



Whitman Today

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Learn About Faculty Grants: A Tour of Virtual Workshops

Summer can be a great time to brush up on your grants knowledge! Maybe you want to learn about new grant programs, have questions about how to put together a proposal, want to know how to strengthen your application, or would like to hear from successful applicants. While the grants staff at Whitman is always happy to talk with you, there are also many online webinars and presentations that can answer your most pressing grants questions.

The [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (NEH) recently produced a series of [virtual workshops](#) to provide information about their grant programs, including Digital Humanities, Public Humanities, and NEH Fellowships.

The [National Science Foundation](#) has a robust series of [educational workshops](#) available on their website; most recently, their May Spring Grants Conference hosted presentations on "proposal preparation" and "the merit review process," as well as specific sessions on every NSF discipline.

The [National Institutes of Health](#), which funds biomedical research, also makes its [Grants Conference](#) sessions available on their website. Two sessions of particular interest are the [Research Enhancement Award \(R15\) program](#) and [Grant Writing for Success](#).

Finally, Whitman's grants office is fortunate to belong to a consortium of small college grants officers; several members have organized webinars in which faculty grants/fellowship recipients from peer schools share advice on how to compete for prestigious fellowships:

- [ACLS Fellowship: Advice from Winners at Liberal Arts Colleges](#)
- [Guggenheim Fellowship: Advice from Winners at Liberal Arts Colleges](#)
- [NSF CAREER: Advice from Winners at Liberal Arts Colleges](#)

The Grants Office looks forward to working with you. Please contact Rachna Sinnott, Director of Grants & Foundation Relations at sinnotr@whitman.edu or x5990. Happy viewing!

Grant Announcement: NEH Summer Stipends

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipends Competition is now open. The amount of the stipend is \$6,000 for two consecutive and uninterrupted months of full-time independent study and research in summer 2021. For a full description of the competition rules and scope of eligible projects, please see: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/summer-stipends>.

This year's deadline for applications is September 22, 2021 and notification of awards will be made in April, 2022. Applicants must be nominated by the College. To declare your interest in being considered as one of Whitman's two nominees, please email sinnotr@whitman.edu by July 9.

Campus COVID-19 Update

Any employee who has not provided proof of being vaccinated against COVID-19 must take a coronavirus test every week in order to receive a campus access badge valid for seven days. This testing is offered at Welty Student Health Center on Tuesdays from 8:30-10 a.m. This week, 32 employees were tested and there were no positive tests.

Students in Walla Walla who wish to have summer access to campus must provide proof of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and complete the request form in order to receive their access badge.

Current campus vaccination statistics:
Employees: 85%
Students (classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024): 71%
Combined total: 75%

[COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Form](#)

[Student Summer Access Request Form](#)

Announcements

Excessive Heat Watch

With record-setting temperatures forecasted for the next week, the National Weather Service has announced an Excessive Heat Watch for the Walla Walla region from Friday afternoon through next Wednesday. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has some [tips on preventing heat-related illnesses](#), as well as a summary of what to do in the event you are experiencing symptoms.

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

WHAT TO LOOK FOR	WHAT TO DO
HEAT STROKE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High body temperature (103°F or higher) Hot, red, dry, or damp skin Fast, strong pulse Headache Dizziness Nausea Confusion Losing consciousness (passing out) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency Move the person to a cooler place Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath Do not give the person anything to drink
HEAT EXHAUSTION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy sweating Cold, pale, and clammy skin Fast, weak pulse Nausea or vomiting Muscle cramps Tiredness or weakness Dizziness Headache Fainting (passing out) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move to a cool place Loosen your clothes Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath Sip water <p>Get medical help right away if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are throwing up Your symptoms get worse Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour
HEAT CRAMPS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy sweating during intense exercise Muscle pain or spasms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop physical activity and move to a cool place Drink water or a sports drink Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity <p>Get medical help right away if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cramps last longer than 1 hour You're on a low-sodium diet You have heart problems
SUNBURN	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Painful, red, and warm skin Blisters on the skin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas Do not break blisters
HEAT RASH	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay in a cool, dry place Keep the rash dry Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash

Noteworthy



Celebrating More than 400 Years of Service

Last week Facility Services joined together to celebrate the fact that 14 staff members have served Whitman for a combined total of 412 years! Pictured above are Rich Dicus (32 years) Alex Dietz (36 years), Kevin Wright (31 years), Tom Wagner (31 years), Kidan Tesfay (39 years), Joan Walter (33 years), Chris Dietz (35 years) and Bill Duncan (22 years). Team members included in the honor but not pictured are Judy Frostad (30 years), Shannon Perkins (29 years), Mike Willard (26 years), Randy Coleman (24 years), John Groom (23 years) and Bob Laufer (21 years). Thank you all for your dedication and hard work over the years!

Pogue Assists in Successful New Viticultural Area

Kevin Pogue, professor of geology and principal at VinTerra Consulting, wrote the successful appellation application for White Bluffs, [Washington's newest American Viticultural Area](#) (AVA). The AVA designation, granted by the U.S. Tax and Trade Bureau, allows vintners to describe more accurately the origin of their wines to consumers and helps consumers identify wines they may purchase. The White Bluffs area of the Columbia Valley contains some of the state's oldest producing vineyards and contains more than 1,100 acres of grapes.

Moss Article Published in Upcoming Book

Brit Moss, assistant professor of biology and BBMB, and two colleagues just co-authored an article that will comprise one chapter of ["Auxin Signaling: From Synthesis to Systems Biology, Second Edition"](#). Auxin is a small molecule hormone found in all plants and that plays a critical role in processes ranging from root development to growth of stems towards light sources. The article explores how approaches from the fields of systems and synthetic biology have advanced our understanding of auxin action in plants, and lays out the next set of questions well suited to answering using these methodologies.

[Submit News of a Personal or Professional Achievement](#)

Upcoming Events

Staff Escape Room Activity: Sign Up Now

Student Activities will be hosting an Escape Room on July 7 for administrative and departmental offices that are looking for a good midsummer team-building activity. The event will occur virtually, the theme is the National Parks and participants will work in teams of 6-8 to solve a series of theme-related puzzles. If you and/or your office are interested in participating, contact Juli Dunn (dunnjl@whitman.edu). Don't worry if you are new to campus and don't have a team to participate with, we will find you one.

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Submissions are welcome! If you have a professional or personal accomplishment to celebrate, an event to publicize or other content to share with the Whitman community, email whitmantoday@whitman.edu. Submissions should be 125 words or less. The deadline for submissions is noon for the following day's newsletter, though submissions may be held for a later date according to space and editorial needs. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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