New Faculty Research Directions

In this and future newsletters we will be featuring brief descriptions of new research directions for faculty. These descriptions could reflect pilot studies or recently funded research. We begin with a brief description of Professor Saxbe’s new project.

This summer I submitted a proposal to the National Science Foundation's Cognitive Neuroscience program entitled "Hormonal and Neural Correlates of the Transition to Fatherhood." The planned study, which I am currently piloting, will follow pregnant couples to the postpartum period and look at hormonal changes and within-couple hormonal coregulation. The study will also have a neuroimaging component to look at how fathers' brains change structurally and functionally after the birth of a child.

Student Research Funding

The Clinical Science Graduate Research Fund provides funding (up to $1750 for each student during their tenure at USC) to help defray the costs of conducting and presenting research. The funding can be requested all at once or in several smaller requests. A total of $1000 can be used for general research funds such as: purchasing software, photocopying, translating instruments, subject reimbursements, paying undergraduate research assistants, and similar costs involved in conducting research. Up to $750 can be used for travel to present research at national conferences. Reimbursable expenses include plane fare, hotel, food, conference registration and car rental.

In order to receive research or travel funds, you must submit an application to Dr. Stan Huey prior to incurring any expenses related to the research or travel. Once approved, original receipts must be submitted to Erika Quinly within 2 months from the time you submitted your application. If receipts are not submitted within 2 months, we will withdraw your application and you will need to reapply. Please email quinly@usc.edu if you’d like to fill out an application.