

# BRIGHT IDEAS

Insights & opportunities from Mizzou Research

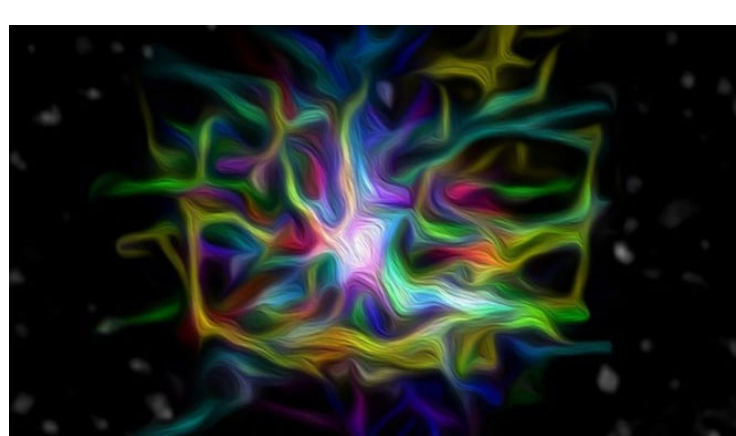
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[View grants and contracts awarded in July.](#)



## Still crushing it

Entrepreneur Quest (EQ) gives Mizzou students the ultimate learn-by-doing experience. Participants gain business skills, guidance from mentors and a powerful network of supporters. [Four 2024 EQ graduates share their latest successes.](#) Kelsey Raymond, the new executive director of entrepreneurship programs, leads EQ and other programs at the Griggs Innovators Nexus on campus. [Read Kelsey's profile.](#)



## Celebrate the art of science

New Mizzou research lab images were installed in the "Joy of Discovery" sculpture at Bond Life Sciences Center last month. [Meet the creators, see their images and learn about the research behind them.](#)



## Playing it forward

Associate Professor Rachel Thibodeau-Nielsen has been named an inaugural ARIS Research Fellow. [Read how Rachel engages the community](#) with her focus on the role of play in child development.

## Don't miss the discussion

President Mun Y. Choi and Provost Matthew Martens [will discuss expectations for the promotion and tenure process.](#) All faculty (tenured, tenure-track and non-tenure track) are encouraged to attend – **1 p.m. Sept. 11**, Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union North.

## PROMOTION AND TENURE SESSION

Thursday, September 11, 2025  
1 – 2 p.m. | Stotler Lounge

## 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.](#)

### 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.](#)

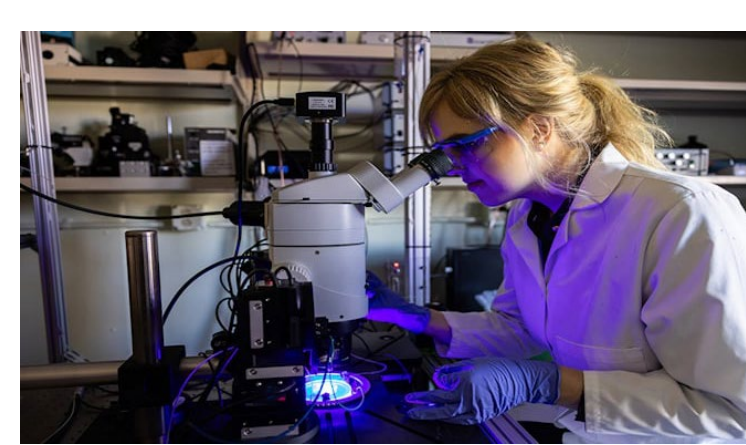
[Read more about professional development opportunities.](#)

## Resources and opportunities for researchers



### Threshold lowered for grant proposal service

The Strategic Proposal Development Service (SPDS) can now support investigators with grant proposals valued at \$750,000 or more total costs per year. [Request SPDS support.](#)



### Protect discovery (and your research team)

[Learn what every researcher should know about Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), including when it is and isn't required and available Environmental Health and Safety support.

#### Funding and know-how for translational research and commercialization

- Learn about the [Technology, Entrepreneurship and Commercialization Hub](#) (Mizzou TechHub), an NSF-funded program that offers grants and supports academic research commercialization. Register for an info session: **4 p.m. Sept. 9** (W1004 Lafferre Hall) or **noon Sept. 11** on Zoom.
- Faculty, staff and students are invited to [register to attend Funding Innovation: The Role of Angel Investing in University-Led Startups](#) hosted by the Mizzou TechHub, Missouri Innovation Center and Centennial Investors, **2:30 p.m. Sept. 23** (Ketcham Auditorium, Lafferre Hall).
- Patent attorneys from Mizzou industry partner Novartis will share [intellectual property strategies for pharmaceuticals and clinical innovations](#) at **10 a.m. Sept. 25** (Atkins Seminar Room, NextGen Precision Health building).

#### Mizzou Quantum Day

Attendees will hear about the latest quantum technology from guest speakers with IBM, Moderna and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, **8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sept. 19** (Missouri State Historical Society). [Register by Sept. 12.](#)

#### Fresh ForagerOne tool for faculty

Connect and build your research team with students and other faculty by claiming or creating your account on ForagerOne. [Check out a new video tutorial.](#)

## Important dates

### Deadlines

#### NextGen Postdoctoral Fellows Program

**Sept. 15:** Submit application by 5 p.m. for this two-year, translational human health research program with \$70,000 stipend.

#### Institutional Biosafety Committee

**Sept. 16:** Submit research protocols for Oct. 16 meeting.

#### Institutional Review Board (IRB)

**Sept. 25:** [Submit](#) human subjects research applications, amendments and annual updates for Oct. 8 full board review.

#### Collaborations in Ecology and Evolution

**Oct. 16:** Submit vision statement by noon for Simons Foundation funding that supports research on genetic, ecological and evolutionary factors shaping organisms.

### Events

#### HRPP/IRB research compliance seminar

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

#### Extra Credit film series

**Sept. 16** (6 p.m.) – "But I'm a Cheerleader" and researcher panel discussion

#### Entrepreneur Quest Pitch Competition

**Sept. 23** (4 p.m.) – Student business ideas and a chance for three teams to win \$30,000

#### Grant Connections meeting

**Sept. 24** (10 a.m.) – ChatGPT in Grant Writing ([Zoom link](#))

#### NextGen Precision Health Discovery Series

**Sept. 30** (noon) – [Algorithmic Decision-Making in Organ Transplantation](#)

## In case you missed it



[Access a recording of the Division of Research Town Hall held Aug. 19.](#) Campus leaders discussed the federal research funding landscape, Mizzou research metrics and more.



Michael Byrne, assistant professor of wildlife ecology, will present [Fast Times on the High Seas: Tracking the World's Fastest Shark](#) – **10 a.m., Sept. 20**, Bond LSC Room 171.



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