

Office of Research

Funding Friday

A Series of Professional Development for Faculty and Postdoctoral Researchers

Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 Schedule

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

- October 30, 2026: [Health, AI, and Social Sciences](#) – An Interdisciplinary Networking and Funding Opportunity Workshop.
Moderator: Zhen Cong
Location: Argyros Forum 206A – In-person, [RSVP](#)
- November 20, 2026: [Conversation with Compliance](#): International collaborations, publishing & co-authorship in federal projects, training and disclosure mandates.
Facilitator: Jen Donais
Location: [Virtual – Zoom](#)
- December 11, 2026: [Best Practices in Collaboration: Managing Teams, Building Partnerships & Making it Work](#)
A panel discussion with faculty sharing their approaches and challenges working with undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, national and international colleagues, community organizations and industry partners.
Moderator: Martina Nieswandt
Location: Argyros Forum 209C – In-person, [RSVP](#)
- February 12, 2027: [Benefits of Industry Collaborations – Funding and Beyond](#)
An interactive workshop highlighting the benefits of partnering with industries and sharing best practices and proven strategies for successful industry partnerships.
Moderator: Lawrence Lau
Location: [Virtual \(Zoom\)](#)
- February 26, 2027: [Ethics and Funder Disclosure in AI Assisted Research](#)
Understanding emerging federal grant requirements regarding the disclosure of AI tools in research outputs, addressing algorithmic bias, and ensuring reproducible methodologies when using AI
Facilitator: Elaine Yeung and Andrew Greenman – Leatherby Libraries
Location: Leatherby Libraries 305– Hybrid In-Person, [RSVP](#) and [Zoom](#)
- March 12, 2027: [“I got a Grant! Now What?” – From Award Acceptance to Project Closeout — We've Got You Covered!](#)
This workshop walks you through everything you need to know after receiving funding: understand key actions required at project kick-off,

discover tools and resources to keep your project on track, learn how to pay external collaborators (subawards & consultants), and to navigate project changes when they arise.

Facilitators: Molly McCarty and Steph Wenning

Location: [Virtual \(Zoom\)](#)

April 2, 2027: [Spring Interdisciplinary Networking and Funding Opportunities discussions. Topic: TBD](#)

Moderator: Zhen Cong

Location: Rinker Campus (Location TBD) – In-person, [RSVP](#)

April 9, 2027: [Knowledge Transfer and Commercialization](#)

An interactive workshop to help faculty to identify inventions and other innovations arising from their research or creative activities that may have commercial potential; and to understand inventions disclosure, intellectual property protection, and commercialization process.

Facilitator: Lawrence Lau

Location: [Virtual \(Zoom\)](#)

April 23, 2027: [Project Management – Administration, Leadership and Dissemination](#)

This interactive workshop provides tools and best practices for project management include administrative aspects (e.g., managing your budget), leadership roles (building a team, managing collaborations and consultants), and dissemination (publicity, academic presentations & publications, annual reports to funding agency).

Facilitators: Molly McCarty and Martina Nieswandt

Location: Argyros Forum 209C – Hybrid In-person, [RSVP](#) and [Zoom](#)

May 7, 2027: [“Publish Smart, Not Hard!”](#)

This workshop will outline what to consider when choosing where to publish and provide helpful strategies to avoid pitfalls.

Facilitators: Kristin Laughtin-Dunker and Ivan Portillo, Leatherby Libraries

Location: Leatherby Libraries 305 – In-person, [RSVP](#) and [Zoom](#)

May 28, 2027: [Budgeting for Success](#)

This workshop will help you writing clear and competitive grant budgets for federal funding agencies, foundations and industry sponsors.

Facilitators: Molly McCarty and Larissa Wong

Location: [Virtual \(Zoom\)](#)