Research Development Network
Spring 2026

The FSU Research Development Network met on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, for our Spring 2026 luncheon. The Research Development Network brings together various FSU offices to share updates and learn how we can support one another's research initiatives.

Office Updates:

Research Development
- The group received an overview of upcoming research development workshops planned for the semester. These offerings include a series on NSF CAREER proposal development, sessions on NEA and private foundation funding for the arts and humanities, interdisciplinary grant writing, research communication, and introductory grant writing with an emphasis on current NSF policies.
- An update was shared on a collaborative research mentor academy offered jointly with UF, along with information about recent federal agency policy changes.
- Support is being developed to assist faculty with new federal agency requirements.
- Participants were encouraged to visit the [Research Development website](#) for event information. Scheduled activities include:
  - NSF CAREER workshop series
  - NEA Q&A session
  - Interdisciplinary Grant Writing workshop
  - "Lights, Camera, Research!" communication workshop
  - Session on pursuing private grants in the arts and humanities
  - Interactive NSF-focused grant workshop
  - Joint Research Mentor Academy program

Office of the Provost
- Efforts are ongoing to support large, strategic grant opportunities. These efforts include assisting units in developing competitive proposals, particularly those focused on workforce development, and helping connect researchers with relevant institutional resources.
- An update was provided on a major institutional initiative aimed at expanding global research partnerships. The project includes plans to strengthen international collaborations and host an initial cohort of visiting scholars from abroad during the summer. The office is actively seeking additional opportunities for international research engagement and collaboration across diverse academic fields

FSU Libraries
- Research Data Management:
  - Offering research data management office hours at different campus locations, including the Stone Building and Mag Lab, to assist faculty with data management plans and funding landscape changes.
- Office of Digital Research & Scholarship

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- o Updates included the migration to a new FigShare platform and information about an upcoming Digital Research Incubator luncheon. A new data lab is being developed to support users who may be unfamiliar or uncomfortable with high-performance computing environments. Additional updates covered progress on ORCID system integrations, including two-way connectivity between ORCID and FEAS that enables easier citation transfers and DOI validation. Users must opt in for FSU to read and update information. Work is underway to explore affiliation management tools and expand support for impact reporting across academic units.
- Digital Publishing
  - o Reported on current and upcoming open-access projects, including monographs, journals, and textbooks. Spring releases include an edited scholarly collection and an international journal on creativity and art therapy. The unit offers general publishing consultations and hosts workshops on digital publishing. A new data lab is also being launched to support the creation of custom data solutions.
- Copyright Resources & Scholarly Communication
  - o The libraries have reopened the Open Access Publishing Fund with cross-college support. Upcoming workshops will address copyright for publications and emerging publisher policies related to AI. Florida State Open Publishing also shared updates on ongoing and forthcoming publication projects.
- Social Sciences
  - o The libraries highlighted subject-specific services that provide tailored support in literature searching, citation management, and data reference. Teams are reviewing AI tools for literature reviews and are seeking further opportunities for collaboration with colleges.

Business & Industry Solutions
- Shared updates on ongoing projects and an upcoming industry research day in the fall.

Strategy & Recognition
- The inaugural Recognition Strategies week occurred January 26-30, during which we offered workshops on external honorific awards, offering tips and strategies, on: AAAS Fellow, Guggenheim, Fulbright, National Academy of Inventors, NEH Fellowship, National Humanities Center Fellowship, and ACLS Fellowship, and "Telling Your Story: Faculty Workshop for managing data and media" for honorific awards. Next semester's Recognition Strategies week is tentatively scheduled for September 28 – October 2.

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Office of STEM Teaching Activities
- Office of STEM Teaching Activities (OSTA) began two new STEM outreach programs last year, and these are focused on the adult public.
  - One is called *Eureka, Science!* It is done in partnership with the Public Library who provides the venue and refreshments for each session. *Eureka, Science!* programs engage participants in an evening of science (1.5-hour sessions) during fall and spring semesters. It offers fun and educational STEM activities for adults (and the whole family) with special emphasis on understanding how science works.
  - *SEA-CATS* (*Science Education for Adults--Citizens at the Sea*) is a field trip program in which groups of 12-16 adults (or adults with children over age 11), head down to the FSU Marine Laboratory where they engage in a boat trip to explore nearshore seagrass beds, actively sampling vertebrate and invertebrate communities while experiencing the excitement of marine fieldwork firsthand; the day continues in the lab were discoveries from the field come to life. Each day is led by an experienced marine ecologist. A *SEA-CATS* day can be a team-building experience for an office or community group, or can be populated by smaller groups who sign up for a date. Either way, it is an immersive and interactive experience.
- The OSTA just received approval for a new graduate-level certificate program in *College STEM Teaching*. This program is designed to provide STEM graduate students with a background in research-based teaching practices for undergraduate courses and internship experiences, where they put these practices into action.
- For more information on any of these (or to schedule a SEA-CATS group), folks can contact Ellen Granger (granger@bio.fsu.edu)

Graduate Student Resource Center
- Efforts remain focused on supporting the academic and professional development of graduate students. Planned programming includes human subjects review training, research proposal development workshops, and sessions on proposal writing, budgeting, and ethical considerations. Additional activities are being developed to strengthen research mentoring and enhance communication skills for emerging scholars.

Research Computing Center
- The group received an overview of upcoming workshops, including an HPC web portal workshop scheduled for March 3 and a Python Bootcamp on March 31. These sessions are designed to help researchers become more comfortable with available computational tools and resources.
- An update was also provided on the ongoing migration of REDCap from College of Medicine servers to ITS servers. Monthly "Lunch, Learn, and Collaborate" sessions

continue to be offered, providing demonstrations of various REDCap features and guidance for users during the transition.

Center for the Advancement of Teaching
- Reported ongoing support for faculty engaged in the scholarship of teaching and learning. The unit provides guidance for incorporating pedagogical components into grant applications and can supply letters of support as needed. It also continues to offer workshops designed to strengthen teaching practices and encourage cross-campus collaboration.
- The next Provost Showcase of Scholarly Teaching will be held in partnership with the university libraries on April 17. The event will highlight innovative instructional approaches and provide a platform for sharing effective teaching strategies.
- The Center also noted its ability to assist with the development of educational plans for NSF CAREER proposals.

Office of Graduate Fellowships & Awards
- Overview of upcoming events planned for Graduate Student and Professional Student Appreciation Week, including an on-site academic job interview session and a dissertation roadmap panel. A three-part grant writing workshop series will begin next week, offering participants the opportunity to build proposal-writing skills.
- An event on April 8 will feature finalists from a graduate student research competition and is open to all attendees. The Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence is also scheduled and will recognize graduate students who have received awards or grants. Attendees were encouraged to invite colleagues, and the program will be shared after spring break.
- Additional upcoming activities include the 3-Minute Thesis competition and several initiatives designed to support both graduate students and postdoctoral scholars throughout the semester.

Health Research Connection/Clinical Research Hub
- Work is underway to develop a use case for analysis software, along with exploration of tools that help faculty identify collaborators and better understand collective research impact.
- The unit is partnering with TMH on community outreach efforts and is developing a university-wide volunteer research registry to help share research participation opportunities with community members. Additional efforts include planning for a research pharmacy and expanding support services for clinical studies.
- Hiring is in progress for a coordinator and a program director to strengthen clinical research operations, with a transition to a health-center–based structure anticipated within the next few years. Additional trained phlebotomists have also been added to support biospecimen collection. The team continues to assist

researchers through auxiliary budgeting and is encouraging broader community engagement and partnerships across the university.

Anne's College Office of Research

- Ongoing grant activities across the college's departments, including NSF career promotions in Education and Social Sciences, NIH submissions in Health Sciences, and new DOD opportunities, while inviting participants to join their college MaxNet for grant writing resources.
- College Research Showcase on March 27 at Turnbull. All are invited. Faculty presentations, student posters. Will send information to the group.
- Grant Guides have been developed for various agencies. Will share with anyone interested.
- **Academy of Scholars Website:** https://annescollege.fsu.edu/research/office-research/academy-scholars
- **Advancing Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Research Across Fields**
  - Date and Time: Friday, Feb 27, 2026, 12:00pm - 1:00pm
  - Location: Hybrid (STB G150; The Zoom link will be included in the RSVP confirmation email)
  - Activity Leaders: Dr. Ravinder Nagpal, Dr. Lama Jaber, & Dr. Ayesha Khurshid
  - Click here to RSVP (open to graduate students)
  - Description: Building on the first roundtable, this session invites faculty across diverse fields at Anne's College to explore strategies for integrating interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches into research. Discussions will focus on collaboration opportunities and avenues across different methods and disciplines to enhance the relevance, rigor, and impact of scholarly work.
- Also, here are other workshops scheduled for this semester:
  - **Workshop on High-Tier Journal Submissions**
    - Date and Time: April 10, 2026, 12:00pm - 1:00pm
    - Location: Hybrid (STB G150; The Zoom link will be included in the RSVP confirmation email)
    - Activity Leaders: Dr. Amy Kim & Dr. Ravinder Nagpal
    - Click here to RSVP (open to graduate students)
    - Description: This workshop offers practical strategies for drafting manuscripts for high-impact journals. Dr. Kim and Dr. Nagpal will share their experiences and will cover insights on selecting appropriate journals, framing research/review/meta-analysis manuscripts and storyline, drafting cover letter, authorship criteria, and navigating peer-review and revision/resubmission process. This session is open to faculty, postdocs, and graduate students.
  - **Facilitated Dialogue: Doing Relational and Community-Centered Research**

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- Date and Time: Friday, April 17, 2026, 12:00pm - 1:30pm
- Location: Hybrid (STB G150; The Zoom link will be included in the RSVP confirmation email)
- Activity Leaders: Dr. Ayesha Khurshid & Dr. Lama Jaber
- Click here to RSVP (open to graduate students)
- Description: In this workshop, Dr. Khurshid and Dr. Jaber will examine what building and sustaining research partnerships with communities rooted in reciprocity, care, and mutual learning look like. These sessions will include examples from their collaborative work with different communities and will offer practical strategies ranging from the issues of access to and consent of the communities, building relationships with community collaborators, designing collaborative data collection strategies, etc. for faculty interested in participatory research. Based on the availability and willingness of the community members that Dr. Khurshid and Dr. Jaber are currently working with, these sessions could include their presentations of the experiences of co-designing and co-implementing collaborative research.

Center for Undergraduate Research & Academic Engagement

- Provided updates on programs, including the distribution of $75,000 in research materials grants and the submission of 55 nominations for the Research Mentor Awards. The awards will be announced at the Undergraduate Research Symposium on April 1st, featuring poster sessions and a catered lunch. Additionally, FSU is hosting the 2026 ACC Meeting of the Minds Undergraduate Research Conference, with plans for faculty participation still in development

Next Meeting:

- Our next meeting will be held in the fall and hosted by the FSU Libraries.