

DEAN'S DIGEST

 School of Medicine
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Newsbriefs for TUSM Faculty



A NOTE FROM JOHN DALY, MD

The economic climate is as unsettled as the spring weather. On the one hand, we are tightening our budgetary belts – and with the other, we are applying for millions of dollars from the NIH with American Recovery and Revitalization Act funding. I am extremely gratified to see so many faculty and administrators working hard so that Temple can take advantage of these opportunities. Five proposals have already been submitted (for the Shared Equipment Grants) and an amazing 50+ proposals are in progress for the Challenge Grants due this month. We are also submitting two major construction grants and one major biofacility core grant. What makes this effort particularly impressive is its simultaneity with last month's intensive focus on the

LCME accreditation site visit team. As noted below, we believe the visit went well, and I am thankful to everyone who labored to ensure that it would. I am particularly grateful to Dr. Richard Kozera, who did an absolutely outstanding job in guiding the process. Thank you all for making me proud to serve as your dean.

John M. Daly, MD, Dean

LCME SITE VISIT

The school's 5-year Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) accreditation site visit took place March 15 through 18. During this intensive process, groups of dean's staff, faculty, and medical students met with members of the site visit team, exploring and discussing medical education, student affairs, research, clinical practice, graduate education, and other areas of school activity. The conversations focused upon the many ways in which TUSM helps its students develop into graduates of whom we are extremely proud.

In late April, we expect to receive a draft report from the LCME and will have the opportunity to correct any factual errors possibly contained therein. The LCME will review the amended document at its June meeting and in late June or early July, we should receive official word about our accreditation.

Site visitors cannot make specific comments about accreditation to the sites they are visiting. However, during their exit interviews with Dean Daly, Provost Staiano-Coico, and Senior Executive VP for Health Sciences Notebaert, the site visitors made complimentary comments about our spectacular new building and our medical students' extraordinary commitment to service. We are optimistic about the end results of this accreditation process and will keep you posted. **INFORMATION:** Richard Kozera, MD, Senior Associate Dean, Kozera@temple.edu.

ARRA STIMULUS GRANT NOTES

As you know, the American Recovery and Revitalization Act (ARRA) has provided

\$10.4 billion to NIH for grants in specific areas, with funds available through September 2010. Announcements have been made for proposals in several categories, including:

RFA-OD-09-003. NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research (RC1). Due April 27, 2009. More than 50 TUSM proposals in progress.

RFA-RR-09-007. Core Facility Renovation, Repair and Improvement (G20). Due September 17, 2009. Projects between \$1M and \$10M. Two TUSM proposals in progress.

RFA-RR-09-008. Extramural Research Facilities Improvement Program (C06). Projects between \$2M and \$5M due May 6, 2009. Projects between \$10M and \$15M due June 17, 2009. Projects between \$5M and \$10M due July 17, 2009. We plan to submit two major proposals.

PAR-09-118. High-End Instrumentation Grant Program (S10). Due May 6, 2009. \$600,000 to \$8M. We plan to apply.

PAR-09-028. Shared instruments, \$100,000 to \$500,000 (S10). Due March 23, 2009. We submitted three proposals.

Guidelines – Challenge Grant Application:

Proposals must flow through University Sponsored Project Administration (SPA). If you intend to submit, **CONTACT:** Christine Blewett, cblewett@temple.edu, Ext. 2-3391, or Rosemary Dillon, dillon@temple.edu, Ext. 2-7547. Proposals must be submitted through Temple's electronic research administration system, eRA@TU. For questions, **CONTACT:** Bob O'Malley, omalley@temple.edu, Ext. 1-4345. Budgets for the Challenge Grant

RFA (due to NIH by April 27) cannot exceed \$500K/year or \$1M over 2 years (\$ amounts = direct + indirect costs).

The research plan is limited to 12 pages, and appropriate headings must be used for each section. Abstract is limited to 1 page. Multiple applications will be accepted from applicants provided that the projects are distinctly different. In both the Research Area section and Abstract, the broad and specific challenge areas must be stated. Example, "This application addresses broad Challenge Area (01): Behavior, Behavioral Change, and Prevention and specific Challenge Topic, 01-GM-104: Mechanisms of Behavior Change Research." Include the TUSM boilerplates sent on March 10 via faculty Listserv. Administrative documents required for the application must be submitted to SPA by Thursday, April 16. Proposals must be completely uploaded in eRA@TU and reviewed at the school/ department/center level By Monday, April 20. Complete proposals will be submitted by SPA to NIH. Due to the large volume expected, however, SPA will process and submit proposals on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot guarantee a proposal's successful submittal if the above deadlines have not been met.

Newest NIH ARRA Funding Opportunities

Administrative Supplements:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-056.html>

Competitive Revision Applications:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-058.html>

Administrative Supplements—
Summer Research Experiences for
Students & Science Educators:
[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/
notice-files/NOT-OD-09-060.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-060.html)

INFORMATION: <http://grants.nih.gov/recovery/>

NORTHEASTERN HOSPITAL TRANSITION

Northeastern Hospital will be turned into a multi-specialty outpatient center by July 1, 2009. This decision, which results from declining utilization rates and significant operational losses at the facility, was made following an intensive review of options. The new Northeastern Ambulatory Care Center will focus on prenatal care and family health, with non-emergency walk-in care and outpatient services including oncology, cardiology, gastroenterology, orthopedics, and occupational health. Radiology and routine lab services will be available on-site. Patients will be able to access all inpatient services at TUH.

Northeastern's nursing school will continue with strengthened ties to Temple's nursing program, and the Northeastern campus will be redeveloped to attract other health and social-service tenants. Unfortunately, the transition results in the elimination of positions. Affected employees will be offered employment transition assistance, and where possible, will be redeployed to vacant positions within the Health System and University.

As noted in recent important announcements sent via listserv, Temple University Health System has lost money on health-care operations for five of the last six years. "The external environment requires us to take action to improve our performance so we can sustain our mission," said Edmond Notebaert, Temple's Senior Executive VP for Health Sciences. To this end, Health System, School of Medicine, Temple University Physicians, and University officials are working together to identify actions, such as the decision affecting Northeastern Hospital, to improve the financial picture and better align crucial health affairs efforts.

MATCH RESULTS 2009

The Class of 2009 received the results of their residency matches on March 19. The results were excellent, with Temple students matching at highly competitive programs both regionally and nationwide. Highlights: 68 students will remain in Pennsylvania, including 22 at Temple; another 22 matched at Temple's major academic teaching affiliates (Abington, Crozer Chester, Geisinger,

St. Luke's, West Penn, and St. Chris). The 22 remaining at Temple matched in emergency medicine, general surgery, internal medicine, orthopaedics, pathology, psychiatry, and radiology. Overall, the specialties most heavily represented are: internal medicine (32); pediatrics (18); emergency medicine (14); surgery (13); psychiatry (10); and family medicine (9). **INFORMATION:** Kathleen Reeves, MD, kreeves@temple.edu.

BANNER FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In July 2009, a new university-wide online financial management system will go live, replacing FMS (Financial Management System), the program Temple has been using for many years. The new financial management system is part of a powerful new software suite recently purchased by the university: the SunGard Banner System. More than 1,300 schools, colleges and universities use Banner nationwide. A centralized, integrated data base, Banner will store all information presently housed within Temple's various databases, such as the Financial Management System (FMS), the Human Resources System (HRS), the Student Information System (ISIS), and the Institutional Advancement System (Millennium). The longstanding lack of integration between these systems has made them expensive and difficult to maintain.

With vastly improved access, integration, and efficiency, Banner will usher in a new day. Banner's various applications (purchasing, financial management, human resources, etc.), will be introduced to university users in stages, with training provided at every stage. Upgrading to Banner is part of a 5-year \$38 million university-wide initiative to upgrade and transfer all major administrative systems into a consolidated, state-of-the-art, database-driven infrastructure based on an integrated digital platform. More than 150 faculty and administrators university-wide have been working on the project. More information will be shared in future issues of the Dean's Digest. For additional information, visit www.temple.edu/enterprise.

GRADUATION & AWARDS DAY, CLASS OF 2009

Please join us for two events: Awards Day and Graduation for the Class of 2009. Awards Day will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2009, at 3 pm at the Student Faculty Center, 4th floor Auditorium. Please join us as we honor selected faculty and students for their achievements. Please also join us for an

event that your hard work over the past four years helped make possible: Commencement, which will be held on Friday, May 22, at 10 am at the Kimmel Center, Broad and Spruce Streets. **INFORMATION:** Micki Miller, Student Affairs, medosa@temple.edu, Ext. 2-1670.

SAVE-THE-DATE: FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, June 11, 2009 (9 am - 3:30 pm), for "Team-Based Learning in a Medical School Curriculum," led by Dean X. Parmelee, MD, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, Boonshoft School of Medicine, Wright State University, Director of the AAMC Team-Based Learning Consortium. The morning session will focus on the nuts and bolts of team-based learning. The afternoon will focus on how to develop an effective team-based learning module. More details on this program, sponsored by the Offices of Medical Education & Faculty Development and the Temple Institute for Medical Education, will follow. **INFORMATION:** Gerald Sterling, PhD, Senior Associate Dean, ghsterli@temple.edu, ext. 2-4613.

NEW FACULTY

Michael Denny, PhD, Assistant Professor, Medicine/Rheumatology. **INTERESTS:** abnormalities in cell development related to systemic lupus erythematosus; mechanisms for mediating development of abnormal neutrophils in lupus patients and their associations with disease manifestations. **CONTACT:** mfdenny@temple.edu, Ext. 2-9509.

Karl Holzinger, MD, Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology. **INTERESTS:** general ophthalmology; cataract and refractive surgery. **CONTACT:** karl.holzinger@tuhs.temple.edu, Ext. 2-2727.

Weidong Xiao, PhD, Associate Professor, Microbiology & Immunology/Sol Sherry Thrombosis Research Center. **INTERESTS:** basic biology of adeno-associated virus and its application as a gene transfer vector for basic research and human gene therapy. **CONTACT:** wxiao@temple.edu, Ext. 2-6392.

Marcia Halpern, MD, Assistant Professor, Neurology. **INTERESTS:** General neurology, stroke, Parkinson's disease, neuropathy, dementia. **CONTACT:** marcia.halpern@temple.edu, Ext. 2-3040.

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