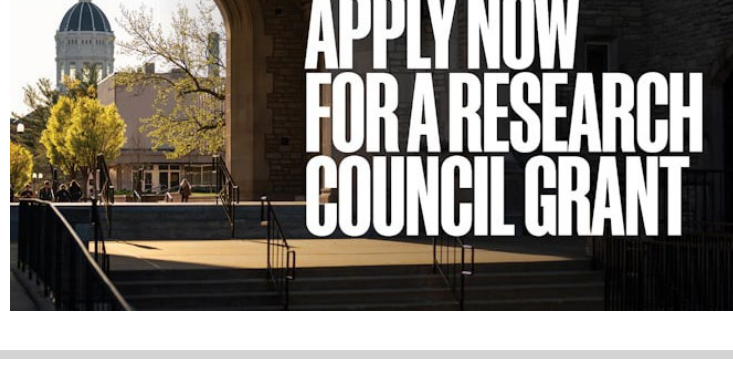
### Charting Research Pathways

[This six-week program](#) helps faculty at all stages reframe their research, identify new funding streams and adapt to shifting federal priorities. Sessions are from **1-2:30 p.m.** on **Sept. 21** and **29** and **Oct. 7, 15, 21** and **26**. [Register by Sept. 15.](#)

### Researcher Writing Retreats

Take advantage of four writing retreats this semester: **Sept. 28, Oct. 23, Nov. 16** and **Dec. 15**. Professional Development will be on hand for individual consultations from **9 a.m.-3 p.m.** in Room 171, Bond Life Sciences Center. Drop in as needed. [Register for Sept. 28 retreat.](#)

## Resources and opportunities



### Now accepting proposals

Research Council grants up to \$15,000 are available to support research, scholarship and creative activities. [Apply by 5 p.m. on Aug. 24.](#)

### Easily find Division of Research services

[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.

### Explore publishing options

[Open Journal Finder](#), a new Mizzou Libraries tool, provides open access status, article publishing charges, metrics and other information to help researchers identify journals where they can publish their work.

## Mark your calendar



[Welcome incoming first-year and transfer students](#) as they mark the start of their one-of-a-kind academic journey at Mizzou's First Class Convocation from **2-3 p.m.** on **Aug. 23** at the Hearnes Center.



Join colleagues from **1-4 p.m.** on **Sept. 23** at Bond Life Sciences Center for [innovative ideas and best practices that engage and support K-12 students](#) attending campus activities like camps and classroom visits.

Researchers from all career stages are welcome to attend the [UM System Model Organism Symposium](#) on **Oct. 1-2** at Missouri S&T. Learn about discoveries using genetic and experimental model systems and find new collaborations across the four universities. Registration opens Aug. 17; poster abstracts must be submitted by Sept. 18.

[Sign up for a one-day, in-person Clinical Trial Investigator Training](#) on **Oct. 9** at the Roy Blunt NextGen Precision Health building. This session, for investigators who currently lead or would like to lead clinical trials, includes lectures, panel discussions and online coursework.

### Deadlines

#### Research Council grants

**Aug. 24:** Applications are due by 5 p.m. [Email internal funding staff](#) with questions.

#### Institutional Review Board (IRB)

**Aug. 25:** [Submit](#) human subjects research applications, amendments and annual updates for Sept. 9 full board review.

#### Institutional Biosafety Committee

**Sept. 1:** [Submit](#) research protocols for Oct. 1 meeting.

#### Entrepreneur Quest

**Sept. 3:** Applications due by 5 p.m.

#### Limited submissions funding

**Sept. 14:** Submit application for [W. M. Keck Foundation grants](#).

### Events

#### New faculty video, webinars and orientation

New faculty orientation is **Aug. 17-19**. [See Provost's website for details.](#)

#### Extra Credit film series

**Aug. 24** (6 p.m.) – Watch “Bridesmaids” and researcher panel discussion.

#### NextGen Precision Health Discovery Series

**Aug. 25** (noon) – Join us for “[Targeting Age-Related Metabolic Dysfunction to Extend Healthspan](#).”

#### Grant Connections meeting

**Aug. 26** (10 a.m.) – Learn about Mizzou research centers and advanced technology core facilities ([Zoom link](#)).

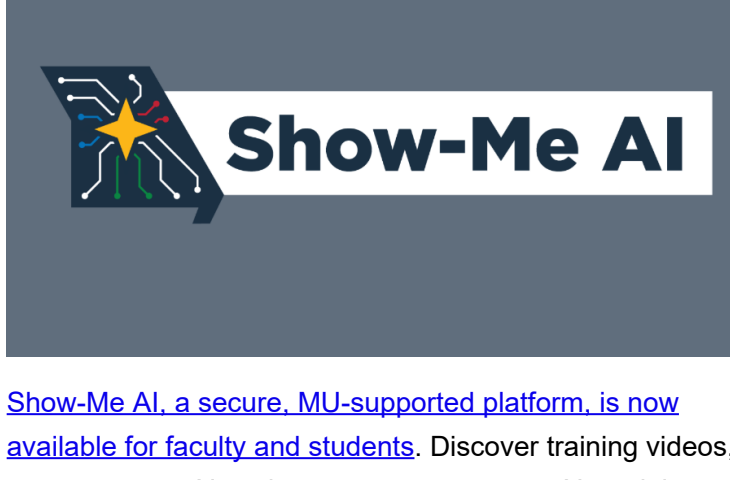
#### Thompson Center Autism Conference

**Oct. 8-9** – [Register to attend, sign up for continuing education and submit a poster.](#)

## In case you missed it



Groundbreaking discoveries happen regularly at Mizzou and behind them is a commitment to safety, sustainability and smart lab management. [Learn how Associate Professor Kiruba Krishnaswamy incorporates these practices.](#)



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