SECTION I - An Introduction to Sponsored Programs at Colorado State University

Colorado State University takes pride in its long history of teaching, research, and service to the community and state. The tradition in research and service can be traced back to the University’s earliest beginnings and continues today with Colorado State’s reputation as one of the major research institutions in the United States. The level of activity has consistently placed the university in the top 100 US colleges and universities for federally funded research and development, and earns it a coveted ranking as one of few land-grant institutions named as a Carnegie Class I Research Institution.

Part of the emphasis on research at Colorado State University arises from the premise that scholarly activity and teaching interact synergistically. The pursuit of intellectually stimulating topics contributes to better teaching; teaching, in addition to transmitting state-of-the-art knowledge to students, tests and encourages intellectual investigations. The term “research” may be misleading because many people associate it exclusively with the physical sciences. Colorado State University equates research with focused intellectual investigations and considers it essential to all disciplinary fields, including the humanities, social sciences, business, and the arts.

Sponsored Programs Role and Mission

Mission: Sponsored Programs serves as an advocate for faculty in fostering outstanding research and scholarly activities at Colorado State University while, at the same time, providing stewardship through the responsible management of sponsor funds.

Role: As the primary coordinating office for externally funded activities of a contractual nature, Sponsored Programs serves Colorado State University faculty and staff in research initiation by providing the following services:

- locating and analyzing funding opportunity guidelines,
- assisting faculty in registering for e-mail notification of funding opportunities via “SMARTS”,
- providing training on grantsmanship, funding sources and university procedures related to proposal submission,
- proposal review and submission authorization,
- negotiating awards including material transfer and non-disclosure agreements,
- administrative management of on-going awards,
- financial reporting and invoicing,
- project close out, and
- record retention.

Sponsored Programs reports to the Vice President for Research and is located in Room 408, University Services Center; the telephone number for Sponsored Programs is (970) 491-6355.