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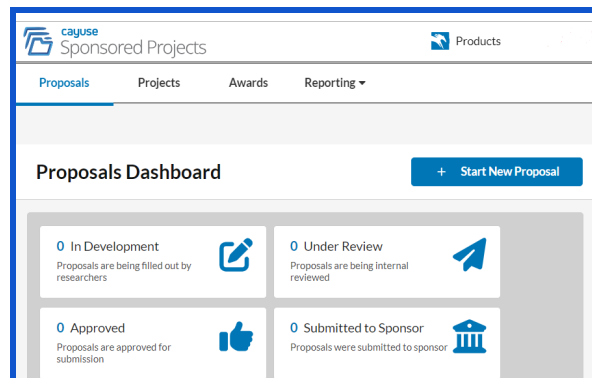
## RESEARCH & SPONSORED PROGRAMS

### Route your Proposal with *Cayuse Sponsored Projects!*

After 8 years of service, the electronic PRAF is retiring! Starting July 1, 2024 [Cayuse Sponsored Projects](#) is the new proposal routing and approval process.

Principal Investigators / Project Directors will use Cayuse to route grant and contract proposals for institutional review and approval. Proposal approvers in the workflow will receive automated email messages notifying them of actions needing to be taken in Cayuse SP.

For more information and resources about using Cayuse Sponsored Projects, [please visit our website](#) or contact [rebecca.rinehart@uni.edu](mailto:rebecca.rinehart@uni.edu).



## News for Grant Seekers

### Iowa NSF EPSCoR Chemurgy 2.0 Call for Proposals

Iowa NSF EPSCoR Chemurgy 2.0 is seeking proposals for projects that will provide experiences for community college and undergraduate students (especially undecided/searching students and students declared in an Advanced Biomanufacturing program); faculty and admissions/recruiter staff and/or industry staff/recruiters in Advanced Biomanufacturing **to engage in shared language about**

**Advanced Biomanufacturing and provide a mechanism to collect and disseminate specific stories about careers** in Advanced Biomanufacturing.

These projects should aim to gather and share distinctive narratives highlighting careers in Advanced Biomanufacturing, its significance in addressing societal challenges, and its role in community enhancement.

Projects must connect to at least one of the Chemurgy Focus areas. Preference will be given to projects that showcase a diverse range of individuals from Iowa, spanning various industries, educational backgrounds, and career paths.

Examples of project outcomes might include, but are not limited to: a limited or on-going podcast, a video, a series of newspaper articles, a lesson plan, an interview protocol, a best practices document, a poster series, a digital comic book, a group of trained facilitators.

Proposal Deadline is: Monday, August 5, 2024 @ 11:59 p.m  
<https://stem.uni.edu/chemurgy-20-ewd-seed-funding-program-solicitation>

***The Chemurgy 2.0 vision is that Iowa is known for supporting human needs via advanced biomanufacturing or in other words: Meeting human needs with things that grow.***

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## **Subscribe to the UNI Pre-award Email List**

Email [rebecca.rinehart@uni.edu](mailto:rebecca.rinehart@uni.edu) if you would like to be added to the RSP Pre-award email list for weekly emails featuring new funding opportunities.

## **Connect with the Pre-award Team!**

Preparing a proposal? Discuss it first with the Pre-Award team. [Rebecca Rinehart](#): 319-273-6482  
[Maggie Heretakis](#): 319-273-3961

## **Managing your Sponsored Project**

### **Welcome Chelle Adkins as RSP Postaward Specialist!**

Rochelle Adkins - Chelle (pronounced Shelly) - recently joined RSP as a Postaward Specialist! New to the UNI community, Chelle graduated from East Carolina University with a BS in Journalism and worked as a News

Producer at WITN in Washington, NC and KWWL in Waterloo. She also worked at Lincoln Savings Bank for many years as a Sr. Mortgage Loan Processor. As a Postaward Specialist, Chelle is responsible for issues involving post-award amendments and extensions, as well as outgoing sub-awards and annual audit certifications. *Please join us in welcoming Chelle to campus!*

## **Do you manage NSF grants? Reminder to complete Responsible Conduct of Research Training.**

All student / faculty / staff personnel supported by funding through the National Science Foundation (NSF) to conduct research must complete RCR training. Training must be on file with the RSP office. It is the responsibility of the PI and Department head to ensure that personnel supported through NSF have secured the correct training, prior to working on projects.

Training must be administered on the first day of employment and completed within two weeks, or prior to working on the project (whichever is sooner). Training is provided through the CITI Program and more information about the [RCR training requirement may be found here](#).

RSP staff are currently checking the status of RCR training for staff supported on NSF projects. Noncompliance with this requirement will result in non-payment of supporting personnel with grant funds.

If you would like to inquire about the status of your training, please contact [lisa.ahern@uni.edu](mailto:lisa.ahern@uni.edu).

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## **Upcoming Trainings**

- **Final Accounting** – Final accounting is the financial reconciliation of your sponsored project which helps you take a "final look" at your project and all related expenses.
  - *Monday, July 8th, 2:00 – 3:00* | [Zoom Virtual Session](#)
  - *Wednesday, August 7th, 2:00 – 3:00* | [Zoom Virtual Session](#)

**Research Integrity / IRB**

## Research Ethics Reimagined - a PRIM&R Podcast

“Research Ethics Reimagined” is a podcast developed by Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R). The podcast host meets with scientists, researchers and other experts to discuss frontiers in science. This first season brings lively discussion on topics of research ethics in the 21st century! The latest episode topic is “Research and AI with Mary L. Gray.” [You can find all episodes here:](#)



## UNI RIO Update

Effective July 1, 2024 Dean Stephanie Huffman will be serving as the Interim Research Integrity Officer (RIO). Thank you to Dr. Gabriela Olivares for her recent service and support as the University RIO!

## IRB Questions?

Do you have questions about the IRB process? Wondering where to begin when starting an application? Join the IRB Administrator on the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. for an overview of the IRB process at UNI, see Cayuse demonstrated and learn where to find valuable resources to help you prepare your application. If this time does not work for you, you may [schedule an individual appointment.](#)

**News from around Campus**

## UNI Impact: Faculty / Staff Scholarly Publications & Featured Awards - Volume 2, Issue 1 (2023)



### Workday Training Sessions

Workday is almost here! We encourage you to take advantage of the upcoming [UNI Works Training Sessions](#).

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