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■ NSF Workshop on Funding for Academic Scholarships and Equipment Enhancement at NEIU

On Thursday, March 29, 2007, from 9:30—11:30 a.m., Northeastern Illinois University will sponsor an informative workshop for NSF funding on NSF's Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement programs. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Vesna Misoska at V-Misoska@neiu.edu.

■ Updates to NSF Policies and Procedures

The NSF Policy Office will soon release a consolidated policy document entitled, the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide. This guide will incorporate both the NSF Grant Proposal Guide (GPG) and Grant Policy Manual (GPM) into one, single HTML document. The new guide will include significant and helpful changes for NSF grantees. Some significant changes include the designation of specific fonts the NSF will allow on proposals, increased coverage of the Grants.gov apply function, new information on

how reviewers are selected and updated budget preparation instructions. For more information regarding this new policy framework, contact the NSF Policy Office at policy@nsf.gov.

■ Fulbright Scholar Program

The competition for the 2008-2009 round of Fulbright Scholar grants has opened. The application deadline for the traditional Fulbright Scholar program is August 1, 2007. You can find details on the new awards, check eligibility guidelines, request or download materials, and apply online at <http://www.cies.org>.

■ NIH Announces Director's Bridge Awards

The NIH recently announced the NIH Director's Bridge Award (NDBA), which is designed to provide continued but limited funding for new and established grantees who have submitted a competing renewal grant application that describes a highly meritorious project. The continued funding will permit the Principal Investigator additional time to strengthen a revised application. Guidelines for this award are similar to those

described for the High Priority, Short-Term Project Award (R56). NDBA recipients will receive R56 awards for a single year. For more information on this initiative, please visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-056.html>.

■ Revised NRSA Stipend and Budgetary Levels

The NIH recently released revised stipend and budgetary levels for Kirschstein-NRSA awards made on or after October 1, 2006. These levels should be used when preparing future NRSA institutional training grant and individual fellowship applications. For more information and to view the revised levels, please visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-057.html>.

■ Updated Tuition Inflation Factor for Budgeting in Proposals

If including tuition on a proposal budget, please factor a 4.5% increase each year for projected inflation. This is a reduction from the 5% rate previously used to calculate tuition on proposal budgets and is effective immediately.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

External Funding —

American Psychological Foundation
Violence Prevention and Intervention Grant

Deadline: 06-01-07

Purpose: Encourages the transfer of psychological science to the prevention of violence in society and facilitate the implementation of innovative community programs aimed at inter-

ventions to reduce violence.

Listing: <http://www.apa.org/apf/violence.html>

Department of Health and Human Services

Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy

Deadline: 05-24-07

Purpose: Encourages empirical re-

search on health literacy concepts, theory and interventions as these relate to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' public health priorities that are outlined in its Healthier US and Healthy People 2010 initiatives.

Listing: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-020.html>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Illinois Humanities Council

Mini-Grants

Deadline: April 15, 2007

Purpose: Small grants to support public humanities projects. Mini-grants are for a maximum of \$2,000. A request can be made for up to \$2,500 if the project has multiple sites.

Link: http://www.prairie.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/dir_programs_prog_detail/object_id/0777862f-f566-4158-ac2d-cb2510addf8b/GrantsProgram.cfm

Open Society Institute

Women and Multiple Discrimination

Deadline: May 15, 2007

Purpose: The program is interested in supporting innovative initiatives raising awareness about women's multiple discrimination at the local, national or international levels.

Link: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/women/news/multiple_20070302

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Decision Support through Earth Science Research Results

Deadline: 05-25-07

Purpose: Seeks proposals to integrate NASA Earth science research results into decision support systems serving applications of national priority and to document improvements in the performance of the decision support systems. The overall objective of these projects is the sustained use of geosciences products and NASA Earth science research by

operational organizations in their decision-making activities to benefit the nation and society.

Link: <http://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?method=init&solld={1379FA7C-7949-433D-F9E6-27A605EF6FE0}&path=open>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Fellowships

Deadline: 05-01-07

Purpose: Supports advanced research in the humanities that contributes to scholarly knowledge or to the public's understanding of the humanities. Fellowships support full-time work for a period of six to twelve months.

Link: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/fellowships.html>

Fellowships: Advanced Social Science Research on Japan

Deadline: 05-01-07

Purpose: Supports research on the modern Japanese society and political economy, Japan's international relations, and US-Japan relations. The program also encourages research that puts these subjects in wider regional and global contexts and is comparative and contemporary in nature.

Link: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/fellowships-japan.html>

National Institute on Aging

Retirement Economics

Deadline: 06-05-07 (varies depending on funding mechanism)

Purpose: Invites applications for various areas of research on retirement economics.

Link: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-075.html>

National Institutes of Health
Research on Ethical Issues in Human Subjects Research

Deadline: 06-05-07 (varies depending on funding mechanism)

Purpose: Solicits research project grant applications addressing ethical issues that accompany the conduct of research involving human subjects.

Link: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-277.html>

Methodology and Measurement in the Behavioral and Social Sciences

Deadline: 06-05-07

Purpose: Encourages applications addressing methodology and measurement research areas of research design, data collection techniques, measurement, and data analysis in the social and behavioral sciences.

Link: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-060.html>

National Science Foundation
Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement

Deadline: 05-08-07

Purpose: Seeks to improve the quality of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education for all undergraduate students.

Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07543/nsf07543.htm>

Enhancing the Mathematical Sciences Workforce in the Twenty-

National Science Foundation

Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement

The vision of the CCLI program is excellent STEM education for all undergraduate students. Towards this vision the program supports projects based on high-quality science, technology, engineering or mathematics and recent advances in research on undergraduate STEM learning and teaching. The program seeks to stimulate, evaluate, and disseminate innovative and effective developments in undergraduate STEM education through the introduction of new content reflecting cutting edge developments in STEM fields, the production of knowledge about learning, and the improvement of educational practice.

Currently, the NSF is accepting proposals for Phase 1 Projects with a total budget of up to \$150,000 for 1 to 3 years. Phase 1 projects typically will address one program component and involve a limited number of students and faculty members at one academic institution. Projects with a broader scope or larger scale can be proposed provided they can be done within the budget limitations. In order to encourage collaboration between four-year colleges and universities and two-year colleges, projects involving such collaboration may request an additional \$50,000. Results from Phase 1 projects are expected to be significant enough to contribute to the undergraduate STEM education knowledge base.

Proposals are due 5/8/07. See link under Funding Opportunities.

We Are On the Web <http://ospr.depaul.edu/>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

*First Century***Deadline:** 06-05-07

Purpose: Seeks to increase the number of U.S. citizens, nationals, and permanent residents who pursue careers in the mathematical sciences and other NSF-supported disciplines through three separate components: The Vertical Integration of Research and Education program supports activities that involve the entire department and span the entire spectrum of educational levels from undergraduates through postdoctoral; Research Training Groups support the training activities of a group of faculty with a common research interest; Mentoring through Critical Transition Points involves a larger group of faculty but focuses on specified stages in the professional development of the trainees.

Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05595/nsf05595.htm>

*Research Experiences for Undergraduates***Deadline:** 06-06-07

Purpose: Supports research participation by undergraduates in areas of research funded by the NSF. REU projects involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs or in research projects designed especially for this

purpose.

Link: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf05592

**Northwestern University/
University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research
Research Development Grants
RFP Food Assistance**

Deadline: 05-01-07

Purpose: Supports scholars who propose research including, but not limited to:

- Interactions between food assistance programs/welfare programs with respect to participation, administration, budget exposure, and the role of food assistance as a personal and fiscal stabilizer
- The effects of the macroeconomic environment on the need for food assistance, level of participation, and program costs
- The well-being of current and former food assistance recipients.

Link: <http://harrisschool.uchicago.edu/Research/funding.asp>

**Smith Richardson Foundation
Domestic Public Policy Research
Fellowship Program**

Deadline: 06-30-07

Purpose: Supports the work of the next generation of public policy researchers/analysts. Preference will be given to proposals that

address policy issues in the Foundation's priority areas including: education/school reform; income support/welfare policy; child and youth development; family environment; public finance/tax and Social Security policies; urban/criminal justice policy; regulatory policy, including environmental policy and immigration policy.

Link: http://www.srf.org/grants/Domestic_Public_Policy_Fellowship.php

*Junior Faculty Research Grant Program***Deadline:** 06-30-07

Purpose: Supports junior faculty research on American foreign policy, international relations/security, military policy, and especially diplomatic/military history.

Link: http://www.srf.org/grants/JF_Domestic_Description.php

Toyota Foundation*Research Grants: Creating a Society with Pluralistic Values***Deadline:** 05-20-07

Purpose: Encourages proposals to address topics of life and happiness; truth, goodness, beauty, and the prayers in our everyday lives; our relations with other people-in connection with its

theme, "the search for the richness of human life and activity."

Link: http://www.toyotafound.or.jp/e_guide/eken.htm

**U.S. Department of Defense
Cognitive Information Processing
Technology**

Deadline: 06-05-07

Purpose: Seeks proposals for innovative research and development on cognitive systems and technologies that offer significant advances in performance and other relevant metrics above and beyond extrapolations of current approaches.

Link: <http://fedbizopps.com/cgi-bin/eps/spg/ODA/DARPA/CMO/BAA02-21/Modification%2013.html>

U.S. Department of State*Faith and Community: a Dialogue***Deadline:** May 8, 2007

Purpose: To support international exchanges of clerics, scholars of religion, educators, and community leaders between the U.S. and countries with significant Muslim populations with the goal of enhancing understanding of the place of religion, particularly Islam, in American communities.

Link: <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/rfgps/maio8rfgp.htm>

DOD Announces \$127M for Breast Cancer Research

The Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP) has announced the availability of \$127 Million in funding to support the study of breast cancer research. They seek proposals in a broad range of fields including the biological sciences, chemical sciences, behavioral/social sciences, and public health policy.

The overall vision of the BCRP is to eradicate breast cancer. To accomplish this vision, BCRP fosters new directions, addresses neglected issues and brings new investigators into the field of breast cancer research. BCRP is expected to include nine subprograms ranging from funding for established research programs as well as new high-risk initiatives. Expertise of principal investigators is expected to span from postdoctoral scholars and new investigators through established investigators; funding is also available for pre-doctoral traineeships. Application deadlines vary by program ranging from May through August 2007. Complete program announcements are available at: <http://edmrp.army.mil/funding/berp.htm>



UPCOMING DEADLINES

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