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■ *FY 2007 HECA Innovation Grant Proposals Requested*

The Illinois Board of Higher Education recently announced its Fiscal Year 2007 request for proposals for Innovation Grants under the HECA program. The HECA program is focused on innovation and interinstitutional cooperation and is funded by the State of Illinois. Proposals submitted in response to this RFO must emphasize innovation and interinstitutional cooperation, and address one or more of the IBHE FY2007 priorities detailed in the RFP. The RFP is available at: <http://www.ibhe.org/OGA/2007/HECA/default.asp>. Proposals submitted in response to this RFP require the President's signature and are due at the agency by August 4, 2006. To allow for administrative coordination and Fr. Holschneider's travel schedule, please contact OSPR immediately if planning a submission in response to this RFP.

■ *NSF Seeks CAREER Program Proposals*

The National Science Foundation is seeking proposals for its Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program. Deadlines for this year's CAREER program range from July 18 – 20, 2006, depending upon your discipline. CAREER awards support of the early career-development activities of teacher-scholars who effectively integrate research and education within the context of the mission of their organization. NSF encourages submission of CAREER proposals from junior faculty members and especially encourages women, members of underrepresented minority groups, and persons with disabilities to apply.

For more information on the NSF CAREER program, please visit

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5262.

■ *NIH Multiple PI Update*

Beginning in September 2006, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will launch its Pilot Multiple Principal Investigator (PI) Program, which recognizes multiple PIs on a select set of grant programs. Please be sure to check your program guidelines to see if the program to which you intend to apply is affected. More information on this notice can be found at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-06-069.html>.

■ *NSF Strategic Plan Input Sought*

The National Science Foundation requests the research community's input on their draft strategic plan, which is currently accessible at <http://www.nsf.gov/about/performance/nsfplandraft.pdf>. The draft FY 2006-2011 Strategic Plan communicates NSF's vision, goals, objectives, priorities and strategies over the 2006-2011 time period. Comments are requested by July 17, 2006 online at www.nsf.gov/about/performance/input.cfm or by e-mail to strategicplaninput@nsf.gov.

■ *Final Receipt Date for NIMH B/START Program*

The National Institute of Mental Health has announced New or Resubmitted (amended) applications to the Behavioral Science Track Award for Rapid Transition (B/START)(R03) B/Start Program) will no longer be accepted after October 1, 2006. The B/Start program funds new investigators for small-scale exploratory or pilot research projects related to the behavioral science mission of the NIMH. Additional information on the B/Start program is available at: <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-141.html>

TRAINING

This month's training column features information for Principal Investigators and Budget Managers on the University's year-end budget reconciliation process.

The close of the fiscal year each June 30th marks the point at which all internal accounts are reset to their allocated annual budgets for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1. Although funds from grant accounts are still available in the next fiscal year unless the grant ends on June 30, principal investigators (PIs) and budget managers should check their grant Mobius reports to ensure that the financial transactions reflected are correct and accurate by the time the year closes.

The Office of the Controller recently distributed a memo outlining procedures for current PIs and budget managers to follow to facilitate year-end budget reconciliation. These include:

- **Labor Reallocations**

At the close of the fiscal year, salary and benefit amounts that appear on externally-funded grant accounts should be correct. PIs and budget managers should check both the FINACTIVITY and LBR/POS tabs on the Mobius report to confirm that they reflect what was expected in salary payments this year. For example, if a faculty member expects to have a course release paid by the grant during the spring quarter, but by June there is no salary posting to the grant account, this is an indication that the proper transactions were not completed and a labor reallocation must be prepared.

- **Journal Entries**

Journal entries are transactions to correct or otherwise move expenses from one location to another. Budget managers should review their AP and GL DETAIL tabs on their Mobius report to ensure that what appears (and what does not appear) is correct and allocable to the project. Correcting expense allocation is critical to this process because where an

expense lies at the close of the fiscal year is where it will remain.

- **Encumbrance Clean-up**

Certain commitments that are ongoing, such as long-term subcontracts, unpaid balances of purchase orders (as they appear in the Encumbrance column of the Mobius Report) may be retained from one fiscal year to the next. However, if a purchase order has been completed, but the amount paid was less than the amount requisitioned, the budget manager should follow the required procedure to clear any straggling amounts in encumbrance. In addition, managers of grant accounts should submit any unprocessed reimbursements, invoices, or voucher check requests which have accumulated prior to fiscal year end.

All of the reviews and analyses described above should be happening on a regular basis. Establishing a regular schedule of account monitoring is not only required by the DePaul Office of Compliance, but adhering to that schedule will prevent a "mad dash" at the end of the fiscal year to correct questionable transactions.

Fiscal year closeout is of particular interest to those recipients of federal awards. All of DePaul's federal grants are included in the A-133 audit that is distributed among federal sponsors, subrecipients, and those organizations flowing through federal funds. This audit report reflects accurate data on the fiscal year that just ended. Any changes to financial information from a closed fiscal year compromises the precision of the audit.

In summary, grant accounts, like other university financial accounts are subject to the accounting requirements of a fiscal year end. Details of all fiscal-year-end requirements are available on the Financial Affairs website at <http://condor.depaul.edu/~faffairs/yearend.html>.

FACULTY AWARDS LISTING

Sponsored project awards received by DePaul University during the last quarter of the 2006 fiscal year (April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006) totaled: \$1,685,895. Awards received this quarter are detailed by School and Principal Investigator name below.

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Bernhard Beck-Winchatz: *Augmentation Grant from the Illinois Space Grant Consortium*; National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Subcontract from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; 3/1/2006 – 2/28/2007; \$20,000

Michael Bennett: *Chicago Community in Schools Evaluation*; Chicago Community in Schools; 5/1/2006 – 3/31/2007; \$20,000

Jessica Choplin: *Postdoctoral Researcher for the Magnitude Evaluation Lab*; Makray Family Foundation; 8/1/2006 – 7/31/2007; \$49,938

Gary Harper; *Connect to Protect 2006-2007*; National Institutes of Health (Subcontract from University of Alabama at Birmingham); 3/1/2006 – 2/28/2007; \$213,869

Gary Harper; *Leadership Group for Adolescent Trials Network 020*; National Institutes of Health (Subcontract from University of Alabama at Birmingham); 3/1/2006 – 8/31/2006; \$13,513

Liam Heneghan: *Building upon the Natural Science Research Agenda*; Chicago Wilderness/Illinois Conservation Foundation; 1/15/2006 – 3/31/2007; \$25,501

Susan Poslusny; *Health Services Education Grant*; Illinois Board of Higher Education; 7/1/2006 – 6/30/2007; \$284,000

Sheila Ribordy: *State Support Mental Health Center and Crossroads Program*; Illinois Department of Human Services; 7/1/2006 – 6/30/2007; \$1,008,332

Anuj Sarma; *High Angular Resolution Zeeman Effect Observations*; Research Corporation; 6/1/2006 – 5/31/2007; \$10,328

School of Education

Anthony Dosen: *Leadership Grant*; Congregation of the Mission; 7/1/2006 – 6/30/2007; \$18,414

School for New Learning

Barbara Radner: *Terra Teacher Lab*; Terra Foundation for American Art; 7/1/2006 – 6/30/2007; \$22,000

Grants.gov Tips

- ✓ Granting agencies will begin posting their funding opportunities and requiring submission to Grants.Gov according to their own timetable. Regularly visit agency websites to keep abreast of their evolving migration schedules.
- ✓ Always be sure to use the specific grant application package and instructions linked to each funding opportunity announcement. DO NOT reuse grant application packages. Download a fresh copy each time you apply
- ✓ DePaul's DUNS # (required for every SF424 and SF424RR) is 0456941. Please note that the system will change this to add five zeros following the number (i.e. 045694100000). Please *do not* use DUNS # 825753379 on Grants.gov submissions.

EXTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Selected funding opportunities that may be of interest to the DePaul community are detailed below. Funding Opportunities that have not been announced previously by OSPR are detailed in **red color type**; those that are running a second time are in black color type. Programs are grouped under month of the deadline, in alpha order by agency name. **Web links are included for each program.** Please note that draft proposals must be submitted to the OSPR office five business days prior to the program postmark date.

AUGUST

Guggenheim Foundation, Harry Frank

Research Grants

Deadline: 08-01-06

Link: <http://www.hfg.org/rg/guidelines.htm>

Illinois Board of Higher Education

FY2007Innovation Grants: HECA

Deadline: 08-04-06

Link: <http://www.ibhe.org/OGA/2007/HECA/default.asp>

Japan-United States Friendship Commission

Arts Program

Japanese Studies in the United States

Public Affairs/ Education

Study of the United States in Japan

Deadline: 08-01-06

Link: http://www.jusfc.gov/commissn/commissn.html#_Grant_Programs

National Institutes of Health

Establishing Comprehensive NCMHD

Research Centers of Excellence (P60)

Deadline: 08-10-06

Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-06-002.html>

*Development of Advanced Genomic
Characterization Technologies (R21)*

Deadline: 08-24-06

Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-07-021.html>

National Science Foundation

Law and Social Science Program

Deadline: 08-15-06

Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/>

[funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5422&org=SES&from=home](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5422&org=SES&from=home)

National Science Foundation *(continued)*

Research Experiences for

Undergraduates (REU Site Proposals)

Deadline: 08-17-06

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

*Focused Research Groups in the
Mathematical Sciences*

Deadline: 08-18-06 (LOI
required; proposal due 09-22-06)

Link: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf06580

Partnerships for Innovation

Deadline: 08-30-06

Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06550/nsf06550.htm>

Sage Foundation, Russell

Project Awards

Deadline: 08-10-06

Link: http://www.russellsage.org/about/how_to_apply.shtml#awards

United States Civilian Research and Development Foundation

Cooperative Grants Program

Deadline: 08-02-06

Link: http://www.crdf.org/funding/funding_show.htm?doc_id=324810

SEPTEMBER

Beckman Foundation, Arnold and Mabel

Beckman Young Investigators Program

Deadline: 09-29-06

Link: http://www.beckman-foundation.com/byi_guides.html

Canadian Embassy

Research Grants

Deadline: 09-30-06

Link: <http://www.canadianembassy.org/education/grantguide-en.asp>

National Institutes of Health

*Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research
Service Award (NRSA) Institutional
Research Training Grants (T32)*

Deadline: 09-10-06

Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-468.html>

*Mentoring Programs to Diversify the
Mental Health HIV/AIDS Research
Workforce through Innovative
Educational Initiatives (R25)*

Deadline: 09-13-06

Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-06-447.html>

*Building Interdisciplinary Research
Careers in Women's Health (K12)*

Deadline: 09-14-06

Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-06-004.html>

*Comparative Biology Elucidation of
Environmental Pathways and
Susceptibility (R01)*

Deadline: 09-18-06

Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-06-004.html>

*Bioengineering Research Partnerships
(BRP) [R01]*

Deadline: 09-20-06

Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/>

grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-459.html

National Science Foundation
Leadership-Class System Acquisition - Creating a Petascale Computing Environment for Science and Engineering
Deadline: 09-08-06
Link: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf06573

Earth Sciences: Instrumentation and Facilities (EAR/IF)
Deadline: 09-14-06
Link: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf06576

Documenting Endangered Languages
Deadline: 09-15-06
Link: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf06577

International Research and Education: Planning Visits and Workshops
Deadline: 09-20-06
Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04035/nsf04035.htm>

Frontiers in Integrative Biological Research
Deadline: 09-22-06
Link: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf06579

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program
Deadline: 09-26-06
Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06502/nsf06502.txt>

Sloan Foundation, Alfred P.
Sloan Research Fellowships
Deadline: 09-15-06
Link: http://www.sloan.org/programs/scitech_fellowships.shtml

United States Department of Defense
Application Communities
Deadline: 09-05-06

Link: http://www.darpa.mil/ipto/Solicitations/open/05-51_PIP.htm

United States Institute of Peace
Senior Fellowship
Deadline: 09-15-06
Link: <http://www.usip.org/fellows/srfellows.html>

OCTOBER

Canadian Embassy
Faculty Enrichment Program
Deadline: 10-31-06
Link: <http://www.canadianembassy.org/education/grantguide-en.asp>

Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange
CCK Distinguished Fellowships
CCK Junior Scholar Grants
CCK Scholar Grants
Research Grants
Walter Judd Research Grant
Deadline: 10-15-06
Link: <http://www.cckf.org/e-donation.htm>

Columbia University Society of Fellows in the Humanities
Postdoctoral Fellowships 2007-2008
Deadline: 10-02-06
Link: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/societyoffellows>

Columbia University Center for Comparative Literature and Society
Fellowship 2007-2008
Deadline: 10-20-06
Link: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ccls>

Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, John Simon
Fellowships to Assist Research and Artistic Creation
Deadline: 10-01-06
Link: <http://www.gf.org>

Howard Foundation, George A. and Eliza

Fellowship Awards
Deadline: 10-17-06
Link: <http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/gradschool/howard/>

Illinois Humanities Center
Mini Grants
Deadline: 10-15-06
Link: <http://www.prairie.org>

Johnson Foundation, Robert Wood
Health and Society Scholars Program
Deadline: 10-13-06
Link: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/program/cfp.jsp?ID=19588>

National Endowment for the Humanities
Summer Stipends
Deadline: 10-01-06
Link: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>

National Institutes of Health
Design, Measurement, and Statistics in Community Mental Health Research (R01)
Deadline: 10-01-06
Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-474.html>

Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R01)
Deadline: 10-13-06
Link: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-04-116.html>

Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R03)
Deadline: 10-13-06
Link: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-04-117.html>

National Science Foundation
Advanced Technological Education
Deadline: 10-12-06
Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubsys/ods/getpub.cfm?nsf05530>

Information and Intelligent Systems: Advancing Human-Centered Computing, Information Integration and

*Informatics, and Robust Intelligence
(Large Projects)*

Deadline: 10-19-06

Link: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf06572

National Security Agency

Standard, Young Investigators and Senior Investigators Grants

Deadline: 10-15-06

Link: <http://www.nsa.gov/msp/msp00002.cfm>

Sloan Foundation, Alfred P.

Industry Studies Fellowships

Deadline: 10-15-06

Link: http://www.sloan.org/programs/fellow_announ.shtml

United States Civilian Research and Development Foundation

First Steps to Market Program

Next Steps to Market Program

Deadline: 10-15-06

Link: <http://www.crdf.org/funding/>

United States Institute of Peace

Unsolicited Grants

Deadline: 10-01-06

Link: <http://www.usip.org/grants/unsolicited.html>

NOVEMBER

National Endowment for the Humanities

Collaborative Research

Deadline: 11-01-06

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

National Science Foundation

Applied Mathematics

Deadline: 11-01-06

Link: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5664&org=DMS

*Information and Intelligent Systems:
Advancing Human-Centered
Computing, Information Integration and
Informatics, and Robust Intelligence
(Medium Projects)*

Deadline: 11-02-06

Link: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf06572

Statistics

Deadline: 11-07-06

Link: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5556&org=DMS

Supreme Court of the U.S.

Judicial Fellows Program

Deadline: 11-10-06

Link: <http://www.fellows.supremecourtus.gov/apply.html>

U.S. Department of Energy

High Energy Physics Outstanding

Junior Investigator Program

Deadline: 11-15-06

Link: <https://e-center.doe.gov/ips/faopor.nsf/UNID/F7AE9F2F2C00F42D8525707D00652FAA?OpenDocument>

United States - Israel

Binational Science Foundation

Collaborative Research Grants

Start-Up Grant Program

Deadline: 11-15-06

Link: <http://www.bsfc.org.il/>

**von Humboldt Foundation,
Alexander**

*German Chancellor Scholarship
Programme for Prospective Leaders from
the U.S.A.*

Deadline: 10-31-06

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

Transatlantic Cooperation in Research

Deadline: 10-31-06

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

**Wenner-Gren Foundation for
Anthropological Research, Inc.**

Post-Ph.D. Grants

*Richard Carley Hunt Postdoctoral
Fellowships*

Deadline: 11-01-06

Link: <http://www.wennergren.org/programsirg.asp>

DECEMBER

Canadian Embassy

International Research Linkages Grant

Deadline: 12-31-06

Link: <http://www.canadianembassy.org/education/grantguide-en.asp>

**National Alliance for Research
on Schizophrenia and
Depression**

Staglin Family Music Festival

*NARSAD Schizophrenia Research
Award*

Deadline: 12-02-06

Link: <http://www.narsad.org/research/apply/>

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