Redbird Scholar to Debut in September

After a 10+ year hiatus, Illinois State University will once again publish a magazine highlighting research, scholarship, and creative endeavors. Redbird Scholar, to be published twice per year, will be an updated version of Illinois State Scholar, which was produced in the 1990s and early 2000s. The new publication will highlight the scholarly activities of faculty, students, and staff from all areas of the University. Although known primarily as an undergraduate institution, Illinois State University has vibrant graduate programs and renowned scholars, but frequently neither achieve the notoriety they deserve. It is our intention that Redbird Scholar will begin to reveal the depth and breadth of research, scholarship, and creative activities occurring on campus. We expect you will be impressed by the work of your colleagues!

Initially, the magazine will be distributed to all faculty and staff. Copies will also be sent to selected external constituencies and will be available for visitors to campus. Content will also be available online at IllinoisState.edu/RedbirdScholar/. If you would like to suggest story ideas, tweet them to @ISUResearch, use the hashtag #RedbirdScholar, or email ideas to kdberse@IllinoisState.edu.

Coming this fall...

Electronic IRB/IACUC/IBC Protocol Submission and Management

Research protocols will soon enter the 21st century as the Office of Research Ethics & Compliance rolls out IRBNet, the industry standard protocol submission and management system. With IRBNet, many of the redundancies of protocol submission are eliminated by using fillable forms and document templates. In addition, researchers will be able to better manage existing protocols (including revisions) and track their training and credential records. Additional features include:

- Automated expiration reminders
- Realtime protocol status information
- Online access to approval letters
- Web-based protocol sharing and collaboration
- Archived project history

IRBNet will be rolled out according to the following schedule:

- September 15: IACUC, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
- October 15: IBC, Institutional Biosafety Committee
- December 15: IRB, Institutional Review Board

Training documents and workshops for researchers and committee members will be made available in the near future.

IN NEWS BRIEFS

ALYCIA HUND APPOINTED IRB CHAIR
President Larry Dietz appointed Alycia Hund, a professor in the School of Psychology, as the new Chair of the Institutional Review Board (IRB). The IRB is a federally-mandated committee that reviews all research involving human subjects. Dr. Hund replaces the retiring Dr. Gary Creasey, also a professor in the School of Psychology.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICER
Cory Abernathy joined the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs as the Intellectual Property Officer in the summer of 2014. Cory has established a process for faculty and staff seeking patent protection for inventions that

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Faculty Research Support

University-wide programs supporting faculty research, scholarship, and creative endeavors are listed on a newly revised page of the Research website: Research.IllinoisState.edu/funding/internal/. These programs are often underutilized, and so we are encouraging faculty to apply for this support. Programs that are currently accepting applications for funding can be found on the University’s Review website at ilstu.infoready4.com.

The following is a brief list of the programs currently available:

Cross-Disciplinary Grant Development Program. This program supports teams whose scholarly interests cross disciplinary lines and who need temporary funding in order to apply for an external grant. Awards typically range from $8,000 to $15,000, with 1-2 awards are made during both the fall and the spring semesters.

Proposal Development Travel Grant. This grant supports faculty travel (up to a limit of $1,000) in support of external grant development. Typically, this funding is used to support travel to visit program officers or to meet with a collaborator with the specific purpose of developing a grant proposal for external funding. Travel to meetings, workshops, etc. is not supported by this program.

Publication/Exhibition/Open Access Grant. Matching funds are available to support costs associated with publications (including page charges, reprints, and open access fees) and exhibitions. Up to $200 per publication/exhibition is available, with required matching funds provided by the department/school and/or college. Funds are allocated by colleges, so be sure to consult with your College Research Coordinator for information about allowable costs and limitations on multiple requests per faculty member.

University Research Grant. Support for research and creative endeavors is provided by the University Research Grant program, which is administered separately by each college. Contact your College Research Coordinator or visit your college website for specific guidelines.

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Grants. The Cross Chair supports several SoTL grant programs. Additional details can be found at SoTL.IllinoisState.edu/grants/ and in the article about the Cross Chair elsewhere in this newsletter.

Additional programs will be announced in the upcoming months, and we anticipate releasing revised versions of the Undergraduate Research Award and the Faculty Research Mentorship programs in the coming year.

RSP Preparing Grant Proposal Budgets

In an effort to streamline the grant application process and to better serve faculty PIs, Research and Sponsored Programs (RSP) began preparing and approving budgets for research proposals as of July 1, 2015. As a result of this change, anyone preparing grants will work with a single staff member during the preparation and submission of their grant proposal. Janis Swanton and Ben Libert, RSP’s Grants and Contracts Development Specialists, will now be working with PIs on all aspects of proposal submission.

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Meet the Director: Jason Wagoner

Jason Wagoner joined Illinois State University in July, 2014, as Director of Research and Sponsored Programs. A native of Abingdon, Illinois, Jason earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in History from Eastern Illinois University. Jason then joined the University of Illinois’ Office of Research Grants and Contracts (later renamed the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research Administration) as a Grants and Contracts Specialist. While at the University of Illinois, he specialized in contract review and management. After six years at the University of Illinois, Jason accepted the position of Senior Research Administrator at the University of Oregon, where he assisted with a wide variety of grants and contracts in Education, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts (including the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and the Oregon Bach Festival). Next, Jason joined the State University of New York Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY, as the Associate Director of Research Administration. While at SUNY Upstate, Jason gained experience with grants in the scientific and medical arenas.

With his grant administrative experience at three different universities and in a wide variety of academic disciplines, Jason has a wealth of knowledge and varied perspectives on the challenges facing grant principal investigators. He brings a “customer” service orientation to the office, seeking to find solutions to problems that both meet the needs of the researcher and maintain compliance.

Jason’s priority over the next several years is to develop an office that provides high-quality service to all faculty. His goal is that Research and Sponsored Programs will become a resource for faculty developing and submitting grants, not merely an administrative office that submits grants.

Reflecting on his first year as Director of Research and Sponsored Programs, Jason says that he has greatly enjoyed working with the faculty and staff across campus. He reports that the faculty at Illinois State, compared to the other three institutions at which he has worked, are by far the most knowledgeable about grant management. He hopes to build on this knowledge and enthusiasm, so that both new and seasoned faculty have a more supportive experience, allowing them more time to focus on the project for which they received funding.

Jason lives in Bloomington with wife Aubrey, an Immigration Specialist in the Office of International Studies and Programs, and two children. In his leisure time he enjoys tying flies and woodworking.

As before, after a grant is awarded the PI will work with Grants Accounting to finalize the budget and set up the grant account. Grants Accounting will also continue to monitor and approve expenditures according to federal regulations, state regulations, University policies, and the grant agreement.

RSP welcomes your feedback on this change, and on any aspect of the grant development and submission process. Our goal is to make the entire process as supportive as possible, within the regulatory constraints that accompany the grant process. Please send feedback to Jason Wagoner, Director of RSP, at jwagoner@ilstu.edu.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that most academic journals allow you to place a version of your article in ISU’s Institutional Repository, ISU ReD?

Most academic journals allow faculty to deposit their articles into institutional repositories such as our ISU ReD. Some will require an embargo period or require that only a pre-print or post-print version of the article is deposited.
Graduate School News

The Graduate School works with 42 master’s degree programs (85 sequences of study), 10 doctoral degree programs, 27 certificate programs, and one specialist program. The quality of graduate education on campus is highlighted by several accomplishments over the past years. Here are just a few:

- The 2015 University Research Symposium had 461 students (204 graduate & 257 undergraduate) present their research on campus. This is an increase of 61 participants from 2014.

- Dissertation Completion Grants provide doctoral students with two years of research funding to help them make timely progress toward their degrees. Since 2013, a new cohort has started each fall semester. Members of the inaugural cohort, whose awards will end this December, have published 39 manuscripts and given 72 presentations, and 11 of the 14 awardees have already graduated. Applications for the next cohort are due September 18. See Grad.IllinoisState.edu/funding/grants/ for more details.

- Graduate students continue to work with faculty on quality research projects. This past academic year, students completed 226 theses and dissertations. This is a record high and an increase from 171 just two years ago.

- The Grad School is now on Facebook (facebook.com/isugradschool) and Twitter (twitter.com/ISUGradSchool). Follow us for up to date information about all things Graduate School.

- The Professional Development Series was initiated and included workshops for graduate students including such topics as Dissertation/Thesis Bootcamp, grant writing, expectations of a first year faculty member, and salary negotiations. All graduate students including such topics as Dissertation/Thesis Bootcamp, grant writing, expectations of a first year faculty member, and salary negotiations. All sessions have been well attended and the series will be expanded this fall to include our partners across campus such as the Center for Teaching & Learning and the Career Center. See Grad.IllinoisState.edu/academics/workshops/ for a list of upcoming workshops.

The Grad School continues to work on improving services for both students and faculty. In the upcoming year we plan several enhancements for the graduate student experience, including forming an advisory committee of current students to guide the Graduate School as it seeks to meet student needs. The advisory committee will represent masters and doctoral level students, domestic and international students, and all of the colleges on campus. They will also serve as ambassadors when graduate student representation is needed on committees. In addition, the Graduate Student Association and the Black Graduate Student Association are teaming up to offer an orientation/social for all grad students on campus. The event will be held on Sunday, August 30, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Hancock Stadium Club, and will bring students together in a social setting to help build support campus networks.

Stevenson Center: Public Service and Global Understanding

Most colleges and universities engage in service, but very few simultaneously combine that service with graduate study and with Peace Corps and AmeriCorps as co-curricular partners. Beginning in 1994 as the first Coverdell Peace Corps Fellows Program in community and economic development in the U.S., the Stevenson Center (StevensonCenter.org) continues to administer an interdisciplinary, applied graduate subplan for students pursuing careers in public service. We facilitate the curriculum, including the required, year-long internship experience. Working initially with the
Department of Politics and Government and the Department of Economics, we expanded to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and recently began working with the School of Kinesiology and Recreation. Over 160 alumni have served organizations in Bloomington-Normal, across Illinois, and around the world.

Additionally, the Stevenson Center aids communities and organizations with data collection and management, support for entrepreneurs, economic impact analyses, grant-writing training, and more. Affiliated faculty pursue community and economic development scholarship (e.g., community-supported agriculture, rural school closure, land use).

While we engage in service and applied research, we focus intensively on our graduate students. Our Peace Corps Master’s International Program is often ranked in the top 10 colleges and universities partnering with the Peace Corps. AmeriCorps Alums has highlighted the Stevenson Center as one of just four “Premium Match” graduate school partners in the country. Serving “the citizens of Illinois and beyond” (Educating Illinois, 2013-2018) is at the heart of what we do every day—the reciprocity between education and service is key to our success.

**Federal Government Relations: Your Liaison to Washington, DC**

The goal of the Office of Federal Government Relations is to advocate for the University at the federal level. That involves engaging with congressional staff both in Illinois and in Washington, discussing regulatory issues with federal agencies and assisting faculty in the pursuit of federal grants.

This past year, several deans, faculty, and other administrators have made trips to Washington to advocate for a wide range of issues, from teacher preparation standards to regulations governing the use of drones for research. Advocacy visits to Capitol Hill include meetings with staff members from the Illinois House and Senate delegation as well as committee staff members on specific issue areas. These visits not only help to convey the opinion of Illinois State on a particular issue, but also gives us the opportunity to act as experts on that issue for members of Congress and their staff.

Faculty have also made trips to Washington this year to speak with program officers at federal agencies while pursuing a grant. Utilizing the Research and Sponsored Programs Travel Fund, faculty are able to meet with staff in Washington to have a frank discussion about their research, the grant requirements, and even to ask advice on how best to frame their project or to decide which program within an agency the work fits best. Faculty members who have participated in these visits have found the meetings to be extremely helpful in navigating the often confusing world of federal grants.

Much of the policy discussion on Capitol Hill this year has centered around the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. Other policy topics we have been monitoring are the COMPETES Act, which authorizes spending for much of the federal funding agencies, patent reform legislation, tax reform, and campus sexual assault deterrence.

Establishing a strong presence in Washington is important to enhance the profile of the University among members of Congress and to establish Illinois State as an indispensable resource on a range of policy topics. Contact Ashley Ellefritz, Director of Federal Government Relations, at amellefe@illinoisstate.edu to find out how you can participate in these efforts.

...funding is available to assist faculty with publication costs, open access fees, and expenses related to exhibitions?

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, the Office of the AVP for Research provides matching funds (up to $200 per item) for defraying the costs associated with publications and exhibitions. Funds can be matched by any combination of the department/school, the college, or the faculty member.

As with any other reimbursements, expenditures must be documented according to current accounting practices, and funds can only be reimbursed or paid directly to the publisher, gallery, etc. See Research.IllinoisState.edu/funding/internal/publication/ for more details.

...that students from any discipline can participate in the Washington, D.C. internship program?

The Washington D.C. internship program, which just completed its fifth summer, has grown each year. During this past summer, seven students from four colleges interned in the Washington, D.C. metro area. Internship placements range from the D.C. Public Schools to the National Institutes of Health, from the Securities and Exchange Commission to the Metropolitan Police Department. This year, interns represented seven different majors: Graphic Design, Technology, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Theatre Education, Criminal Justice Sciences, Bilingual Education, and Political Science.

During the internships, students live in group intern housing on Capitol Hill and explore Washington’s cultural, historical, and social offerings during their leisure time. Students are ultimately responsible for finding their own placements, but the University arranges housing, organizes events during the summer, and provides mentoring throughout the application process and during their time in Washington. For more details see GovernmentRelations.IllinoisState.edu/internship/.

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Supporting SoTL Research: The Cross Chair

The Office of the Cross Chair supports and enables Illinois State University’s commitment to the promotion of scholarship and research on the teaching and learning (SoTL) of Illinois State University students. At ISU, we define SoTL as the systematic reflection/study of the teaching and learning of our ISU students that is made public. SoTL is a cross-discipline, international field of action and practitioner research engaged in by faculty, staff, and students from all disciplines. The ultimate goal of this research is to enhance learning and other developmental outcomes of our students.

Activities, opportunities, resources, education, and funding are offered to support SoTL research by faculty and staff. Recent initiatives include:

- Scholar-Mentor Program, a course reassignment for one semester and $3,000 in SoTL research and travel funds for 1-2 faculty
- Incentives for making SoTL public
- Publication of Volume 3 of Gauisus – the ISU online, multi-media journal of SoTL work (gauisus.weebly.com)
- Creation of The SoTL Advocate Blog with tips, examples, and debates about SoTL (IllinoisStateUniversitySoTL.wordpress.com/about/)
- ‘Walk the Talk SoTL application beyond the classroom’ contest, awards, and celebration.
- ISU SoTL presence on Twitter (@ISU_SoTL) and Facebook (Illinois State University Cross Chair in Scholarship of Teaching & Learning).

In addition, there are two upcoming SoTL grant opportunities with deadlines this fall: the Going Global with SoTL Minigrants due October 30 and the SoTL Travel Grants due September 28 or February 1. Find details at SoTL.IllinoisState.edu under Events and Opportunities.

Graduate Student Organization Activities

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) and the Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) are open to masters and doctoral students at ISU. These groups will hold meetings, and plan social and educational events throughout the year so that graduate students can get to know others across campus. The two groups held the first GSA/BGSA Orientation and Social, Sunday, August 30, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Hancock Stadium Club. The event attracted 70 graduate students from many different disciplines.

In addition to social clubs, the Graduate School is establishing a Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC). The purpose of the group is to discuss ideas to enhance graduate education, bring concerns of students to the Graduate School, and provide a student voice in matters of graduate education on...
campus. Applications for this 14 member board are being accepted through September 15 and can be found at: Grad.IllinoisState.edu/life/advisory/.

For more information on GSA, BGSA or GSAC, please contact Dana Davidson at dddavid@ilstu.edu.

FACTS & FIGURES

THESSES & DISSERTATIONS
The Graduate School processed a record number of theses and dissertations in the 2014-15 academic year. Data for the previous 5 years is shown below:

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GRANT ACTIVITY
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IRB/IACUC RESEARCH PROTOCOLS
There are currently 350 active IRB protocols and 43 active IACUC protocols. ISU faculty, staff, and students have completed 4777 CITI courses over the past 2 years.

SoTL GRANTS AWARDED
Through the Office of the Cross Chair, 67 SoTL URG grants totalling $300,000 have been awarded in the last 15 years.

STEVENSON CENTER IMPACT
Over the past 10 years, the Stevenson Center students have earned $196,477 in 58 Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards, and placed students all over the world: StevensonCenter.org/map/.

ISU ReD ACTIVITY
As of September 7, 2015, ISU's institutional repository had:

- 1,660 Total Papers
- 90,337 Downloads
- 39,510 Downloads in past year

Visit IR.Library.IllinoisState.edu for latest statistics.

Second, because Illinois State University receives federal funds, the University is required to make all services available to the federal government at the lowest available rate. Offering lower indirect cost rates to private, non-profit, or other external entities, except where mandated by the external agency's guidelines, violates this requirement.

...that the Graduate School holds drop-in hours for students needing help with the thesis/dissertation process, including formatting?

Students can stop by Hovey Hall 309, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1-3 p.m., for thesis and dissertation assistance. The service is also available by appointment.

CALENDAR

September 15
Graduate Student Advisory Applications Due Grad.IllinoisState.edu/life/advisory/

September 18
Dissertation Completion Grant Applications Due Grad.IllinoisState.edu/funding/grants/

September 28/February 1
SoTL Travel Grants Due SoTL.IllinoisState.edu/grants/funding/

October 1
Graduate Faculty Applications Due GradInfo@IllinoisState.edu

October 1
NSF-MRI Limited Submission Pre-Applications Due ilstu.infoready4.com

October 15
Cross-Disciplinary Grant Development Applications Due ilstu.infoready4.com

October 30
Going Global with SoTL Mini-grant Applications Due SoTL.IllinoisState.edu/grants/funding/
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