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The Office of Sponsored Projects and Contract & Grant Accounting Newsletter

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It's Thunderstorm Time in NM!

Fun Facts

Thunderstorms are most likely to occur in the spring and summer months and during the afternoon and evening hours, but they can occur year-round and at all hours of the day or night. Thunder and lightning can sometimes even come with a snowstorm!

Thunderstorms affect small areas when compared with hurricanes and winter storms. The typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter and lasts an average of 30 minutes. Nearly 1,800 thunderstorms are happening at any moment around the world. That's **16 million a year!**

Despite their small size, all thunderstorms are dangerous. Every thunderstorm produces lightning, which kills more people each year than tornadoes. Strong winds, hail, and tornadoes are also dangers associated with some thunderstorms.

You can estimate how many miles away a storm is by counting the number of seconds between the flash of lightning and the clap of thunder. Divide the number of seconds by five to get the distance in miles. The lightning is seen before the thunder is heard because light travels faster than sound.

Thunderstorms **need three things:**

- **Moisture**-to form clouds and rain.
- **Unstable Air**-relatively warm air that can rise rapidly.
- **Lift**-fronts, sea breezes and mountains are capable of lifting air to help form thunderstorms.

A severe thunderstorm watch is issued by the National Weather Service when the weather conditions are such that a severe thunderstorm is likely to develop. (A severe thunderstorm has winds at least 58 miles per hour or hail at least three-fourths of an inch in diameter.) A severe thunderstorm warning is issued when a severe thunderstorm has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. A warning is more severe than a watch.

****PLEASE BE SAFE – When you hear thunder, take cover! ****

<https://www.factmonster.com/science/weather/thunderstorms>

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Employee Spot

Shawnee Martinez



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Employee Spotlight



On April 24, 2019, Shawnee Martinez, Sr. Sponsored Projects Specialist attended UNM's 38th Annual Service Awards Ceremony & Luncheon in recognition for her 20 years of Service at UNM! Shawnee started her career at UNM in February 1998 as a mail clerk for UNM Mailing Systems and has career laddered and worked in several departments throughout HSC and Main Campus over the years. Her years of service at UNM are as follows:

- 1) 1998-2001 - UNM Mailing Systems
- 2) 2001-2011 - College of Pharmacy
- 3) 2011-2013 - Internal Medicine
- 4) 2013-2016 - BA/MD Program
- 5) 2016-Present – Office of Sponsored Projects

Congratulations to Shawnee for her 20 years of service and dedication to UNM!



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Alert



**Please remember
that OSP submits
NSF Proposals
through FastLane,
not Research.gov.**

Grants.gov Alert

Adobe Reader Version Compatibility with Grants.gov

Grants.gov User:

On May 1, 2019, Adobe Reader Version 9 will no longer be compatible for use with Grants.gov Workspace PDF forms.

This is a reminder to keep your (free) Adobe Acrobat Reader software up-to-date. Remember, also, that applicants may now opt to use [browser-based online forms](#), instead of PDF forms.

We recognize that some individuals and organizations may not be able to install the latest versions due to compatibility concerns with other software or organizational IT policies.

For more information on compatible versions of Adobe Reader software for use with Grants.gov, please review our [Adobe Software Compatibility page](#). There, you can verify the compatibility of your version of Adobe Reader for use with Grants.gov Workspace PDF forms.

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CGA Updates

Website

Chrome River



CGA Updates

New on the Contract & Grant Accounting's Website!

We now have a new tab on Contract & Grant Accounting's website, cgacct.unm.edu, called Dept. Resources. Currently we have new award and closeout checklists given to us from the College of Education, a timeline for closeouts, and a simple burn rate/spending monitor calculator that you can use to help stay on top of the spending on your restricted awards. Our department has plans to add more resources that will be helpful to departments. If you have some specific resources you would like to see on our website, please let us know by emailing indexcga@unm.edu.

Chrome River

Contracts and Grants would like to send a HUGE



for the increased effort of all the Departments that are submitting, as requested, an exemplary Business Purpose in the HEADER of each Chrome River report.

DID YOU KNOW? The Business Purpose in the Header of the Chrome River reports allows for 1500 characters to provide the Business Purpose to satisfy the 5W's!!

Our goal is to provide expedient customer service while fulfilling audit requirements.

For Chrome River questions, please contact Mark Herrell at mherrell@unm.edu or Ryan Perry at rsperry@unm.edu.

All photos courtesy of

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&tbn=isch&q=free+Thunderstorm+pictures&chips=q:free+thunderstorm+photos,online>

NSF Advisory

GRFP 2019 Awardees and Honorable Mentions Announced

The 2019 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) selections for Fellow candidate and Honorable Mention have been announced, and email notifications have been sent to all GRFP applicants. On April 29, Fellow candidates will be able to accept or decline the Fellowship, and reviews will be available to all applicants. The list of Fellow candidates and Honorable Mention recipients is available at <https://www.research.gov/grfp/AwardeeList.do?method=loadAwardeeList> or from the Graduate Research Fellowship Program home page at <https://www.research.gov/grfp/Login.do> by selecting the "View Award Offers and Honorable Mentions List" link.

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Agency Spotlight



**Supercell
thunderstorm**

NIH Extramural Nexus

Podcast

NIH Systems



Pop Quiz Questions

Answers for the March 2019 pop quiz

- 1) c
- 2) c
- 3) c

From NIH Extramural Nexus Listserve

New “All About Grants” Podcast on Using RePORT Web Tools Throughout the Grants Process

You probably know the NIH RePORT suite of tools as a useful hub of information where you can find reports, data, and analyses of NIH-funded research and answers to the most commonly asked questions on the NIH budget and extramural research programs. But do you know RePORT can be a helpful tool as you are developing your grant application? [Continue reading](#) →

Stay Updated on NIH Systems Changes Impacting Application Submission Through Award

What do a snow sled, a waltz, and an oriole have in common? They’re all mentioned in past eRA Items of Interest, a newsletter that delivers practical advice for using eRA services, and maybe even a smile or a laugh. Stay up to date on eRA Items of Interest and more by subscribing to the eRA-Information-L listserv. [Continue reading](#) →

Pop Quiz

1. “Just in time” initiatives postpone the submission of which of the following until a decision to make an award is reached?
 - a. Full proposal
 - b. Budget justification
 - c. Certification and representations
 - d. Research background of principal investigator
2. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is required to inspect animal facilities a MINIMUM of:
 - a. Once a month
 - b. Twice a year
 - c. Once a year
 - d. Once every three years
3. Which of the following sources is NOT commonly used for federal funding opportunities?
 - a. The Federal Register
 - b. The Foundation Directory
 - c. Commerce Business Daily
 - d. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

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