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OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

To: Deans, Associate Research Deans, Directors of Research

From: Simon Kim, AVP for Research & Sponsored Programs

RE: Research Update: Changes to the NIH Support of Competitive Research (SCORE) Limited Submission Internal Competition process

The NIH SCORE grant is a limited submission opportunity offered twice a year. Due to the interest by faculty in pursuing this opportunity and their success in receiving awards, the limited number of spots available for new applications varies for each grant deadline cycle.

According to SCORE guidelines, an institution may submit individual SCORE SC1, SC2 or SC3 applications to a combined maximum of 20 total pending applications and awards at any time. SCORE grants that are in no-cost extension are considered active grants and, therefore, included in the total number of SCORE grants at the institution.

The limited nature of NIH SCORE grants available has encouraged changes to ORSP's limited submission internal grant competition process for SCORE with the advisory assistance of faculty. The changes to the internal competition process outlined below were developed to provide greater equity to all potential applicants and to streamline the process.

Internal Competition Changes effective as of March 2020

- The process will be conducted using the InfoReady portal. If faculty need assistance in setting up an account, they should contact ORSP for guidance at ORSP@csulb.edu.
- A Letter of Intent will be required and must be submitted through InfoReady.
- Faculty interested in participating must be eligible to participate and will be pre-screened by ORSP for eligibility.
- SC2 and SC3 applications are limited to two renewals.
- Grantee-approved no-cost extensions from NIH are limited to a maximum of 12 months. Additional no-cost extension requests will not be allowed.
- Consideration for proposals from tenured and tenure-track faculty will be equitably apportioned based on quality and fundability determined by reviewers' rankings and the AVP for Research and Sponsored Programs. The AVP for Research and Sponsored Program's decision is final.

Please note that due to the Coronavirus situation this year, the need for a no-cost extension beyond one year for active grants expiring in the next year will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by ORSP.