HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What are your New Year’s resolutions? If you’re looking to get more organized in 2013, the GRSC recommends four fantastic apps and programs to organize your research, collaborate with your research team, and find funding opportunities.

1. **EVERNOTE → evernote.com**

Have a new research idea? Create an Evernote notebook for your research project and organize your thoughts. Write notes, create checklists, and collect files, images, and snapshots all in one place. If you’re working with colleagues, make your notebook shareable and automatically sync your notes with your research team and all your devices.

2. **DROPBOX → dropbox.com**

Need an easy way to save research articles, drafts of your grant proposal, and application documents to all your devices? Save your grant proposal essentials to a Dropbox folder, and Dropbox will instantly update your grant proposal folder on all of your devices. Dropbox is also a great way to share your grant-related documents with your research team. Fast and easy!

3. **MENDELEY → mendeley.com**

Mendeley is a reference manager that allows users to import and organize PDFs, read and annotate articles, generate citations and bibliographies, and share your papers, notes, and annotations with your research team. Mendeley is an excellent tool for organizing resources for your paper, dissertation, or grant proposal.

4. **TWITTER → twitter.com**

Create a Twitter account and follow the GRSC for grant deadlines and workshops! You can also follow your favorite funding foundations and associations, such as the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Educational Research Association (AERA).
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January Deadlines

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14 Point Foundation LGBTQ Student Scholarship
Point Scholarships are designed to help promising LGBTQ students who demonstrate academic excellence achieve their full academic and leadership potential with $25,000 scholarships.
MORE INFO: tinyurl.com/d27anln

15 Predoctoral Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Fellowship
This fellowship supports the training of practitioners in behavioral health services and prevention with a strong commitment to a career in ethnic minority behavioral health services or policy.
MORE INFO: tinyurl.com/cbfno59

15 Sandra Schwartz Tangri Memorial Award for Graduate Student Research
This $500 award is given to advanced doctoral graduate students in psychology or a closely related field to make possible social justice research on issues affecting structurally marginalized women that could not be conducted otherwise.
MORE INFO: tinyurl.com/bz8et9q

31 Josephine de Karman Fellowship Trust
This fellowship awards $22,000 to graduate students in any discipline who will defend their dissertation by June 2014. The purpose of this fellowship is to assist students whose scholastic achievements reflect professor von Karman’s high standards
MORE INFO: tinyurl.com/bk4x7gp

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Check out the GRSC’s Student Funding Database!
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Meet Samantha Brown!

Samantha Brown is a doctoral student in the College of Education’s Counseling Psychology program and conducts research as a member of the college’s Project HOPE (Healthcare Occupations, Preparation, and Exploration) team. Sam shared her thoughts with the GRSC on the value of being involved in research and how research and your relationships with faculty can lead to funding.

What is your role in Project HOPE?

Project HOPE is a career intervention targeted at rural middle school students to increase awareness about opportunities in healthcare fields and help students start thinking about the career decision-making process. A group of facilitators goes to the schools for five different sessions with the students to present information about healthcare careers and facilitate various activities. The final component of Project HOPE is a field trip to campus, where students attend two simulations in various departments across campus (for example, pharmacy, medical school, biophysics, biology, Hardin library, dentistry and many more). I have been a facilitator, as well as helped develop components and activities for the students and coordinate aspects of the field trip.

How did you get involved?

I heard about Project HOPE during my first semester at Iowa in my career class taught by Professor Saba Ali, who is also in charge of Project HOPE. For that class, we were given an assignment to do a career intervention with an underserved population. I liked that Project HOPE was an intervention aimed at increasing diversity in the STEM and healthcare fields.

My research as an undergraduate had been about gender disparity in the STEM fields, so Project HOPE was a nice complement to my past experiences.

How has your involvement in Project HOPE helped you grow as a student?

Project HOPE has helped me in many ways. I was unsure of how much I wanted to carry over my research from undergrad. Project HOPE has helped me to clarify my research interests and realize that I really enjoy vocational research. It also has helped me to understand the importance of collaboration between researchers and communities when implementing an intervention. It has helped me to broaden and refine my skill sets, such that I feel much more comfortable giving presentations and facilitating discussions.

How did you get funded through this research?

My funding for this semester comes from the Governor’s STEM Scale-Up Grant. This grant was awarded to Project HOPE so that the intervention could be expanded and implemented in more schools across Iowa. The grant has allowed us to reach many more students and continue improving on...

...the program. My experience and knowledge of Project HOPE made me a good candidate for this assistantship, as well as my working relationship with Saba.

What advice would you give students still waiting to get funded?

Develop good working relationships with your professors and work on projects you enjoy — this can sometimes lead to funding. It can be helpful if professors know your skill set and interests because then they may be able to direct you towards funding that is more fitting for you.

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