Research at Columbia Business School

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Effort reporting
This fiscal year’s annual effort reporting certification period is now open and will remain open until December 14.

- All Officers of Instruction and Officers of Research other than postdocs (“Faculty”) who receive sponsored project funding or apply effort to any sponsored projects are required to certify their own effort.
- Principal investigators are required to certify the effort of postdocs, graduate students and staff funded by their grants.
- Effort can be certified on ECRT, the University’s online effort reporting tool.

If you have any questions about the certification process please contact Dimitra Koutsantoni

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Grants orientation sessions
The slots for the first grants orientation session on Tuesday November 15th have now been filled. The session is part of

Funding Opportunities

NOVEMBER 14, 2011
U.S. – Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF)-Psychology

NOVEMBER 16, 2011
National Science Foundation: Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

DECEMBER 6, 2011
National Endowment for Financial Education Grants Program

DECEMBER 6, 2011
National Science Foundation: Interface between Computer Science and Economics & Social Sciences (ICES)

DECEMBER 8, 2011
U.S. – Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF)-Prof. Rahamimoff Travel Grants for Young Scientists (PhD students and Post-Doc fellows)
series of such workshops that will be offered on a regular basis.

Two more sessions will take place in the Spring Term:

- **February 29, 2012.** 12-30-1.30: The session will focus on grant opportunities offered by Foundations, Corporations, Professional Associations and Institutes and International funding agencies
- **March 21, 2012.** 12..30-1.30: This session will focus on Government funding agencies (mainly NSF)

If you would like to attend any of these sessions, please contact Dimitra Koutsantoni

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**SSRN Columbia Business School Research Series: update**

We have now completed the uploading of working papers by faculty members that gave us permission to do so, and we have moved to the next phase of the project: the uploading of faculty published papers. We are in the process of uploading recent (2009 onwards) papers that are available on faculty directory pages. If you have published journal papers that are not available on your faculty directory page and you would like them uploaded on SSRN, please contact Dimitra Koutsantoni.

SSRN has been named the Number 1 Open Access Repository in the World (for July, 2011) by the Ranking Web of World Repositories.

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**Overviews on Foundations: Alcoa Foundation**

Alcoa Foundation was founded more than 50 years ago and is one of the largest corporate foundations in the United States. The Foundation has invested more than US $530 million since 1952. Alcoa seeks to promote environmental stewardship,
prepare tomorrow’s leaders, and enable economic and social sustainability. The foundation focuses on four program areas:

(1) Environment: Bring about meaningful and systemic improvements in environmental sustainability by supporting research, dialogue, standards, and actions.
(2) Empowerment: Promote self-sufficiency and advance sustainable livelihoods for individuals in the communities where Alcoa operates.
(3) Education: Support educational endeavors where Alcoa, as an integrated mining, manufacturing and innovation company, can offer expertise and make a difference.
(4) Sustainable Design: Advance sustainable industrial and product designs that address challenges presented by global megatrends relevant to urbanization and transportation.

Foundation funds primarily in Pennsylvania and New York. Proposals can be submitted throughout the year to the nearest Alcoa office.

Further details

For further information on foundation funding, please contact Kristen de Paor, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations or Pam Wilkie, Senior Associate Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations.

New Columbia Sponsored Projects Administration (SPA) contact form

Please be advised that from now on, if you need to contact Columbia Sponsored Projects Administration (SPA) you will need to use a new inquiry form.

However, you are advised to contact Dimitra Koutsantoni with any inquiry first. Dimitra serves as liaison between the Business School and SPA.

Upcoming research events

Inaugural Program for Financial Studies Conference: "Finance
in a World of Uncertainties”.
Friday, November 4, 2011, 7:30-10:30 a.m.
Faculty House, 64 Morningside Drive, New York, New York.

The Art of Choosing Lecture Series
November 14 and 15, 2011, 6-8:00 p.m.
Warren Hall

You can find more scheduled research events on the Research calendar

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Selected recently published papers

Accounting

Gupta, Sanjay, Yuhchang Hwang and Andrew Schmidt. "Structural Change in the Research and Experimentation Tax Credit: Success or Failure?" National Tax Journal, (published online June 2011)


Decision, Risk and Operations


Finance and Economics


Chen, Hui, Jianjun Miao and Neng Wang."Entrepreneurial finance and non-diversifiable risk." Review of Financial


Management


Marketing


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We would appreciate any comments and suggestions on the
content of this newsletter. We would also like to invite you to share with us any achievements, grants, awards or any other research-related news.

Thank you

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More information and resources on research issues can be found on the internal research website

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