



# ISU Newsletter

Department of Biological Sciences

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2011**

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## FACULTY/STAFF/OTHER MEETINGS

Department of Biological Sciences Faculty Meeting will be held **Tuesday, September 27, 2011**, in the Lecture Center 15/17 at noon.

## SEMINARS

**Dr. Timothy Magnuson** will present his promotion seminar, "Those Magnificent Microbes: Solutions for Energy and the Environment," Thursday, September 29, 2011, at 4:00 PM in Lecture Center 10.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

Idaho State University's Molecular Research Core Facility (MRCF) received a \$194,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for a DNA sequencer. This grant will transform the research capabilities of MRCF. The grant is part of the NSF's Major Research Instrumentation program, which this year funded fewer than 15 percent of proposed projects. **Dr. Michael Thomas**, Biological Sciences is the MRCF academic director and **Erin O'Leary-Jepsen** is the MRCF managing director. If you would like to read more about this grant, go to: <http://www.isu.edu/newsandnotes/110912/molecular.shtml>.

## OPPORTUNITIES

The National Research Council of the National Academies sponsors a number of awards for graduate, postdoctoral and senior researchers at federal laboratories and affiliated institutions. These awards include generous stipends ranging from \$42,000 - \$75,000 per year for recent Ph.D. recipients, and higher for additional experience and graduate entry level stipends beginning at \$30,000 and higher for additional experience. The awards provide the opportunity for recipients to do independent research in some of the best-equipped and staffed laboratories in the U.S. Research opportunities are open to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and for some of the laboratories, foreign nationals. Detailed program information, including instructions on how to apply online and a list of participating laboratories, is available on the NRC Research Associateship Programs Web site at: [www.nationalacademies.org/rap](http://www.nationalacademies.org/rap). Questions should be directed to the NRC at 202-334-2760 (phone) or [rap@nas.edu](mailto:rap@nas.edu). There are four review cycles annually. **Upcoming deadlines are: November 1 2011 and February 1, 2012.** Applicants should contact prospective Adviser(s) at the lab(s) prior to the application deadline to discuss their research interests and funding opportunities.

**All Faculty and Students in Science, Math, Social Sciences. University Research Committee Call For Proposals Fall 2011.** The Research Office and the University Research Committee (URC) invite proposals for funding for research projects. The URC has been restructured, with new members, bylaws, funding categories, and guidelines. New guidelines, dated September 2011, are available at: <http://www.isu.edu/research/internalgrants.shtml>. **Important changes include:** These funds are available to all faculty and to students conducting research in the sciences, math or social sciences; Greater flexibility in funding type; Greater dollar amounts for awards are possible; new proposal format; and Faculty and

students apply to same committee but do not compete against each other. You are strongly encouraged to discuss your proposal with your area representative prior to submission. List of area Representatives <http://www.isu.edu/research/internalgrants.shtml>. **NOTE: Criteria for evaluating proposals:** 1) Intellectual merit; 2) Likelihood of successful completion of the proposed project; 3) National or international impact potential/plan to disseminate results at the national level (faculty); 4) Fit of the project to the applicant's long-term research, including development of a record of external funding or revenue through grants, fellowships, contracts, royalties, patents, consulting fees, ticket sales, donations, etc. (for faculty). Maximum grant amount is \$25,000 for faculty grants, \$2,000 for student grants. **Deadline for proposal submission is before: 5:00 PM – Thursday, November 10, 2011.** See guidelines for submission details. Writing Workshop for remote locations via Skype contact Dr. Easterly (282-2618; eastdebb@isu.edu). Session will be held September 29, 2011 at 10:00am in the Portneuf room in the SUB in Pocatello.

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## **PAYROLL INFORMATION**

**Our next pay period ends Saturday, October 1, 2011.** Please be sure to **submit your time by Monday, October 3, at 12 NOON.** This gives your approver time to approve your time card and fix any problems by **Tuesday, October 4, 2011,** when time cards are due to Payroll.