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## New Web Site for Research and Graduate Studies

The entire Lawrence campus moved to a new web site format January 14, including the Office of Research and Graduate Studies. The new home page at [www.research.ku.edu](http://www.research.ku.edu) is shown above. The conversion was led by Mary Ann Roesner, RGS web manager, who said "The main goal for the redesign is to provide our audiences with content that is easy to navigate and understand within the new KU template design."

According to Roesner, layout and navigation of the new site is based on user analysis, rather than on how RGS is structured. More than 80% of the most-visited pages are now two clicks or less from the home page. With the introduction of the new CITI system for human subjects training, the size of the site was reduced from 500 pages to approximately 200.

Questions and comments about the site can be sent to [rgswebs@ku.edu](mailto:rgswebs@ku.edu).

## Don't Delay: February 15 is Deadline for Final Cycle of Strategic Initiative Grant Proposals

Last spring, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Jeff Vitter announced the creation of a **Strategic Initiative Grant program**. He also established the **Research Investment Council** to evaluate Level I grant proposals and recommend action.

The first two cycles of proposals for 2012-13 are now complete. **The deadline for the third and final cycle of the academic year is 5 p.m. on Friday, February 15.**

Online application forms for Level I proposals (and the smaller Level II proposals) are available at <http://www.provost.ku.edu/sit-grant-program>.

## Higuchi-KU Endowment Research Achievement Awards Deadline Nears

The Higuchi-KU Endowment Research Achievement Awards are the state's most prestigious recognition of the exceptional long-term accomplishments of faculty at Kansas Board of Regents universities. Four awards are given annually in memory of Takeru Higuchi. Each includes a citation at a public ceremony and reception in the fall, as well as a \$10,000 award for ongoing research efforts.

More information about the awards, including past recipients and selection criteria, is [available online](#). **The nomination deadline for the 2013 awards is Tuesday, January 29**, so don't delay in nominating an outstanding KU colleague.

## Quarterly Grant Coordinators Meeting Scheduled for January 24

Grant coordinator meetings provide an opportunity for unit-level grant coordinators and KUCR Research Administration staff to discuss important changes and hot topics, see demonstrations of new systems, and update each other on policies, forms, regulations and other matters. Most important, it provides a venue for an open dialogue involving everyone engaged in supporting research and sponsored projects at KU.

The next quarterly meeting of this group is Thursday, January 24, 10:30 a.m. to noon in the auditorium at Simons Biosciences Research Labs. Future meetings are scheduled for April 25, July 25, and October 24. For more information, contact Bill Sharp at [wsharp@ku.edu](mailto:wsharp@ku.edu).

## Joanne Altieri to Retire from KU in February



Joanne Altieri, a valued member of the KUCR community for most of the past 24 years, is retiring from KU to become associate director of grants management at the University of Chicago. Joanne is currently director of research administration but started at KU in 1988 as a grants specialist. She advanced to assistant vice provost for contract negotiations and research compliance in 1998 and held that position until 2005, when she joined the Peace Corps and served in the Dominican Republic. After three years as director of the Office of Sponsored Project Administration at Iowa State University, Joanne returned to her *alma mater* (B.A., Spanish) in 2009 as assistant vice provost and director of research administration. Congratulations and best wishes to Joanne, whose final day at KU is Tuesday, February 5.

## Reminder: KU Research Development Travel Fund Provides \$750 per Year

Off-campus travel for face-to-face meetings with potential funding agency officials can lead to future success in obtaining grants. For many years, the Research and Graduate Studies has encouraged and supported such meetings by providing up to \$750 for an annual research development trip by any eligible faculty or staff member. The chief requirement is that the researcher must have a scheduled, focused meeting with one or more program officers to discuss the possibility of funding for a future sponsored project.

To apply for a grant of up to \$750, complete and submit the fillable online Faculty/Staff Research Development Travel Fund form at <http://www.rgs.ku.edu/funding/travel-fund.shtml>. The form can also be used to request a cash travel advance, and will be used to report the results of the trip within 60 days of your return (along with the Travel Expense Report and appropriate receipts). Applications must be reviewed and approved by RGS before arrangements are finalized for a trip.

Applications can be mailed, e-mailed as a PDF, faxed, or delivered to: Michelle Ginavan Hayes, 147 Youngberg Hall, 2385 Irving Hill Road, Lawrence, KS 66045-7568, [mginavan@ku.edu](mailto:mginavan@ku.edu), FAX (785) 864-8128, phone (785) 864-7688.

## Provost to Present Leading Light Awards February 28



In 2010, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Jeff Vitter announced a new recognition – the Leading Light Award – to highlight the accomplishments of KU investigators for their efforts in obtaining an external grant totaling at least \$1 million within a specified time period. “By contributing to the research enterprise at KU in a major way,” said Vitter, “these individuals and teams serve as leading lights and role models for others.”

The **inaugural group of Leading Light Award recipients** was recognized last spring. The second ceremony and invitation-only luncheon is scheduled for February 28. Recipients receive public recognition and an engraved bronze sunflower trophy (left).

## After Nearly 40 Years as a `Project,' TORP Updates Its Name

KU's **Tertiary Oil Recovery Project** (TORP) has been re-designated a Program. “We are no longer a `single-project' research center and the name should reflect that,” said Jenn-Tai Liang, professor of chemical and petroleum engineering and director of TORP. “The change will help external institutions with which we do collaborative research better understand who we are and what we can do together.”

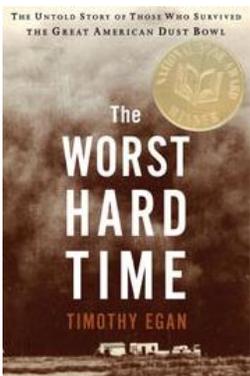
TORP was founded as a “project” by Don Green and Paul Willhite in 1974. TORP works to evaluate the full potential of the oil recovery processes in Kansas. This includes tertiary oil recovery as well as more standard technologies such as water-flooding. In addition TORP conducts research and development designed to create new and refined processes applicable to Kansas, and maintains a technology transfer effort.

The name change was endorsed last fall by the TORP Advisory Board. TORP was already an affiliated center with the Office of Research and Graduate Studies. That status is unchanged.

## New Human Subjects Protection Training Now Available

The **Human Subjects Committee – Lawrence Campus (HSCL)** has launched a new human subjects protection training program. The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative, or CITI, provides all KU researchers, associates, and students with access to expertly updated human subjects training. The HSCL encourages KU researchers to try out the new training modules, even though training in CITI won't be required until a researcher's three-year certification on the existing system has expired. CITI benefits include modules in other languages, such as Spanish and Chinese. Users will also have access to their own accounts for accessibility and portability. The new tutorial is available online at [http://research.ku.edu/human\\_subjects\\_compliance\\_training](http://research.ku.edu/human_subjects_compliance_training).

## January 25 is Deadline for 2014-15 KU Common Book Nominations



*The Worst Hard Time*, a National Book Award-winning chronicle of the Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan, has been selected as the **KU Common Book** for 2013-14. It lends itself to a broad range of multidisciplinary activities across campus and relates to two of the *Bold Aspirations* strategic initiative themes: “Sustaining the Planet, Powering the World,” and “Building Communities, Expanding Opportunities.”

The KU Common Book will be a part of many courses across campus next year, including all PRE 101 courses. Two of KU's new learning communities will use it as part of their focus on sustainability. Many GTAs will utilize the book as well.

**Nominations are being accepted online until January 25** for the 2014-15 KU Common Book. During the first year of the program, 140 individuals nominated 125 different books.

## Digital Humanities Jumpstart Workshops Scheduled for March

KU's [Institute for Digital Research in the Humanities](#) will again offer its popular Digital Jumpstart Workshops on March 7-8 at Watson Library. These free, three-hour workshops provide faculty, staff, and graduate students with hands-on introductions to digital tools and practices in order to help them capture and digitize data, discover and analyze patterns in data, and present and disseminate results. All skill levels, from beginner to seasoned digital humanist, are welcome to attend. Registration has not yet begun. For more information, call 864-8883. The [2012 program is online](#) and the [tentative 2013 program](#) is as follows:

- "Getting Your Data Ready for an Online Exhibit": Scott Hanrath
- "The What and Why of Apis": Patrick Flor
- "Visualizing Data in Gephi": Elijah Meeks
- "Introduction to XML": Jeffrey Rydberg-Cox
- "GIS On \$0 a Day": Katie Sparks
- "Classroom Digital Humanities": Jonathan Lamb, Crystal Hall

## Natural History Museum Botany Tour Planned February 3

For more than 140 years, KU scientists and students have collected and studied Earth's animals and plants. Only a few of these specimens are on display for the public in the exhibits of the KU Natural History Museum. Millions more are in jars or drawers throughout the Biodiversity Institute's research areas.

Now is your chance to see one of these collections up close. At 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 3, Craig Freeman, curator of botany, will offer a behind-the-scenes tour of the plant collection at the Ronald L. McGregor Herbarium on KU's west campus, next to the Bridwell Botany Research Laboratory. The collection includes approximately 400,000 plant specimens, of which 65% represents the flora of the grassland biome of central North America.

Advanced registration for this event is required by 5 p.m. on February 1. A \$7 contribution for the tour is suggested for the public, and \$5 for museum members. Call (785) 864-4450 to register.

## KU Hosts Russian Academic Visitors in December



A group of eight academic administrators from Russia came to KU December 13 under the auspices of the International Visitors Council of Greater Kansas City. In addition to meeting with KU International Programs staff, they met with officials at the School of Pharmacy, the School of Engineering, and the Bioscience & Technology Business Center. The eight were deans and directors from Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University, Southern Ural State University, National Research Technological University, Southern Federal University, Kazan National Research Technological University, Northern European Open

University, Petrozavodsk, National Research Poly Technical University, and Institute of Prospective Technologies. The group is shown at left at the School of Pharmacy with Dean Ken Audus and an internationally known KU symbol.

## KUMC Research Institute Relocates to New Offices

The KU Medical Center Research Institute moved recently to new offices in Fairway. The new location is 4330 Shawnee Mission Parkway, near the new KU Clinical Research Center. The institute, led by Paul Terranova and formerly housed in Wescoe Pavilion, administers federally and privately funded research projects and clinical trials in KUMC.

Approximately 40 employees are part of the move. The main telephone number remains (913) 588-1261 and the mailstop remains 1039. Staff e-mail addresses are unchanged, as is the central e-mail address, [kumcri@kumc.edu](mailto:kumcri@kumc.edu).

## Note: 2013 P-Card Statement and Force Close Dates

The 2013 [Procurement Card \(P-Card\)](#) statement dates and force close dates for 2013 are as follows.

Month	Statement Date	Force Close Date
January	Wednesday, January 9	Tuesday, January 29
February	Monday, February 11	Tuesday, February 26
March	Monday, March 11	Wednesday, March 27
April	Tuesday, April 9	Friday, April 26
May	Thursday, May 9	Wednesday, May 29
June	Tuesday, June 11	Wednesday, June 26
July	Tuesday, July 9	Monday, July 29
August	Friday, August 9	Tuesday, August 27
September	Tuesday, September 10	Thursday, September 26
October	Wednesday, October 9	Monday, October 28
November	Monday, November 11	Tuesday, November 26
December	Tuesday, December 10	Friday, December 20

The “force close date” refers to the absolute final date that P-Card transactions must be completed by the department. When a purchase is made on a credit card, the department is required to assign the correct project number and account code to the purchase. They must also attach a copy of the invoice or receipt. Should the department not get this done by the force close date, the purchase is forced to their designated F&A account. To move the expenditure to the correct project after the force close requires the department to do a journal entry and additional approval and documentation steps. If you need assistance, please contact [rgsaccounting@ku.edu](mailto:rgsaccounting@ku.edu) or [kucrcard@ku.edu](mailto:kucrcard@ku.edu).

## Upcoming Events

News of interest to the research community. Additional details are available at the [KU Calendar](#).

### January 24

KUCR Grant Coordinators Meeting  
10:30 a.m.  
Simons Auditorium

### January 29

Nomination Deadline: Higuchi-KU Endowment  
Research Achievement Award

### February 12

Dedication: Biodiversity Institute Renovation Project  
3 p.m.  
Dyche Hall

### February 14

KUCR Thursday Research Topic: TBA  
11:10 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.  
Simons Auditorium

### February 15

Application Deadline: Strategic Initiative Grants, Level I

### February 21

Dedication: Advanced Computing Facility Project  
10 a.m.  
Nichols Hall

### February 28

Ceremony and Luncheon: Leading Light Awards

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