

# THE ORSP UPDATE

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## Announcements

### Post Award Grants Management Specialist

ORSP is excited to announce that we will be hiring a new Post-Award Grant Management Specialist! The position was posted in May with a start date for Fall 2024.

### [RAM Research Directory](#)

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs has now launched the Ram Research Directory—a tool designed to help students connect with faculty mentors for research and creative activity opportunities and a way for faculty to connect one another to collaborate on research projects. [Check it out here!](#)

### Library Resources for Faculty

Did you know that the Library has some amazing research resources for faculty?! We discussed them in an podcast with Childs and Walt Cressler. [Check it out here!](#)

**Research and Creative Activity Day was a success!**

**Student Oral Presentation Winners:**

1st Place - Nathaniel Jones/Dr. Chuan Li - Mathematics

2nd Place - Daniel Engelbrecht, Victor Nwinee, & Jess Hampton/Dr. Lorenzo Cena – Public Health Sciences

3rd Place - Johnathan Makar/Dr. Chuan Li – Mathematics

**Student Poster Presentation Winners:**

1st Place – Zoe Campanella/Arielle Lightbourne/Dr. Kristen Breit – Psychology

2nd Place – Gianna Parrish/Dr. Megan Fok - Biology

3rd Place – Tyler Czeiner/Dr. Danielle Chirdon – Chemistry



**Summer Undergraduate Research Institute (SURI) has officially begun with our Kickoff Event! Congratulations to all of the participants!**



### **WCU Faculty News**

Twenty years ago, the West Chester University Honors College established an international service-learning program that sends students to South Africa for two weeks to conduct service outreach and data collection. Dr. Victoria Tischio, WCU English, along with WCU students (now alumni) Camryn Carwill, CJ Deskie and Dunya Markovic, have compiled their reflections, notes, research, and photos into a recently released book. Check it out here - [Journeys to South Africa: Reflections on 20 Years of Short-term International Service Learning](#).

## **Recently Awarded Grants**

**Frank Fish**, Biology: Office of Naval Research - \$299,962

**Brett Criswell**, Secondary Education: National Science Foundation - \$139,690

**Tori Nuccio**, Financial Aid: Truist Foundation - \$100,000

**Gary Coutu**, Geography: Brandywine Conservancy - \$10,000

\*Only Primary PIs have been listed. Congratulations to all co-PIs on these projects.

## Upcoming External Funding Opportunities

### Arts & Humanities

7/1/2024 [Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission - Institutional Grants](#)

9/18/2024 [NEH Summer Stipends](#)

### Business & Public Management

6/4/2024 [BJA FY24 Community-based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crime](#)

6/28/2024 [US-Japan Policy Studies](#)

7/3/2024 [William T. Grant, Scholars Program](#)

### Science & Math

6/11/2024 [Global Centers \(GC\) - Center Implementation](#)

6/14/2024 [Roy A. Hunt Foundation - Environment Grants](#)

6/20/2024 [Expeditions in Computing \(Expeditions\) - Expeditions Project](#)

6/24/2024 [Office of Postsecondary Education \(OPE\): Higher Ed. Programs \(HEP\): Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need \(GAANN\)](#)

7/11/2024 [North American Wetlands Conservation Act \(NAWCA\) Grants: US Standard Grant](#)

### Health Sciences

7/11/2024 [Research on Autism Spectrum Disorders \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

### Education & Social Work

6/10/2024 [Bureau of Special Education - 2024-2026 Developing Future Special Educators Grant](#)

6/14/2024 [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Giving Circle](#)

**Our Grant Development Specialists are available over the summer to help with the upcoming 2025 Sustainable or 2025 Provost Research Grant submissions. Call for proposals will go out early Fall 2024 – please reach out**





## Upcoming **Student Opportunities**

Looking to get involved in research? Check out [RAM Research Directory](#) – a tool designed to help students find mentors for research and creative activities. For a discussion on the benefits of research for students and how to use the RAM Research Directory – [Check out this video!](#)

## Save the Dates



**5/15/2024:** [NEH Summer Stipends Webinar](#)

**9/25/2024:** Sustainability Grant Call for Proposals

**10/3/2024:** Provost Research Grant Call for Proposals

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