

BRIGHT IDEAS

Insights & opportunities from Mizzou Research

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Look for the next Division of Research newsletter in August. We hope you have a great summer!

View grants and contracts awarded in April.



Small objects, big stories

Part art installation, part research methodology, Desiree Moore's Barter Boat project is redefining how communities connect and share oral histories. [Discover how this decade-long venture is evolving into an interesting model for public engagement in the humanities.](#)



Spurring Tiger research momentum

The Division of Research awarded the final round of Research Council grants. This year, 55 investigators relied on this internal funding to kick-start projects, pivot to new lines of inquiry and give them a competitive edge. [See who received grants this year.](#)



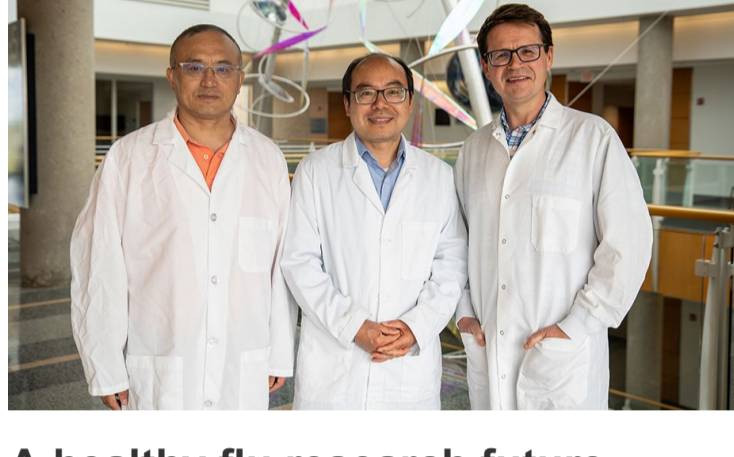
What's in a mouse name?

In the journal *Science*, Mizzou's Mutant Mouse Resource and Research Center joined others to [scrutinize reported genetics of the mouse models they help distribute, and they found half of the descriptions to be misleading.](#) They recommend a new tool to improve accuracy.



Empowering veterans with business know-how

For more than a decade, Mizzou has held entrepreneurship bootcamps that leverage higher education to offer training for post-9/11 veterans with service-connected disabilities. [Learn what drives the university to participate in this national program.](#)



A healthy flu research future

The NextGen Center for Influenza and Emerging Infectious Diseases wrapped up its phase 2 expansion of biocontainment space to bolster research and industry partnerships. [Learn more and see recent center successes featured in Nature Communications.](#)

Professional development

Personalized support

Schedule a one-on-one consultation with the Professional Development team to explore new funding options, reframe proposal language and get other assistance to help you navigate an evolving funding landscape. [Request a meeting.](#)

Prepare for promotion and tenure

Hansa Magee, director of research analytics, offered recommendations on reporting grant activity for promotion and tenure in a recent webinar. [View video.](#)

Researcher writing retreat

Take advantage of a **June 8** writing retreat from **9 a.m.-3 p.m.** (Room 171, Bond LSC). [Register to receive a reminder.](#)

Resources and opportunities



PPE in the summer

Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) reminds researchers that shorts, sandals and other summer clothing are not appropriate in lab spaces. [To help reinforce proper attire and personal protective equipment \(PPE\), display a one-page EHS compliance guide in your lab.](#)

Complete Show Me Research Week survey

[Please take a few minutes to give us feedback about Show Me Research Week.](#) Your input will guide our planning for future events.

Tips for IRB submissions and project management

Researchers who conduct studies with human participants can now access helpful handouts on Institutional Review Board (IRB) submissions and compliance. [Access them on eCompliance along with new Division of Research training modules.](#)

Clinical trial investigator training

[It's not too early to sign up for this one-day, in-person training](#) at the Roy Blunt NextGen Precision Health building. The **Oct. 9** session for investigators who currently lead or would like to lead clinical trials includes lectures, panel discussions and online coursework.

Mark your calendar

Deadlines

- BioNexus KC research development grants**
June 5: [A letter of intent is due by 5 p.m.](#) for a one-year, \$50,000 Patton Trust grant for research on children's genetic diseases.
- BioNexus KC Science2Art**
June 7: [Submit](#) scientific images for BioNexus KC's annual auction to support regional education programs.
- Institutional Review Board (IRB)**
June 25: [Submit](#) human subjects research applications, amendments and annual updates for July 8 full board review. **July 25** is the deadline for the Aug. 12 board meeting.
- SEC Visiting Faculty Travel Program**
July 1: Apply for a travel grant to collaborate with Southeastern Conference colleagues.
- Institutional Biosafety Committee**
July 6: [Submit](#) research protocols for Aug. 6 meeting.
- NextGen Postdoctoral Fellows Program**
July 12: Applications open for the 2027-28 term. Program includes \$70,000 annual stipend, benefits, travel support and more.
- Limited submissions funding**
July 31: Submit application for [NSF Major Research Instrumentation \(MRI\) Program: Instrument Acquisition or Development.](#)

Events

- HRPP/IRB research compliance seminar**
June 8 (2 p.m.) – We'll discuss still-relevant topics covered in previous seminars. [\(Request Zoom link.\)](#)
- Extra Credit film series**
June 8 (6 p.m.) – Watch "Booksmart" and researcher panel discussion.
July 13 (6 p.m.) – Watch "Argo" and researcher panel discussion.
- NextGen Precision Health Discovery Series**
June 23 (noon) – This month's topic is "[The Dilemma of an Increasing Placebo Effect in Clinical Trials.](#)"
July 21 (noon) – Join us for "[Using the Body's Own Chemistry to Power Implantable Medical Devices.](#)"
- Grant Connections meeting**
June 24 (10 a.m.) – Learn about Mizzou research centers and advanced technology core facilities [\(Zoom link\).](#)
July 22 (10 a.m.) – We'll provide support and resources for grants involving graduate students and postdocs [\(Zoom link\).](#)
- New faculty video, webinars and orientation**
Don't miss June webinars on HR, benefits, teaching and more. New faculty orientation is **Aug. 17-19.** [See Provost's website for details.](#)

In case you missed it



Faculty publish about 2,800 books and articles annually on a wide array of topics, reflecting the rich breadth and depth of research, scholarship and creativity at Mizzou. [See 2025 book titles and authors.](#)



[A groundbreaking was held in May for the new Radioisotope Science Center,](#) marking a major milestone to strengthen the nation's supply of critical radioisotopes for medicine, research and national security.



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