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Kean University Brings NJ DECA to Campus

New Jersey DECA is a statewide career and technical student organization dedicated to helping students excel in various aspects of business and entrepreneurship. With a grant from the New Jersey Department of Education, Kean University is bringing NJ DECA to its campus. Kean will administer, manage and provide leadership to the organization. NJ DECA will be housed in the College of Business and Public Management's new Business Leadership and Advanced Skills Training (BLAST) Center. The BLAST Center provides training in interview skills, resumes, cover letters, recruitment, professionalism, international studies, and internships. The NJ DECA project team consists of Dr. Shanggeun Rhee, who will supervise the grant, and Jeff Victor, an experienced NJ DECA professional, to lead the organization. They will be supported by an Advisory Council. Dr. Rhee is Executive Director of the School of Management and Marketing at Kean and brings his experience as a member of the Middlesex County College CTEP Advisory Committee to the project. CTEP stands for Career and Technical Education Partnership, an initiative meant to form relationships between private businesses, school districts and institutions of higher education and to develop tools,

resources and model programs of study in specific career clusters. The mission of DECA is to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. DECA is organized into two student divisions each with programs designed to address the learning styles, interest and focus of its members. The High School Division includes 200,000 members in 3,500 schools. The Collegiate Division includes over 15,000 members in 275 colleges and universities. Kean's plan for NJ DECA is to continue to grow the organization while transforming it into a year-round, co-curricular activity where students immerse themselves in real world activities that connect to their academic career and technical education studies. Under the leadership of Dr. Rhee, the NJ DECA team plans to establish a Kean collegiate chapter as a test bed to launch Collegiate DECA in colleges across New Jersey. By combining the co-curricular, hands-on experience that DECA provides with Kean's expertise helping students bridge the gap from school to college to the workforce, the members of NJ DECA will develop competencies that will give them a competitive advantage in the workforce.

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Dr. Shanggeun Rhee

Research Compliance Matters

IRB Audits

Any IRB application approved after September 2013 qualifies for an audit. All approved applications may be subject for a potential audit. The IRB is utilizing this process to ensure that all Kean University researchers are being held to the highest standards of ethics, integrity, and compliance. The purpose of these audits is to ensure that researchers are utilizing IRB

researchers are utilizing IRB approved protocols that follow the federal and state guidelines for human participant research. Approved applications will be randomly selected for an audit, with not every application undergoing the process. The principal investigator (PI) and faculty advisor (if applicable) will be contacted via email and informed that their study has been

selected for a routine audit. The PI and faculty advisor will meet with the IRB administrator and IRB chair to discuss their project and provide a status update.

Contact Dr. Joseph Cronin jcronin@kean.edu or ext 73464 for questions and guidance related to all aspects of research compliance.



Grant Administration

Grant funded Released Time and Summer Salary

Released time is calculated as a percentage of the academic base salary of a full-time faculty member and the required full teaching load of 24 credits. For example: A faculty member academic base salary is \$80,000 and is requesting 6 credits academic released time. 6 credits are 25% of the full teaching load of 24 credits; therefore 25% of the faculty academic base salary plus fringe benefits must be requested from the grant budget. Summer salary will be calculated at the current negotiated overload rate for the faculty plus fringe benefits.

Anyone receiving released time from any internally or externally funded project cannot also receive overload payments during the academic year for teaching or research. Summer salary and released time can be paid from multiple funding sources.

Contact Brenda Dunlop bdunlop@kean.edu or ext. 73345 for questions and guidance relating to all aspects of grant administration.

Deadlines & Reminders

Save the date! Kean Research Days 2015 will be April 28—29



Tuesday, November 18

Health and Wellness Research and Program Funding Workshop

Monday, December 1

IRB Application Deadline

Monday, December 1

Research Days Faculty Presentations Registration Deadline

Monday, December 1

Research Days Student Presentations Registration Open

Student Spotlight



Kean student Sana Baig at the field research site in the Maquenque National Wildlife Refuge, Costa Rica

Ecosystem Research in Costa Rica

In this NSF-funded research project, eight undergraduate students per year explore the connections between land use, biodiversity, and ecosystem function in the Maquenque National Wildlife Refuge, a new conservation area in the Northern Zone of Costa Rica. Students spend six weeks in Costa Rica during the summer working one-on-one with a faculty mentor. The students are trained in the field and lab methods associated with their respective projects.

Kean University faculty serving as research mentors in the field include Dr. Daniela Shebitz (PI), who mentored students studying the ecology of medicinal plants; Dr. Sylvio Codella, who served as a mentor for students interested in entomology; Dr. Juyoung Ha, who mentored students interested in soil chemistry; and, Dr. Roxie James, who mentored students working

on the primate project. Faculty from two other colleges served as mentors for students working on turtle projects and students studying soil ecological conditions.

Kean students Sana Baig and Diego Morales presented the results of their research on the ecology of medicinal plants at the New England Science Symposium, Harvard Medical School and at the Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists Conference. Kean student Theodore Thompson presented his research on foraging leafcutter ants at the Annual Meeting of the Animal Behavior Society at Princeton University. Daniel Braithwaite presented his research on three species of New World monkeys at Kean University Research Days.

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Faculty Research Days Presentations

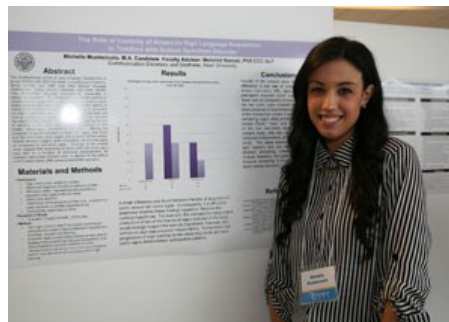


ORSP is accepting submissions from faculty to present their research, scholarship, or creative activity during Kean University Research Days 2015. Faculty presentations are scheduled for Tuesday, April 28th from 11:00 to 4:00, following the class schedule. Faculty must submit an abstract online at orsp.kean.edu. **The deadline for submitting an abstract is Monday, December 1, 2014**

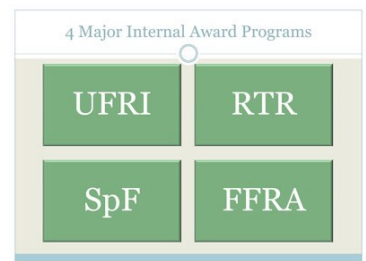
Student Research Days Registration

Registration for student Research Days presentations will open on December 1, 2014.

Student registration deadline is February 22, 2015. The student poster session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th in Downs Hall. Student oral presentations and performances/exhibits will also be held on April 29, at locations to be determined.



Applications Now Open for Internal Awards



Applications are now open for all four major internal award programs that support faculty research, scholarly and creative work: Untenured Faculty Research Initiative (UFRI), Released Time for Research (RTR), Students Partnering with Faculty (SpF), and Foundation Faculty Research Award (FFRA) Applications are all online at orsp.kean.edu.

Deadlines for the UFRI, RTR, and SpF are in mid-January; the FFRA deadline is February 28.

Government Grant Opportunities

Opportunity Title	Due Date
NEA - Literature Fellowships: Translation Projects	12/8/2014
Environmental Protection Agency - 12th Annual P3 Awards	12/16/2014
National Endowment for the Humanities – Media Grants	1/14/2014
NSF – Sociology	1/15/2014
NSF - Political Science	1/15/2015
NSF – Major Research Instrumentation	1/22/2015
NSF – Division of Environmental Biology – Core Programs	1/23/2015
NSF – Long Term Research in Environmental Biology	1/23/2015
National Endowment for the Arts – Big Read	1/28/2015
National Endowment for the Humanities – Digital Humanities Implementation Grants	2/18/2015
National Endowment for the Humanities – Summer Seminars and Institutes	2/24/2015

Foundations and Corporations

Opportunity Title	Due Date
Rockefeller Foundation – Bellagio Residency Programs	12/1/14
Rubin Foundation, Samuel - Samuel Rubin Foundation Grant -Social, Economic, Political, Civil and Cultural Rights	1/2/2015
William T. Grant Foundation – Research Grants	1/6/2015
PADI Foundation – Grants for Underwater Science, Environmental Projects and Education	2/1/2015

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