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Welcome to the **RETURN of the *RAG Mag***

We are pleased to introduce the return of the Research Administration Group Magazine, the RAG Mag. The MSU Denver Research Administration Group consists of the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs (OSRP) working with Corporate and Foundation Relations and the Sponsored Programs Accounting and Compliance (SPAC) Office.

In this, and future quarterly issues, we will highlight stories about grants and contracts activities at MSU Denver, with funding opportunities and policy announcements of interest to MSU Denver faculty and staff. If you have suggestions about stories or announcements you would like to see in the RAG Mag, then please contact the editor at:

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OSRP Welcomes New Director, Laneika Musalini



Laneika Musalini, Ed.D, was named Director of the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs. She comes to the University with more than 20 years of experience in research and grants administration. Most recently, she was the Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs at Columbus State University in Georgia. Like many Roadrunners, Dr. Laneika started her higher education at a community college. She went on to complete a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources from Anderson University, a Master's degree in Human Resource Development from Clemson University and a Doctorate in Higher Education Executive Leadership with a focus on Economic and Workforce Development from Wingate University. She

also holds certificates in Project Administration, Grant Writing and Diversity in the Workplace. Dr. Laneika joins MSU Denver remotely from her home in South Carolina. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Laneika to the OSRP team!

National Science Foundation Fall 2023 Virtual Grants Conference Recordings

Recordings for the presentations from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Fall 2023 Virtual Grants Conference, held during the week of December 4 – 8, 2023, are now available online from the [National Science Foundation Resource Center](#).

Session Recordings include

Proposal Preparation

Merit Review Process

Award Management

Office of the Inspector General

Cost Allowability and Post-Award Oversight



Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences

Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships

Directorate for STEM Education

Directorate for Engineering

Directorate for Geosciences

Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences

Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering

Did You Know?

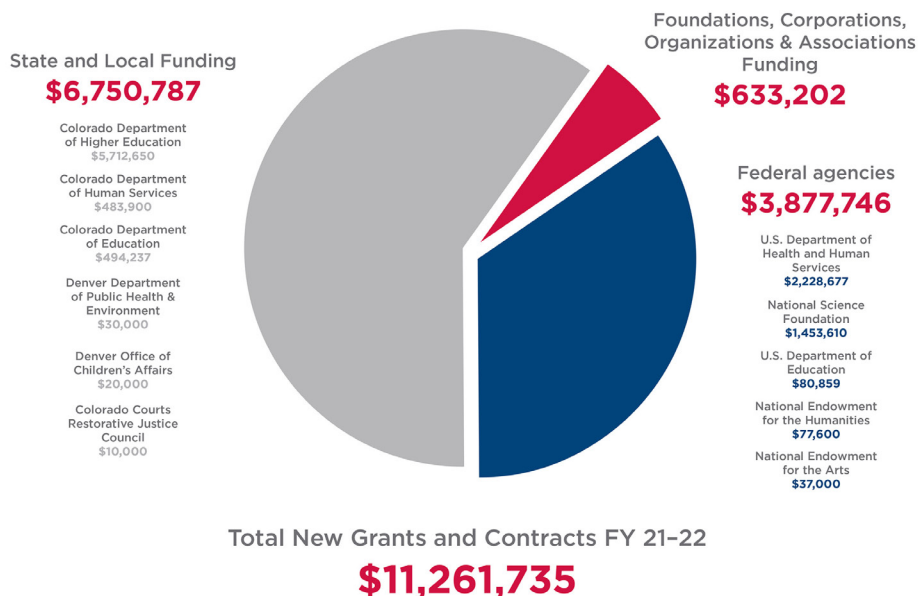
OSRP Proposal Development Specialists will conduct targeted funding searches for you. To request this assistance from OSRP staff please complete the online [Research Request Form](#).

OSRP offers multiple resources for grant funds prospecting. These include the Pivot database, featuring 25,000 records representing over 400,000 opportunities worth over \$33 billion, and the AASCU Grants Search which includes 2,000 private and federal funding opportunities screened for recurrence and for higher education eligibility, as well as a library of successfully funded proposals. For more information visit the [OSRP website](#).

Sometimes it's easier to go directly to the agency site if you know which agencies might be good prospects for your project, for example HHS and HRSA for Health Sciences, Department of Education for the School of Education, etc. Most of these agencies also offer the ability to sign up for their grants funding email blasts. Links to the most commonly requested agencies are available on the [OSRP website](#), as well as being searchable in the [Grants.gov database](#).

Partnering with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Hanover Research offers weekly grants alerts, monthly grants projections, and bi-monthly grants calendars. [Sign up to receive their grants emails!](#)

Success Stories!



The Office of Sponsored Research and Programs 2021-2022 Annual Report is available on the OSRP website. See the report to learn about MSU Denver grants and contracts, and read the success stories from the Principal Investigators, and Co-PIs, who made these projects possible.

[Download the 2021-2022 OSRP Annual Report](#)

What is the IRB and do you need it?

Mike Heathcote

Associate Director of Human Subjects and Protections



MSU Denver's Institutional Review Board (IRB) provides ethical oversight to all research involving human subjects performed by MSU Denver Faculty and students. Our board consists of 11 members, with varying backgrounds across campus. We do our best to provide representation of all groups which make up our student and faculty populations.

Not all research requires IRB review, which can cause some confusion among researchers. The Human Subject Protection Program (HSPP) is designed to help navigate you through this process. The following three questions are a good starting point to determining if your project requires IRB review:

1. Does this project involve a systematic investigation (research)?
2. Does this project involve interaction with Human Subjects?
3. Does this contribute to generalizable knowledge?

If the answer is 'yes' to more than one of these questions, you should be contacting the HSPP to get started with the IRB process.

You may visit the [webpage](#) for all IRB information and/or [contact Mike Heathcote](#) with any questions.

Fun Fact: NSF Launches EducateAI Initiative

The U.S. National Science Foundation recently announced the EducateAI initiative. The goal of the initiative is to enable educators to make high-quality, audience-appropriate artificial intelligence educational experiences



available nationwide to K-12, community college, four-year college and graduate students, as well as adults interested in formal training in AI. "Investing in AI education is not just a commitment to technology; it's an investment in empowering educators and the next generation of AI workforce with the skills and knowledge to navigate an AI-driven world. EducateAI is about empowerment and inclusivity, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to not only understand AI but to actively contribute to its positive evolution," said Margaret Martonosi, NSF assistant director for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE).

[Read the full story here.](#)

Upcoming HSI Grants Deadlines

National Science Foundation (NSF) Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic Serving Institutions (IUSE:HSI)
Deadline: February 14, 2024.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Awards for Faculty at Hispanic Serving Institutions
Deadline: April 10, 2024.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Initiatives at Hispanic Serving Institutions
Deadline: May 7, 2024.

US Department of Education Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP)
Deadline: Anticipated April, 2024.

US Department of Education Title V Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions Program (DHSI)
Deadline: Anticipated May, 2024.

For a complete Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) and Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) grants calendar, please see the [OSRP HSI and MSI Grants web page.](#)



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