OFFICE FOR RESEARCH & DISCOVERY
RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Research Development Services (RDS) at The University of Arizona (UA) is an integral part of the suite of research services provided by the Office for Research & Discovery. Our mission is to help UA researchers and scholars identify funding opportunities, form effective teams, and craft winning proposals, with the ultimate goal of increasing the quality and quantity of externally-funded research and scholarly activity at UA.

RDS works with both central and unit-level research administration to offer a range of services. A summary is below, or visit our website (http://rgw.arizona.edu/services/research-development-services) for more information.

**Notification of Funding Opportunities** – We collect and disseminate information on funding opportunities and the funding landscape, to help link investigators identify internal and extramural funding opportunities. This includes:
- Funding Opportunities Announcements, distributed via email weekly.
- Access to the Pivot™ comprehensive funding database (http://pivot.cos.com) with customizable funding searches and alerts.
- Limited solicitations announcements, for those calls that limit the number of applications that may be submitted by UA. RDS distributes announcements and coordinates an internal review process. More information is on the RDS website.
- Links to UA and funding agency research-related listserv subscriptions, which provide valuable information, are listed on the RDS website.

**Collaboration and Expertise** – RDS maintains the UA Experts (SciVal®) website to help investigators identify colleagues across UA and at other institutions with specific expertise for potential collaboration and proposal development (http://www.experts.scival.com/arizona/). We can also help link investigators with units and resources on campus with specific expertise and capabilities.

**Proposal Development** – We provide consultation services to individual principal investigators, and partner with investigator teams to facilitate proposal preparation, especially for large, complex interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research projects. On a time-available basis, RDS can assist with initial strategy development, proposal management plans, technical writing, editing, proofreading, and template language.

**Training** – Research-related training for faculty, students and staff is provided across UA by the Office for Research and Discovery. RDS is organizing and sponsoring campus workshops and seminars on topics such as: successful/winning grant writing techniques (April 2015); the NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) and NIH New and Early Stage Investigator Programs (Spring 2015); and agency portfolios/trends.

We encourage you to contact us for assistance at VPR-ResDev@email.arizona.edu and we'll be pleased to provide support directly or connect you to the appropriate service.

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