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■ Electronic Submission of Unsolicited NIH Proposals

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has implemented electronic submission of most agency proposals in Grants.gov. An important procedural change with electronic submission of grant applications in the Grants.gov system is that the uniform PHS 398 application form is no longer used. Instead, applications must be submitted in response to a specific Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) or Program Announcement. For investigators submitting an “investigator-initiated” or “unsolicited” application, NIH has developed the following Parent Announcements (PA) numbers to use when downloading application forms and application instructions :

R01: [PA-07-070](#);
R03: [PA-06-180](#); and
R21: [PA-06-181](#).

For additional information on Parent Announcement numbers for NIH Grants or for a complete list of PA codes, please visit http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/parent_announcements.htm.

■ NSF Sponsors Regional Grants Conference

The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Midwest Regional Grants Conference will be held at Oklahoma State University on March 19-20, 2007. Staff representing each NSF program directorate, and key administrative offices such as the Office of Inspector General, and the Office of International Science/Engineering will participate in the conference. The conference is geared to new faculty, researchers, and educators, who want to gain insight into NSF grant programs, the proposal and award process, and NSF policies/procedures. For additional information visit: <https://www.seeuthere.com/rsvp/invitation/invitation.asp?id=m2c757-442374973156>

■ Federal Identifier Field of the SF424 (R&R) Cover Page

A question DePaul faculty have encountered in completing the NIH SF424 (R&R) Cover Page is what information to enter into the Federal Identifier field. If the type of application is “new”, SF424 application instructions typically instruct that the Federal Identifier

field be left blank. If however the first submission attempt is unsuccessful due to errors/warnings, the Federal Identifier field becomes a required field when submitting the Changed/ Corrected application. In this case, enter the Grants.gov tracking number of the original submission attempt (e.g., Grant00123456) in the Federal identifier field.

■ University Updates Fringe Benefit Rate

Effective 7/1/07, the University’s fringe benefit rate for FT Staff and Faculty (academic year salary) will increase from 35% to 36%. This revised rate should be used in grant proposals reflecting budget periods after 7/1/07 effective immediately.

■ NIH Announces Updated Salary Cap

In January NIH announced its annual increase to its funding limits on salaries. Effective January 1, 2007 the NIH salary cap is increase to \$186,600. The cap is the maximum annual rate of salary that NIH can pay an individual from grant funds.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**External Funding —****Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**

Small Grant Program for Conference Support (R13)

Deadline: The 20th of every even month in 2007

Purpose: Seeks to support conferences on research development, design and methodology, dissemination and/or

research training, infrastructure and career development to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans.

Listing: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-074.html>

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Transatlantic Cooperation in Research

Deadline: 04-30-07

Purpose: Supports research cooperation among German, American, and Canadian scholars in the humanities, social sciences, economics, and law. The funds may be used to finance short-term research visits and travel, special conferences and workshops, material and equipment, printing costs, and research assistance.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Link: http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/stip_aus/transcoop.htm

American Cancer Society, Illinois Division

Grants in Psychosocial and Behavioral Research to Reduce Cancer Incidence and Mortality

Deadline: 03-30-07

Purpose: Funds research initiatives which are directed to reduce cancer healthcare disparities due to socio-economic, race and cultural, geographic, and demographic diversity barriers. Research investigations will be considered from the following areas: behavior related to cancer control, cost analyses and healthcare delivery, and education and communication.

Email: akosciuk@cancer.org

Burroughs Wellcome Fund

Career Awards at the Scientific Interface

Deadline: 05-01-07

Purpose: Awards are intended to foster the early career development of researchers with backgrounds in the physical and computational sciences whose work addresses biological questions and who are dedicated to pursuing a career in academic research.

Link: http://www.bwfund.org/programs/interfaces/career_awards_main.html

Center for the Business of Government

Research Stipends

Deadline: 03-01-07 & 11-01-07

Purpose: Provides grants to stimulate research and improve the effec-

tiveness of government at the federal, state, local, and international levels.

Link: <http://www.businessofgovernment.org/main/apply/index.asp>

Center for Theology & the Natural Sciences

Planning and Research Grants

Deadline: 05-01-07

Purpose: Seeks to sponsor research by small teams of scientists and humanities scholars on the ways science, in light of philosophical and theological reflection, points towards the nature, character, and meaning of ultimate reality.

Link: <http://www.cnsstars.org/grants/>

Equipment Leasing and Finance Foundation

Research Grant Program

Deadline: 05-15-07

Purpose: Encourages research to expand the body of knowledge about equipment lease financing in the U.S. economy. In addition, the foundation seeks to broaden its constituency by establishing and maintaining mutually beneficial relationships with individuals in the academic community.

Link: <http://www.leasefoundation.org/grant/about.htm>

Etant Donnés

Project Grant

Deadline: March 31, 2007

Purpose: The Agency offers grants to American nonprofit institutions organizing exhibitions, installations, artist residencies, publications, or other projects by living French artists. Qualifying exhibitions may be in the fields of painting, drawing, sculpture, architecture, and design, as well as video art or any

form of artistic endeavor involving new technologies.

Restrictions/ Conditions: The amount of the grant requested cannot exceed 50 percent of the total budget for the project.

Link: <http://www.face-council.org/etantdonnes/edca-guidelines.html>

Lance Armstrong Foundation

Research Program Grants

Deadline: 04-13-07

Purpose: Funds research that builds on the body of knowledge and services focused on improving the quality of life for cancer survivors across physical, psychosocial and practical challenges.

Link: http://www.livestrong.org/site/c.jvKZLbMRIs/G/b.739079/k.B22F/Research_Program.htm

National Endowment for the Arts

The Big Read

Deadline: April 12, 2007

Purpose: NEA seeks proposals to revitalize the role of literature in American popular culture.. The program is aimed at encouraging citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment. Successful programs required partnerships with diverse local organizations such as libraries, literary organizations, schools and arts organizations.

Restrictions/ Conditions:

Matching funds are required, contact OSPR early if you plan to submit a proposal.

Link: http://www.neabigread.org/application_process.php

National Endowment for the Humanities

Digital Humanities Start-up Grants

The NEH invites proposals for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in all areas of the humanities. Grants may involve:

- research that brings new digital approaches to the study of the humanities or that examines the implications of the use of emerging technologies for humanities scholarship;
- new digital modes of publication facilitating the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all academic levels;
- exploration of digital methods or approaches to preserve, archive, and make accessible traditional (i.e., analogue) and "new media" resources in the humanities;
- planning new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible humanities data; and
- programs addressing the innovative use of emerging digital technologies in formal and informal educational settings, including public forums such as museums, libraries, historic sites, and broadcast media, and K-12 schools and post-secondary institutions.

Proposals are due 4/03/07. See link under Funding Opportunities.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

National Endowment for the Humanities*Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants***Deadline:** 04-03-07**Purpose:** Invites proposals for the planning or initial stages of in all areas of the humanities. Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants can comprise up to \$30,000 in outright funds.**Link:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/digital-humanities-startup.html>**National Institute of Drug Abuse***NIDA Research Education Grants in Drug Abuse and Addiction (R25)***Deadline:** May 25, 2007**Purpose:** Invites applications focused on research education and research curriculum development and/or program building in the area of drug abuse and addiction research. The focus should be primarily on clinical research, with preclinical research included to directly inform or provide a mechanistic foundation and/or for the purposes of supporting translational research training.**Link:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-221.html>**National Science Foundation***Developmental and Learning Sciences (DLS)***Deadline:** 07-15-07**Purpose:** Supports studies to increase understanding of cognitive, linguistic, social, cultural, and biological processes related to child and adolescent development /learning. DLS is accepting proposals for research projects, workshops and small conferences.**Link:** <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07508/nsf07508.htm>*Science of Science Innovation Policy***Deadline:** May 22, 2007**Purpose:** The Program will underwrite research that develops new explanatory models and analytic tools designed to inform the nation's public and private sectors about the processes through which investments in science and engineering research are transformed into social and economic outcomes. Research teams may focus on scientific domains or synthesize elements from disparate disciplines to develop new models/tools. The FY 2007 competition has two emphasis areas: analytic tools and model building.**Link:** <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07547/nsf07547.htm>**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation***Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research***Deadline:** 03-28-07**Purpose:** Requests proposals to interpret, develop, or substantially advance ideas or knowledge that can improve health or health care policy in the United States.**Link:** <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19790>**U.S. Department of Education***International Research and Studies Program***Deadline:** 03-12-07**Purpose:** To provide grants to conduct research to improve and strengthen instruction in modern foreign languages, area studies, and other international fields. For 2007 the priority is the development/publication of instructional materials to enhance international understanding for use by students/ teachers of the following critical language areas: Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian, as well as Indic, Iranian, and Turkic language families.**Link** <http://a257.g.aka.maitech.net/7257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-1019.htm>**William T. Grant Foundation Releases Revised Guidelines**

The William T. Grant Foundation has released the revised application guide for the *William T. Grant Scholars Program*. This program supports promising early career researchers from diverse disciplines. The award is intended to facilitate the professional development of early career scholars who have demonstrated success in conducting high quality research and are seeking to further develop their skills and research program. Studies from these Scholars contribute to theory and policy/practice for improving the lives of young people.

The program, now in its 27th year, has funded 124 Scholars since its inception. Every year, four to six scholars are selected and each receives \$350,000 distributed over five-years.

Additional information on the William T. Grant Foundation is available at; http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/newsletter3039/newsletter_show.htm?doc_id=453574

NCRR Announces Shared Instrumentation Grant Program

The Department of Health and Human Services' National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) Shared Instrument Grant (SIG) program is soliciting applications from groups of NIH-supported investigators to purchase or upgrade commercially available instruments that cost at least \$100,000. The maximum award is \$500,000. Types of instruments supported include confocal and electron microscopes, biomedical imagers, mass spectrometers, DNA sequencers, biosensors, cell sorters, X-ray diffraction systems, and NMR spectrometers among others. Awards are for one year and for direct costs only. To be eligible to apply, three or more NIH funded investigators (Principal Investigators of active P01, R01, U01, R35, or R37 research grants) who will be users of the requested instruments must be identified.. Cost sharing is not required. Awards are for one year and for direct costs only.

Additional Information on this initiative is available at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-105.html>.



FACULTY AWARDS

JULY 1—DECEMBER 31, 2006



Sponsored project awards received by DePaul University during the period July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 included 36 new awards totaling \$1,899,439. Continuation funding, totaling \$1,542,015 and supplements to existing awards totaling \$415,527, received during this same period are not included in this total.

New awards, received during this period are detailed below by Unit and Principal Investigator.

Academic Units

COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

Susanne Cannon; *Interdisciplinary Development & Design: Senior Housing;* The Counselors of Real Estate; 11/7/2006 – 11/7/2008; \$17,100

Raman Chadha; *Chicago Junto Project;* The John E. & Jeanne T Hughes Foundation; 9/1/2006 – 6/30/2007; \$5,000

COLLEGE OF LAW

Sioban Albiol; *Legal Resources Project for Immigrant Service Providers;* Chicago Bar Foundation;

12/1/2006 – 11/30/2007; \$12,500

Jo Ann Raphael; *Violence Against Women Strategic Planning 2006-2007;* Nathan Cummings Foundation; 7/1/2006 – 6/30/2007; \$18,000

Jane Rutherford; *Family Law Center Summer Stipend for Public Service Program;* McGraw Foundation; 7/1/2006 – 6/30/2007; \$10,000

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Kim Amer; *Phase III: Transforming Care at the Bedside;* Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; 9/1/2006 – 8/31/2008; \$30,000

Michael Bennett; *From Positive Youth Development to Community Leadership;* Centers for New Horizons; 7/1/2006 – 12/31/2006; \$10,000

Karen Budd; *Training Pre-K Childcare Providers in Child Development* Kraft Foods; 9/1/2006 – 8/31/2007; \$18,000

Jessica Choplin; *Comparison-Induced Judgment Biases;* National Science Foundation; 9/1/2006 – 8/31/2009; \$190,000

Kathy Fitzpatrick; *From Propaganda to Soft Power to Public Relations;* The Arthur W. Page Center 6/1/2006 – 5/31/2007; \$5,000

Kathryn Grant; *Development of a Stressor Taxonomy Measure* William T. Grant Foundation; 9/1/2006 – 8/31/2007; \$10,000

Nandhini Gulasingham; *Transforming the Politics of Place;* National Science Foundation; 7/1/2006 – 6/30/2007; \$28,856

James Montgomery; *Dynamics of Carbon and Nitrogen in Soils Along A Gradient;*

U.S. Department of Agriculture; 8/1/2006 – 6/30/2007; \$25,975
Susan Poslusny; *Advanced Nursing Education Traineeship 2006-2007* U.S. Department of Education; 7/1/2006 – 6/30/2007; \$42,559

Eric Selinger; *Say Something Wonderful 2007;* National Endowment for the Humanities; 10/1/2006 – 9/30/2007; \$90,689

Joseph Schwieterman; *The Plan of Chicago Centennial Initiative;* The Chicago Community Trust; 2/1/2006 – 11/30/2007; \$25,000

SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Massimo di Pierro; *National Computational Infrastructure for Lattice;* Gauge U.S. Department of Energy; 9/15/2006 – 3/14/2007; \$32,195

Jami Montgomery; *Topographic and Hydrologic Modeling Constraints;* National Aeronautics and Space Administration; 7/14/2006 – 7/14/2007; \$18,547

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Anthony Dosen, CM; *Star School Leadership Project;* U.S. Department of Education; 9/1/2006 – 12/15/2006; \$48,724

Jeanne Lopez-Valadez; *Gear Up 2: Year 2;* Spencer Foundation; 9/1/2006 – 8/31/2007; \$624,360

Eva Patrikakou; *The Power of Parent Involvement;* U.S. Department of Education; 1/1/2007 – 3/31/2007; \$9,797

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Penny Silvers; *Developing Early Multiliteracies: An Expanded Perspective*; Spencer Foundation; 1/1/2007 – 8/31/2008; \$39,960

SCHOOL FOR NEW LEARNING

Susanne Dumbleton; *FY2007 Innovation Grants: HECA*; Illinois Board of Higher Education; 10/10/2006 – 10/31/2007; \$100,000

Barbara Radner; *DePaul University Center for Urban Education 2007*; Chicago Public Schools; 7/1/2006 – 6/30/2007; \$204,429

Administration

LIBRARY/ART GALLERY

Louise Lincoln; *Undiscovered Worlds: Julia Thecla and Chicago*; Terra Foundation for American Art; 7/1/2006 – 1/31/2007; \$10,000

Linda Morrissett; *Labor: Past, Present and Future*; Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries; 7/1/2006 – 8/31/2007; \$3,000

Linda Morrissett; *Ethics and Globalization*; Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries; 7/1/2006 – 8/31/2007; \$3,000

Linda Morrissett; *Doctoral Dissertations and Masters Theses on Illinois History*; Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries; 7/1/2006 – 8/31/2007; \$2,400

Linda Morrissett; *Homeland Security Collection*; Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries; 7/1/2006 – 8/31/2007; \$2,500

Linda Morrissett; *Religion in the Contemporary United States Collection*; Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries; 7/1/2006 – 8/31/2007; \$2,600

Linda Morrissett; *Women's Studies: Women at Risk in a Global Society*; Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries; 7/1/2006 – 8/31/2007; \$3,914

Linda Morrissett; *Faculty and Teacher Development for Teaching in a Global Society*; Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries; 7/1/2006 – 8/31/2007; \$3,000

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Sue Epps; *Diversified Faculty Initiative 2007*; Illinois Board of Higher Education; 7/1/2006 – 6/30/2007; \$139,375

Timothy Spraggins; *Leadership Grant for Higher Education Professionals*; The Spelman & Johnson Group; 12/1/2006 – 6/30/2007; \$1,500

STEANS CENTER

Marisol Morales; *Jumpstart Chicago at DePaul University 2006-2007*; Corporation for National and Community Service; 9/1/2006 – 8/31/2007; \$81,459

Howard Rosen; *Steans Family Foundation Grant*; Steans Family Foundation; 9/1/2006 – 8/31/2008; \$30,000

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