

Office of Research News & Notes

Office of Research Reminder

Office of Research Reduced Operations – June 19th

The Office of Research will have reduced operations tomorrow, **Friday June 19, 2015**, but our office will still be open from 8:30am -5pm for drop off and pick up. We understand there will be some urgent activities that will need to be carried out on that day and we will provide these necessary services so that the work flow of sponsor deadline oriented items is not significantly interrupted.

Please let us know if there is any anticipated processing that you require tomorrow and it will be processed. This can be done by alerting your Grants or Contracts Officer, or by attaching a note to hard copy paperwork saying “Urgent - Cannot Wait Until Monday June 22” when you deliver your paperwork to our office.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

Sponsor Updates

An Update from Burroughs Wellcome Fund Regarding Award Eligibility

In recently announced changes to the BWF PATH program, Burroughs Wellcome Fund restricted eligibility for the grant to researchers who have been members of faculty for 36 months or more.

We have received feedback that for those researchers who achieve true independence early, three years is a long time to wait. We agree, and have re-opened the program to all assistant professors who are qualified for the program.

Please see bwfund.org/path for eligibility criteria and information on how to apply.

Download [Flyer here](#).

An Announcement from the Simons Foundation

Although the quality of autism research has never been higher, the transition from formal mentorship to independent faculty position remains a daunting task for many early-career researchers in the field.

To help support talented early-career scientists in autism at this critical stage, SFARI is pleased to announce its new [Bridge to Independence Award](#), a program aimed at supporting ongoing excellence in autism research by identifying promising scientists committed to the field and facilitating their transition to an independent research career at a U.S. academic institution.

Successful applicants will receive a commitment of \$150,000 per year for three years, to be used for an autism-relevant project, activated upon assumption of a tenure-track professorship. The first class of eligible applicants will be senior postdoctoral fellows who intend to seek tenure-track faculty positions in 2015 or 2016.

The request for proposals will open 8 June 2015; first-stage proposals are due 28 August 2015.

Please contact us with administrative inquiries at grants@simonsfoundation.org or with scientific inquiries at sciencerfa@simonsfoundation.org.

Thank you and we hope you will pass this announcement on to others in your research community.