

CCSF Topical Lunch
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Title: Exploration of funding opportunities for the advancement of Faculty Research

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Attendees: David Wolfe, Terry Tucker, David Lee, Frank DeSalvo, John March, Steve Kresovich, Chris Barrett, Miquel Gomez, Jim Lassoie, Dave Dieterich, Helene Schember, Andy McDowell

Cornell consistently ranks as one of the leaders in alumni-based fundraising, however we remain behind our peers as a beneficiary to the resources awarded by Foundations. With this in mind, the Office of Foundation Relations is committed to building the pipeline of funding opportunities, and proactively reaching out to faculty and partnering more closely to identify (new) potential funding opportunities. This collaborative approach will provide the Office of Foundation Relations with a deeper understanding of faculty research projects, enabling us to better assist faculty in the development of more competitive proposals.

The lunch discussion acknowledgement the importance of regular, interactive communications between Faculty and the Office of Foundation Relations regarding new foundation funding opportunities and the cultivation of Foundation Program Officers through campus visits, and off-campus meetings with faculty when possible. As an on-going effort to increase awards from foundations in collaboration with faculty, the Office of Foundation Relations will (1) research and share new Foundation funding opportunities; (2) work with the Director's of each respective Institute and Center across the University to identify existing relationships between faculty and foundation contacts to assist with advancing potential funding proposals; (3) explore funding opportunities for research projects channeled through the Centers/Institute [awarded and non-awarded proposals]; (4) facilitate conversations to develop internal consistencies related to costs associated with foundation awards.

Recently announced funding opportunities that were shared and discussed:

The BREAD Program: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503403&org=DBI

Bill & Melinda Gates Exploration Grants:

<http://www.grandchallenges.org/about/Newsroom/Pages/GCERound2Grants.aspx>