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KU Entrepreneurship “Boot Camp” Offers Introduction for Researchers

The KU Center for Technology Commercialization will hold a first-ever “boot camp” on Tuesday, October 9, an all-day event designed to introduce key aspects of entrepreneurship to faculty, staff, graduate students, and postdocs at the Lawrence and Medical Center campuses. The program is free, and is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oread Hotel in Lawrence. Registration is required, lunch is provided, and a reception will follow.

Whether you are only curious about the topic, or actively thinking about forming a start-up company, this boot camp is for you. Participants will learn how the company start-up process works at the university, how to raise investment capital, how to protect and value your intellectual property, and what resources are available at KU to provide assistance at every step.

Sessions will be led by nationally recognized experts with Silicon Valley experience. There will also be opportunities for individual coaching by the presenters, based on a short business proposal you can submit in advance. Proposals submitted by September 25 will be reviewed at the boot camp. If you would like to continue pursuing a startup company, you can compete to present your proposal to a group of investors in Silicon Valley in May.

Online registration for the KU Entrepreneurship Boot Camp is now available at the [web site](#), along with the [preliminary agenda](#). Enrollment is limited. For more information, email [KUCTC](#) or phone (785) 864-7189.

Three Named University Distinguished Professors



Left to Right: Aubé, Cudd, Graham

Provost Jeffrey Vitter recently [announced](#) the appointment of Jeff Aubé, medicinal chemistry, Ann Cudd, philosophy, and Maryemma Graham, English, as University Distinguished Professors.

“This title is a very significant honor, and I am pleased to recognize three of our finest faculty members through this award,” Vitter said. “Appointment as a University Distinguished Professor is a reflection of many valued accomplishments and contributions to KU, which range from excellence in the classroom to ground-breaking research.”



Major criteria for selection include record of scholarship, participation in university affairs and professional organizations, service to community and the success of their students, colleagues and institutions. A complete list of KU Distinguished Professors is available [online](#).

New KU Financial Conflicts of Interest Policy is Effective August 10

In August 2011, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) issued new rules governing the declaration and management of financial conflicts of interest (FCOI). Institutions must implement policies consistent with these new rules no later than August 24, 2012 to be eligible to receive NIH funding.

In response to these new requirements the University of Kansas has developed a new policy governing the reporting of significant financial interests and the Office of Research and Graduate Studies is implementing a new, electronic system for individuals to report on significant financial interests and, per Regents policy, external time commitments. This system will replace the current annual Regents-mandated declaration process. RGS is also developing online training materials for researcher use. The new KU policy will take effect August 10 and be accessible at the [KU Policy Library](#).

Once the new KU policy takes effect on August 10, investigators – defined as anyone responsible for the design, conduct or reporting of research – associated with an NIH-funded project must:

- Complete the declaration process **before submitting** a competing renewal or any new application for NIH funding, or before spending funds from non-competing renewals and
- Complete the mandated training **prior to expending funds** from competing or non-competing renewals or new NIH proposals submitted after the KU policy takes effect.

Principal and co-investigators will be asked to identify all individuals who will participate in the project at the level of Investigator as defined above. All Investigators on an NIH funded project must have completed the reporting and training requirements by the time of submission of a proposal or expenditure of an award. Detailed information about the new rules is [available at the NIH website](#).

If you have questions about the new DHHS requirements, or how KU is responding to them, contact Susan MacNally, Director of Research Integrity, at (785) 864-4148, sumac@ku.edu.

New Regulations Will Affect Grants Supporting Conferences

Recently, the National Institutes of Health has issued new regulations that prohibit the cost of food/meals/beverages on grants supporting conferences. For NIH awardees, this will include all R13 and U13 awards.

It appears the Office of Management and Budget will be applying this restriction across all federal agencies in the near future. Please keep this in mind as you propose new projects or as you continue to spend monies for meals or beverages on your current NIH R13 and U13 awards. This does not apply to other NIH research awards where the allowability of food-related costs is managed by the current OMB A-21 regulations and the terms and conditions of the award.

A similar new regulation has emerged from the Department of Justice that specifically requires prior approval for the use of any DOJ funds used in support of any conference activities. This restriction includes the cost of planning, hosting, or sponsoring conference activities. Prior approval for any conference-related costs is required for all DOJ projects, even if you have included such costs in your proposed/awarded budget. If you have specific questions about your ongoing project, please contact your Post-Award Services grant officer.

Reminder: Timely Filing of Grant Progress Reports is Required

Over the past several months, the Office of Research and Graduate Studies has seen an increase in the number of notifications from federal agencies related to delinquent progress reports, project outcome reports, etc. In addition, several federal agency representatives have commented at national meetings that the tolerance for late or missing reports will be drastically reduced in the coming months. RGS recently started reminding principal investigators when these reports are due. Please remember that timely filing of progress reports is an award requirement and delays in filing may affect future funding.

Kazakh Visitors to KU Learn About Technology Commercialization



Five representatives of government and investment agencies in Kazakhstan were in Lawrence June 25 to learn about university technology commercialization. At KU the group visited the School of Engineering, the School of Law, and the Bioscience & Technology Business Center (where they are shown above with, at center, Rajiv Kulkarni of the KU Center for Technology Commercialization and Mike Smithyman of the BTBC). The visitors also experienced an outstanding lunch (with ice cream on a 100°F day) at the Mortar and Pestle Café at the School of Pharmacy. The visit took place under the auspices of the Department of State and the International Visitors Council of Greater Kansas City.

Availability and Benefits of KU IT Research File Storage

KU Information Technology and the Office of Research and Graduate Studies have partnered to offer a new central storage solution designed specifically for research data. Principal investigators, core lab directors, and unit managers can request up to 250 GB of storage for their research data at no charge. Additional storage is available for a nominal fee.

Two tiers of Research File Storage are available:

- **Primary Research Storage** is intended to house the primary copy of research data, and is back up nightly to tape and stored off site.
- **Secondary Research Storage** is intended for data that already exists on a primary source elsewhere. It is offered as a back-up service for departmentally housed data and is not backed up to tape or stored off site.

Customers can access stored data from within the KU network or remotely via the KU Anywhere virtual private network, whether at home, across the country, or around the world. In addition, data storage experts monitor the performance, capacity, and accessibility of the Research File Storage system continuously and are on-call to resolve issues should any arise. Research File Storage services and systems feature robust security protocols to meet stringent state, federal, and individual grant requirements for protecting data.

For more information, visit the [Research File Storage](#) page on the KU IT web site. Questions can be directed to the KU IT Customer Service Center at 864-8080, itcsc@ku.edu.

David Weiss Receives National Science Foundation CAREER Award



David Weiss, an assistant professor in KU's Department of Chemistry, has received the National Science Foundation's most prestigious award for junior faculty. The five-year, \$677,000 Faculty Early Career Development Award, known as the CAREER Award, supports junior faculty who engage in outstanding research, education, and integration of education and research in their academic roles. Weiss is the 13th of 18 eligible chemistry faculty members at KU who have received the CAREER Award since its inception in 1995.

Weiss will use the award to fund his ongoing research on protein structure. He will also work with undergraduate and graduate students on this research and will develop an introductory course in biomolecular structure.

Weiss received a Ph.D. degree in chemistry from Indiana University in 1998. He was a research assistant professor at the University of New Mexico before joining KU in 2007. His research interests include bioanalytical and biophysical chemistry, protein conformation and dynamics, and mass spectrometry

Training: Changes to Conflict of Interest Policy and Procedures

The next Thursday Research Topics presentation is July 12 from 11:10 a.m. to noon in the Courtside Room at Burge Union. TRT sessions focus on a specific topic each month. The July topic is “Conflict of Interest Policy and Procedures Changes.” Susan MacNally, director of research integrity, will brief attendees on significant changes regarding financial conflict of interest reporting that will take effect in August. (See article on page 2.)

TRT sessions are free and wrap up promptly at noon. Sessions are recorded and made available online at Blackboard, so those unable to attend July 12 can view the presentation at a later time.

Training: Entrepreneur Education Series Continues July 27 at BTBC

The Bioscience and Technology Business Center (BTBC) continues its Entrepreneur Education Series on Friday, July 27, with a 4 p.m. program at its main facility, located at 2029 Becker Drive on the West Campus Research Circle. The one-hour program is free, with [online registration](#) requested since attendance is limited.

The upcoming program is “Technology Doesn’t Sell Itself: Build a Successful Strategy to Launch Your Product.” The presenter is Michael Johnson, president of Ingenium Partners and a consulting partner with Miller Heiman. Drawing upon his 25 years of sales and marketing experience with GE, Siemens, and Beckton Dickinson, Johnson will discuss the five key elements for developing a successful marketing strategy applicable to technology and bioscience companies.

For more information, contact the [BTBC](#) at (785) 832-2110, info@btbcku.com. Future dates in the series are September 21 (“Protecting Your Intellectual Property: When and How Do I Protect My Ideas?”) and November 16 (“Strategic Planning: Putting Your Business Plan into Action”).

Training: Save the Dates for Fall “Research Administration 101”

Each fall, the Office of Research and Graduate Studies offers a free, 10-week, 20-hour course on research administration, “RA 101,” to interested members of the KU community. This year’s edition will begin on Wednesday, September 12, from 2:30-4:30pm and continue on consecutive Wednesdays through November 14. A detailed schedule will be made available later online and in the August *RGS @ KU Newsletter*. For more information, contact Bill Sharp, assistant director of research administration, at 864-7430 or wsharp@ku.edu.

Training: Next NCURA Video Workshop Coming in September

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies offers research-related video workshops on a regular basis during the year. The National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) produces the programs on a variety of relevant topics and RGS offers them to the campus at no charge.

The next NCURA video workshop will be shown Thursday, September 13 from 1-4:30 p.m. at the auditorium in the Simons Research Labs on the West Campus Research Circle. The topic is “Export Controls and Other Security Concerns.” It will cover these timely topics as they apply to research, especially at universities that may not have a trained person or office dedicated to these delicate compliance issues. The session will address export control and its applicability in the everyday life of the pre-award research administrator (proposal review, award negotiations), department administrator (field research trips, foreign travel, shipments), and faculty members (conferences, meetings, sharing of data, etc.).

The session will also include a discussion of other national security issues, e.g., security plans or access to classified information, that may arise in contract negotiations. How to start from the very basics in building an internal export control management plan will be included. New federal export control reform initiatives and their effect on universities will also be discussed.

Moderator for the September 13 NCURA video workshop will be Randall Draper, director of the Office of Contracts and Grants at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He will be joined by panelists Elizabeth Peloso, director of export compliance at the University of Pennsylvania; Lisa Mosley, director of research advancement at Arizona State University; and Ajay Kuntamukkala, partner, Hogan Lovells.

KU Postdoctoral Association Plans Picnic July 14

The KU Postdoctoral Association, organized last spring as a professional development and networking group, will host a 5 p.m. dinner on Saturday, July 14 at the north shelter at [Dad Perry Park](#), Harvard and Parkside Road in Lawrence. Postdocs are invited to bring their families, and a dish to share. The organization will provide hot dogs, veggie burgers, buns, and paper goods. Postdocs are asked to RSVP at the association [website](#).

KCALSI Animal Health Research Symposium Scheduled Next Month



The Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute and the KC Animal Health Corridor are joining forces with the veterinary schools of the University of Missouri and Kansas State University to offer a symposium on "Accelerating Innovation to Commercialization." The event is scheduled for Monday, August 27, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Kansas City Convention Center, 301 West 13th Street, Kansas City, MO.

Keynote speakers at the symposium are Guy Palmer, Regents Professor of Pathology and Infectious Diseases and Creighton Chair and director of the

Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health at Washington State University, and James Cook, professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine. Palmer will speak on "The River That Runs Both Ways: Global Innovation in Animal Health," and Cook will speak on "Innovation in Orthopaedics – Building Bridges from Bench to Bedside . . . and the Kennel." Registration information and a full agenda are online at the [KCALSI web site](#).

Upcoming Events

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

Through July 20

"Cryptograph: An Exhibition for Alan Turing"
Spencer Museum of Art, Gallery 318 North

Through July 22

"39 Trails: Research in the Peruvian Amazon"
Spencer Museum of Art, Gallery 318 South

July 27

BTBC Entrepreneur Education Series
"Technology Doesn't Sell Itself: Build a
Successful Strategy to Launch Your Product"
Michael Johnson
4-5 p.m.
Bioscience & Technology Business Center

August 27

KCALSI Animal Health Research Symposium
Kansas City (MO) Convention Center
8 a.m.-2 p.m.

September 13

NCURA Video Workshop Series
"Export Controls and Other Security Concerns"
1-4:30 p.m.
Simons Research Labs Auditorium

October 9

KU Entrepreneurship Boot Camp
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
The Oread Hotel, Lawrence

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