



Research Revelations

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ULM's Director of Sponsored Programs and Research Receives Two National Honors

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During the Society of Research Administrators, International (SRAI)'s meeting, Rene Hearn received two honors for her work in the field of research administration. SRAI's Board of Directors approved the nominations of Director Hearn to receive the Hartford-Nicholsen Award and appointed to the ranks of Distinguished Faculty.

SRAI's Hartford-Nicholsen Award recognizes members whose services over the years have benefited the entire Society. The recipient must have performed outstanding service to SRAI over a number of years. The nominators indicated that:

Rene Hearn joined SRAI in 2002 and since then

has taken her service commitment to heart. She immediately took on significant responsibilities as Membership Chair for the Midwest Section; her efforts recognized the following year by receiving the Midwest Section's Newcomer Award. She fully embraces the educational mission of the Society through her service on the Newsletter Committee, Editorial Review Board of the Journal of Research Administration, her involvement in the planning process of multiple Midwest Section meetings, and as main advisor to the development of SRAI Webinars. In 2006, she was elected to the Board of Directors, and continues to participate as

a speaker at multiple SRAI Chapter, Section, and Annual Meetings. (SRAI program book 2009 Seattle meeting)

The Distinguished Faculty (DF) designation is not an honorary award for service to SRAI. Rather, DF serves SRAI and the profession. The designation has three main requirements: contribution, knowledge, and outstanding instructors. DF recognizes the outstanding expertise of the SRAI member and their contribution to the field's body of knowledge. Additionally, it recognizes the theoretical and practical research administration

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knowledge of the individual. Finally, the DF recognizes the individuals as being an outstanding teacher and/or researcher. The DF designation requires the individual to be available as expert consultants, instructors, and researchers for SRAI.

OSPR Introduces Professional Development Series Workshop

OSPR presented a series of workshops to enhance ULM's sponsored program skills. This is the first of a variety of development opportunities that will be available to ULM's faculty and staff. These opportunities serve several purposes, but mainly it is to provide the researcher the

necessary administrative information that streamlines the process and it ensures ULM is compliant with governing laws and regulations.

The series offered Grant Writing 101, ULM Grant Process 101, Finding Funding 101, Time & Effort 101, Board of Regents Strategies, Costshare 101, and Responsible

Conduct of Research 101. This series will be presented each fall. Remember to check out OSPR's Training Resources webpage for all the available professional development opportunities (<http://ulm.edu/research/trainin g.html>)

E-Verify Is Now Required

What is E-Verify (www.uscis.gov/E-Verify)? E-Verify is an electronic employment verification system and its use became mandatory on September 8, 2009. The good news is that the Obama administration limited its applicability from mandating a verification of all employees to only new and existing employees whose

pay derives from federal contracts. Considering most federal sponsored programs at ULM are grants, this new requirement should not cause any delay in administrative processing. However, if federal contracting is the means of funding for any project, all personnel on that project must have all personnel

verified and approved before any further payment may be made.

If you have any further questions on the applicability of this requirement, please contact OSPR at 1039 for further information.

“Going Live” – OSPR to Banner on November 1

ULM is implementing a new financial system. This change means that there will be new ways to obtain the necessary information needed to perform proper grants management.

The first phase brings Admissions on line November 9th. Due to

system integration, this phase will require OSPR and Controller's to enter the information into both systems. The dual entry will begin November 3rd.

The implementation team is hoping to have the balance of the financial system live by the end of the year.

Payroll will be going live early 2010. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding how this will affect your ability to manage your awards, please contact OSPR at 1039 for assistance.

Export Controls Simplified: Why It Matters to ULM

Most people have heard that there are laws that govern exports. As an institution of higher education, we do not export anything, right? Wrong. Since the terror acts of September 11, export control laws have become far-reaching. They control specific items, data, and various other intangible items.

These laws and regulations have several purposes: 1) to restrict exports of goods and technology that could contribute to the military potential of our adversaries; 2) to prevent proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; 3) to advance U.S. foreign policy goals; and 4) to protect our economy and promote trade. This poses unique challenges that require ULM's administration to balance academic freedoms against national security.

The export control laws and regulations manage transfers of

“ULM does not have any activities that would fall under this regulation.” That is where you might be wrong. Export Controls do not just protect our security, but our economy too.

controlled information, including data, to controlled persons and/or entities. The transfers of controlled information to foreign nationals may occur via shipment of goods, or through disclosures in the form of verbal, written, electronic, and/or visual means. Exporting is not limited to the shipment of controlled items overseas; it may also occur within the US via a disclosure to an individual controlled under these laws.

When foreign nationals will be

associated with research whether externally funded or not, ULM is required to assess the situation and determine if the laws and regulations apply. If they do, ULM would be required to get a license in order to involve the foreign nationals or secure the situation to ensure the transfers does not occur.

In turn, when involving foreign nationals in your work it is important to make sure that ULM performs its initial triage to determine the applicability of the export control laws and regulations.

ULM's administration does not want any of its professors going to federal prison over an export control violation (Roth case <http://www.usdoj.gov/archive/opa/pr/2008/September/08-nsd-774.html>)



OSPR Star of the Month

October 2009 Star

Dr. W. Greg Leader

Dean

College of Pharmacy

<http://ulm.edu/research/star.html>



Vote for November Star

OSPR recognition initiative celebrates its first birthday!

We believe in providing recognition for the hard work and dedication required in the performance of sponsored programs. It would be impossible for OSPR to select one worthy candidate for recognition, in turn, OSPR created the Star of the Month program that provides peer selection of worthy candidates for this honor.

Every day, ULM's faculty reach

new heights and become nationally recognized in many areas for their research and scholarly activities.

For these reasons, OSPR highlights their sponsored program activities through brief descriptions of their funded projects as well as through various recognition programs, in addition to OSPR's new recognition programs of Star of the Month program, yearly recognition reception for proposers and awardees, and releases for various publications.

Nominees are:

- **Kevin Baer, Department Head, Toxicology, College of Pharmacy**
- **Florencetta Gibson, Director, School of Nursing, College of Health Sciences**
- **Ruth Smith, Department Head, Foreign Languages, College of Arts and Sciences**

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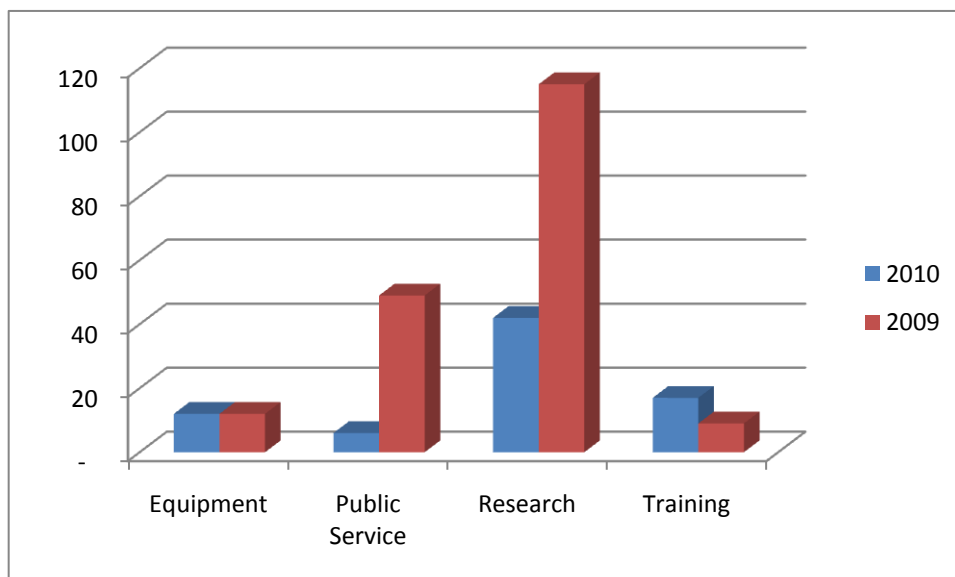
ULM Proposal Submissions Increase

Sponsored program writing is on the increase.

The graph to the right compares the first quarter of submissions by type against the data from fiscal year 2009. Currently, ULM researchers have submitted 42% of the amount proposals for the entire last fiscal year.

This highlights the focus of ULM's faculty and staff on meeting the goals established by our strategic plan.

Congratulations to all those who are advancing ULM.



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Vision Statement - The University of Louisiana at Monroe strives to distinguish itself in preparing students for meaningful lives and service to humanity by excelling in student-centered learning—turning vision into action.

Mission Statement - The University of Louisiana at Monroe emboldens the human spirit through student-centered learning, explores the truth through meaningful research, and enriches the human experience through useful service to those in the mid-South and the world beyond. A comprehensive senior institution of higher learning, ULM offers a complete educational experience emphasizing a learning environment where excellence is the hallmark. The University dedicates itself to student learning and advancing knowledge through pure and applied research. With its human, academic, and physical resources, ULM enhances the quality of life of the surrounding communities.

OSPR's Mission Statement - The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research's mission is to make the process of grant search, application and management as smooth and simple as possible. We strive to be ULM's 'one-stop-shop' for all your research needs by providing all investigators the administrative information and oversight necessary for them to succeed in the world of sponsored programs

Awards received in October

Georgia Sanderson, Louisiana
Workforce Commission,
\$76,126

Iftekhar Amin, Governor's Office
of Elderly Affairs, \$29,914

Iftekhar Amin, Louisiana
Department of Health and
Hospitals, \$19,998

Joe Saunders, Louisiana
Department of Culture,
Recreation and Tourism,
\$67,308

Barry Parker, U.S. Small
Business Administration,
\$57,621

Mary Lynn Wilkerson, U.S.
Small Business Administration,
\$1,545,852 (2 awards)

Yolanda Dupre, Northern
Kentucky University Research
Foundation, \$2,814

Pamela Newman, Louisiana
Department of Health and
Hospitals, \$1,779,643

Karen Arrant, Lyme Disease
Association, \$4,000

Florence Gibson, Workforce
Investment Board Area 81,
\$128,216

Nadine Johnston, Louisiana
State University, \$6,140

Mary Gauthier-Lewis, LSU
Health Services Division,
\$110,000

