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OSPR Announcements

OSPR Resource Library

Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR)

[\(http://www.csuohio.edu/uored/about/\)](http://www.csuohio.edu/uored/about/)

The Office of Sponsored Programs offers a library of resources to help our campus community identify grant sources, learn about different types of grants and grant programs, review examples of winning proposals, read about the world of philanthropy, and discover more information about compliance issues –such as Human Subjects and Animal Use regulations. The resources are located in the OSPR office, on the third floor of Parker Hannifin Hall (the Howe Mansion). If you would like to borrow items from the shelves or if you would like to come to OSPR and review materials, please contact Christine Sell, Ext. 3625 or c.sell@csuohio.edu.

Fulbright Program

Available for perusal or loan:

Fulbright Scholars Program: Visiting Scholars Directory 2007-2008. This is a resource guide to help you plan for the Occasional Lecturer Program, offered through the Fulbright Program. If you would like to borrow the guide or visit the OSPR library of resources, please contact Christine Sell, Ext. 3625 or c.sell@csuohio.edu.

Norm Krumholz Receives Cleveland Arts Prize

Lifetime Achievement Award in Design

Cleveland Arts Prize (www.clevelandartsprize.org)

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"The oldest award of its kind in the United States, the Arts Prize is a testament to the standard of excellence and quality of artists in Northeast Ohio. In addition to artists, the Arts Prize honors individuals who have expanded the community's participation in the arts and helped make the region more hospitable to creative artistic — expression." So reads the web site of the Cleveland Art Prize. In the years that it is awarded, the Cleveland Art Prize gives two art awards and two special citation awards. The *Lifetime Achievement Award* is given to an artist who has spent several decades in northeast Ohio and whose work has brought distinction and recognition to both the artist and to the region. This year the prize has been given to Norm Krumholz, CSU Urban Studies, for his distinguished service to Cleveland. Dr. Krumholz served for 10 years as the Planning Director of the City of

Cleveland, under three different administrations. He has been a member of the board of Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority. Under Mayor Frank Jackson, Dr. Krumholz has been appointed to serve on the Cleveland Planning Commission. Dr. Krumholz has served as president of the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners. The Center for Neighborhood Development (<http://urban.csuohio.edu/cnd/>) was founded by Dr. Krumholz. For 25 years, he has been a professor of Urban Studies at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs and has authored both books and journal articles. Visit http://urban.csuohio.edu/faculty_staff/krumholz.shtml to read about Dr. Krumholz's accomplishments. OSPR extend to Dr. Krumholz warmest congratulations on receiving *The Lifetime Achievement Award in Design* from The Cleveland Arts Prize.

Cleveland Hosts 2008 State Science & Technology Institute (SSTI)

SSTI Weekly Digest (<http://www.ssti.org/Digest/latest.htm>)

State Science and Technology Institute (<http://www.ssti.org>)

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SSTI is the national nonprofit that leads and supports efforts to strengthen state and local economies through science technology and innovation. The October 24, 2007 SSTI newsletter carried the following announcement:

"On the heels of our successful 2007 annual conference, held last week in Baltimore, SSTI is pleased to announce that Cleveland will be the location for our 12th annual conference. The nation's premier event for sharing ideas on the best ways to encourage technology-based economic development and foster regional prosperity in a global economy will be held at the InterContinental Hotel in Cleveland, Oct. 14-16, 2008.

Cleveland was selected after a national competitive bid process. Key to winning the bid was the efforts of NorTech in demonstrating regional commitments to technology research, development, innovation, commercialization, and entrepreneurship to spur economic growth in Northeast Ohio. NorTech, Northeast Ohio's leading technology-based economic development organization, worked in partnership with the Ohio Department of Development, regional businesses, foundations, research institutions, and nonprofit community.

'We are thrilled that SSTI has selected Cleveland to host its next annual conference,' said Dorothy Baunach, president and chief executive officer of NorTech. 'We look forward to sharing with attendees the practices that have made Northeast Ohio a model for sustainable technology-based economic development, as well as our public-private partnerships, which have contributed to the region's successful transformation from an industrial center to an entrepreneurial, innovation-based economy.'

The annual SSTI conference draws more than 350 technology-based economic development practitioners and practitioners from across the country to learn from the nation's leading thinkers and practitioners. Previous conference topics have addressed areas such as: university research commercialization; manufacturing excellence; angel and venture capital; university research parks and technology incubators; globalization's impact on local economies; math and science education; and public-private collaboration for science, technology and engineering.

'Northeast Ohio provides an excellent backdrop for SSTI 12th annual conference,' said Dan Berglund, president and chief executive officer of SSTI. 'The state, and especially the northeast region, has made science and technology a central focus for its economic development investments, so Cleveland is a perfect choice to showcase successful technology-based economic development practices and strategies before a national and international audience.'

Program topics at the 12th annual conference will draw on the experiences and needs of SSTI 38 state sponsors, and more than 100 affiliates and supporters from across the country. The agenda for the event will be set in early summer 2008. In 2007, 48 states, the District of Columbia, and several Canadian provinces and foreign countries were represented at SSTI conference. Previous SSTI annual conference locations have included Baltimore, Oklahoma City, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Seattle and Chicago. Watch the SSTI website (www.ssti.org) for more information on the conference in the coming months."

Fair Use and Best Practices - Screening Videos

The Society for Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS) (www.cmstudies.org)

URL: <http://www.cmstudies.org/documents/SCMSBestPracticesforFairUseinTeaching-Final.pdf>

SCMS has just released its official policy statement covering best practices on fair use. The document provides guidelines that delineate those times when teachers and professors can screen and use videos, excerpts and other media in class. Additionally SCMS provides information on the Library of Congress (LOC) exemption program that allows professors of film and media studies to "create digital clips from legally-obtained DVDs housed in college and university libraries". The LOC exemption remains in effect until October 29, 2009. At that time LOC will have to decide whether or not to renew the exemption. For more information go to <http://www.asc.upenn.edu/DMCA/>. Additional Links: "Fair Usage Publication of Film Stills (1993)"

(www.cmstudies.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=60&Itemid=110)

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Direct Charitable Activities in Grant-making Organizations

The Foundation Center (<http://foundtioincenter.org>)

The Foundation Center has released a report that citing the growing trend of Direct Charitable Activities (DCAs) in private foundations and other philanthropic agencies nationwide. DCAs allow philanthropic organizations to provide direct funding to operating their own programs to, for example, the improvement of education and for the funding of adequate poverty and low-income services. The 10-page report, *More than Grantmaking: A First Look at Foundations' direct Charitable Activities*, is extracted from the results of a 2007 survey. Over 900 of the 3,000 largest US foundations (in terms of giving) were surveyed. Foundations provide DCAs because they are keen to offer more effective strategies to organizations involved in these activities and to bring about a better performance in these areas across the field. Through DCAs, the foundations believe they can have a direct influence on outcomes and can improve the attempts at building capacity in grantee organizations while encouraging partnerships and the broader sharing knowledge and tools. The survey identified main types of DCAs:

- Support to their own staff or the advisory boards of charities or public commissions in service projects

- Presentation of learning events and conferences
- Technical assistance for training programs and awardees

Download: http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/research/pdf/dca_2007.pdf.

Defense Dept. Caps Research Indirect Costs

Department of Defense (www.dod.gov)

The controversial measure capping research indirect costs at 35% on basic research grants and contracts between universities, colleges, and research institutions and the Defense Dept. has been kept as a provision of HR3222. HR3222 became law this week (Nov 12 – 16) when Mr. Bush signed the current appropriations bill – of which HR3222 was part. The cap elicited angry and concerned responses and criticism from colleges, universities and research institutions. On November 6th, the Association of American Universities, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, and the Council on Governmental Relations issued a joint prepared statement that said (in part): "We strongly oppose the imposition of an arbitrary cap on reimbursement of indirect costs. These are real and necessary costs of conducting research on behalf of the federal government, including construction and maintenance of facilities, administration, and other expenditures. If they are not paid by the government, then universities must find other sources of revenue to pay for them. Moreover, these costs are regularly negotiated and rigorously audited by the federal government. Universities are not being compensated for anything beyond the reimbursement of their actual costs." (http://www.aau.edu/research/Ltr_AAU-COGR-NASULGC_IDC_7-31-07.pdf)

Federal Grant Maker Announcements

Grants.gov Now Supports Adobe Reader 8.1.1

Grants.gov (www.grants.gov)

Grants.gov Program Status Updates

(http://www.grants.gov/aboutgrants/program_status.jsp)

On October 22, 2007, Grants.gov announced that it now supports Adobe Reader v. 8.1.1 (visit the URL above). Users may download Adobe Reader v. 8.1.1 from the Grants.gov web site for free or from the Adobe website. At the same time, Grants.gov assured its users that it will continue to Adobe Reader v.7.0.9. Grants.gov cautions users that only these two versions of Adobe Reader should be used when submitting grant applications. Other Adobe Reader versions are not supported.

2005 Federal R&D Obligations to Universities & Colleges by State

State Science and Technology Institute (www.ssti.org)

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From SSTI Newsletter, November 2, 2007: www.ssti.org/Digest/latesttext.htm#Stats

"The federal government made obligations of \$25 billion in R&D to colleges and universities in fiscal year 2005 - a 4.8 percent increase from the FY 2004 total of \$23.8 billion, according to new National Science Foundation (NSF) data. In its report, *Federal Science and Engineering Support to Universities, Colleges, and Nonprofit Institutions: Fiscal Year 2005*. (<http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf07333/>) . . . Delving deeper into the data, SSTI has

prepared a table showing the state rankings for total federal academic R&D obligations and percent change over the five-year period from 2001-2005. During this time, federal R&D obligations grew by 29 percent but some states experienced much larger changes. North Dakota showed the largest increase in federal R&D obligations at 106.7 percent, followed by Nevada (91.6 percent), Idaho (81.4 percent), Hawaii (68.6 percent) and Louisiana (61.4 percent).

For fiscal year 2005, California led the nation with \$3.56 billion in federal R&D obligations. This is followed by New York, which broke the \$2 billion mark in 2005 for the first time. Pennsylvania, Maryland, Texas and Massachusetts all received more than \$1 billion, and North Carolina reached \$1 billion for the first time.

'Obligations are the amounts for orders placed, contracts awarded, services received, and similar transactions during a given period, regardless of when the funds were appropriated and when future payment of money is required,' according to the report. 'Obligations differ from expenditures in that funds allocated by federal agencies during one fiscal year may be spent by the recipient institution either partially or entirely during one or more subsequent years.' The SSTI table is available at: <http://www.ssti.org/Digest/Tables/110707t.htm>."

NSF Division of Engineering Education & Centers Plan 2007-2011

National Science Foundation

Directorate for Engineering

Engineering Education and Centers Division (EEC)

The plan is available at <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08011/nsf08011.jsp>.

Partners in Research Program

New Program of NIH Public Trust Initiative

NIH Public Trust Initiative (<http://publictrust.nih.gov>)

URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-07-001.html>

The mission of NIH Public Trust Initiative is to enable the public to understand and have full confidence in the research that NIH conducts and supports nationally and internationally. The Partners in Research program will engage the energy of a diverse group of scientists, community leaders, members of the public, and patient advocacy groups. It will seek to develop partnerships between scientific or research institutions and community organizations, and evaluate a variety of approaches in a range of target audiences or communities. The purpose of the program is to address practical questions that surround the development of real partnerships between health researchers and members of the public.

The goals of the program are to:

- identify and implement new ways to increase science literacy;
- communicate the research needs and interests of communities; and
- encourage understanding of biomedical and behavioral research by partnering with community-sanctioned organizations, such as voluntary and professional organizations, health groups, faith-based groups, and housing organizations.

Along with the above, The Public Trust Initiative, Partners in Research has long term objectives, which include:

- (1) raise the level of public awareness and understanding of biomedical and behavioral research related to health, the role of the NIH, the role the public can play in the research enterprise, and the value of public funding;
- (2) increase scientists' awareness of the importance of public engagement; and
- (3) develop a range of techniques for researchers and communities to implement to facilitate the participation of lay communities in the health research endeavor.

For complete details visit the above URL.

Federal Transportation Administration Guidance - FY08 Grants

Department of Transportation (DOT) (www.dot.gov)

Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) (www.fta.dot.gov)

Deadline(s): Various

URL: http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants_financing_263.html

Certifications URL: http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/2008-Certs-Appendix_A.pdf

Effective immediately, the FTA will provide and require certifications and assurances that applicants must meet to apply for FY 2008 funding programs. FTA is a sub-agency of the Transportation Department. FTA has several funding programs, including the Clean Fuels Grant, Major Capital Investments, Transportation for Elderly Persons & Individuals with Disabilities, and Job Access and Reverse Commute. Potential applicants with questions about the certification and assurances can contact their regional office.

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Federal Grants

Fiscal Year 2008 ONR Young Investigator Program (YIP)

Office of Naval Research (ONR) www.onr.navy.mil

ONR Young Investigator Program (YIP)

Funding Opportunity Number: ONRBAA08-002

Deadline: January 11, 2008

Amount of Award: Up to \$100,000 per year

Number of Years: Up to three

CFDA Number: 12.300 - Basic & Applied Scientific Research Cost

Sharing Requirement: No

URL: http://www.onr.navy.mil/02/BAA/docs/BAA%2008-002_FINAL-YIP-BAA.pdf

YIP supports academic scientists and engineers who have received PhD or equivalent degrees within the last five years (on or after Nov. 1, 2002) and who show exceptional promise for doing creative research". The purposes of YIP are:

1. to attract outstanding faculty members at universities to Department of the Navy's research program,
2. to support their research, and
3. to encourage their teaching and research careers.

YIP accepts research proposals that address the areas described in the ONR Science and Technology (S&T) Department section found on the ONR website (URL above). ONR makes institutional and not individual awards. Requested funds may be budgeted against any reasonable and research related costs such as salary, graduate student support, supplies, and operating expenses. Additional funds (beyond the basic yearly amount) for capital equipment may be requested for the first budget period, based on the needs of the research. Requesting funds for capital equipment will not decrease the probability of receiving an award; additional support for equipment will be decided separately from award selections and will depend upon availability of funds. In addition, the basic yearly amount of \$100,000 can be increased through YIP "matching funds" which are offered only to the recipients of YIP awards. This match is described as "a 1-for-1 basis, the first \$25,000 of additional Department of the Navy funding which a successful applicant obtains each year to support additional, collaborative research with a Navy laboratory during the YIP award". Receiving YIP funds does not prevent the PI for applying for other ONR grants. Upon completion of the three (3) year award period, Young Investigators may apply to ONR for continued support under ONR regular research grant program.

This is a competitive program with highly selective results. For example in the FY07 competition, YIP received 214 proposals and funded only 33 of them. YIP seeks not only outstanding research proposals but also researchers who have "outstanding records of prior professional accomplishments". ONR, in the past, has tried to ensure that unfunded proposals originally submitted to YIP have been funded through regular ONR research grant programs. Full details are available at the above URL.

Superfund Basic Research and Training Program (SBRP)

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) (www.niehs.nih.gov)

RFA Number: RFA-ES-07-006
Deadlines: Letters of Intent: February 15, 2008
Full applications: April 15, 2008
Anticipated Funding: \$8,000,000 in FY 2009
Anticipated Awards: 3 – 4 new and/or renewal multi- project grants
Duration of the Award: Up to 5 years
CFDA Numbers: 93.113, 93.115, 93.143
URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-07-006.html>

NIEHS seeks applications to Superfund Basic Research and Training Program (SBRP) multi-project program grant. NIEHS will emphasize the protection of human health and will have a secondary concern to complement the activities of EPA and ATSDR. The purpose is to understand both the potential risk for being exposed to hazardous substances by characterizing environmental fate and movement, and the effects of these exposures on biological processes that determine disease risk. By understanding both components, strategies for mitigating risk can be developed that encompass approaches based on either reducing exposure through environmental remediation methods and/or through public health/clinical interventions.

NIEHS expects respondents to present an "over-arching conceptual theme to guide the scientific direction of the program's interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research team". Hence proposals should include collaborative efforts that integrate and place special emphasis on interactions between biomedical and non-biomedical facets of the research project. NIEHS believes that "decisions needed to protect human health must be based on mechanistic knowledge gained from the integration of available data from all relevant research disciplines such as toxicology, molecular biology, epidemiology, geology, ecology

and engineering". The agency anticipates that proposals will feature multi- and interdisciplinary research that results in "an extraordinary level of synergy and technology-transfer opportunities, the outcomes of which have the potential to:

- (1) improve our understanding of the relationship between exposure and disease;
- (2) accelerate the development of public health prevention/intervention strategies to improve human health as well as reduce the risk of exposure to toxic substances found at hazardous waste sites,
- (3) translate basic non-biomedical research into efficient and cost-effective cleanup strategies, and
- (4) improve the decision-making process at sites by reducing the uncertainty in human and ecological risk assessments."

New applicants may request direct costs of up to \$2.1M for the first year. Visit the URL for complete details.

National Leadership Grants

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) (www.ims.gov)

Funding Opportunity Number: NLG-FY08
Deadline: February 1, 2008
Award Ceiling: \$1,000,000
Award Floor: \$5,000
CFDA Number: 45.312 -- National Leadership Grants
Cost Sharing Requirement: Yes
URL: http://www.ims.gov/applicants/grants/pdf/NLG_2008.pdf

National Leadership Grants support projects that have the potential to elevate museum and library practice. IMLS seeks to advance the ability of museums and libraries to preserve culture, heritage, and knowledge while enhancing learning. Successful proposals will have national impact and generate results—new tools, research, models, services, practices, or alliances—that can be widely adapted or replicated to extend the benefit of federal investment. Funded projects will exhibit these characteristics:

- Strategic Impact — Proposals should address key needs and challenges that face libraries and museums. They should expand the boundaries within which libraries and museums operate, show the potential for far-reaching impact, and influence practice throughout the museum and/or library communities.
- Innovation — Proposals should demonstrate a thorough understanding of current practice and knowledge about the project area and show how the project will advance the state of the art of museum and library service.
- Collaboration — While partners are not required in all NLG categories, the Institute has found that involving carefully chosen partners with complementary competencies and resources can create powerful synergies that extend project impact. Proposals should show understanding of the challenges of collaboration and propose means for addressing them. Collaborative planning grants are also available to enable project teams from more than one institution to work together to plan a project for this grant program.

Visit the above URL for complete details.

U.S.-China Collaboration in Mathematical Research

National Science Foundation (www.nsf.gov)

Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS)

Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (DMPS)

Deadline: January 18, 2008 by 5PM
Amount of Request: Up to \$20,000 U.S. and 80,000 RMB
Duration of Project: Up to two years

Submission Channel: FastLane

URL: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf08015

DMS and DMPS both support basic research in mathematical and statistical sciences. As announced in a Dear Colleague letter issued on November 7, 2007, DMS has started a new partnership with the DMPS of the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) to fund joint projects between US-based mathematicians/statisticians and China-based mathematicians in all research areas of mathematical and statistical sciences. Both NSF and NSFC will consider collaborative research projects that are innovative and beneficial to both agencies and nations. NSF and NSFC are particularly interested in junior researchers. NSF encourages US graduate student participation and NSFC encourages postdoctoral participation from China.

The collaboration considers that partner must have the opportunity to meet each other. Thus, NSF expects US research to visit Chinese institutions for a period of two or more weeks, sufficient to establish new and innovative research collaborations. Conversely, NSFC expects Chinese research to visit their US partner institutions for a period of two or more weeks. Attendance at workshops/conferences closely related to the collaborative activities is encouraged during the exchange visits. However, exchange visits should not be used for participation in workshops/conferences not related to the collaborative effort.

NSF will accept requests for funding from collaborative teams in the form of a supplement to an existing award to DMS disciplinary programs. Supplements will be evaluated independently by NSF and NSFC on the basis of each agency's review criteria, and jointly according to the following additional criteria:

- (1) mutual scientific benefit and impact,
- (2) feasibility of the management plan, and
- (3) contribution to capacity development through international collaboration for researchers early in their careers.

The supplemental funding requests recommended for support will have an appropriate mix of new collaborations and enhancement of existing collaborations. Principal Investigators of proposals that are recommended for funding by NSF will be contacted by NSFC in order that they submit the identical proposal and other required forms to NSFC for award recommendation by NSFC. Investigators are strongly encouraged to contact the primary contacts before submitting such supplements.

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Private & Corporate Grant Announcements

Social Science Grants & Awards for Research and Dissertation

The Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (<http://www.horowitz-foundation.org/>)

Deadline: Postmarked no later than January 31 and received no later than February 10 (annual arrangement) with early submission is encouraged

Range: \$3,000 - \$5,000

Number per Year: Approximately 10 Annually

Duration: One year and non-renewable

URL: <http://www.horowitz-foundation.org/grant.htm>

The Foundation makes targeted grants for work in major areas of the social sciences, including anthropology, area studies, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, and urban studies, as well as newer areas such as evaluation research. Preference will be given to projects that deal with contemporary issues in the social sciences and issues of policy relevance, and to scholars in the initial stages of their career. Awards are not allocated so as to ensure a representative base of disciplines, but are approved solely on merit. Applicants are not required to be US citizens or US residents. Candidates may propose new projects, and they may also solicit support for research in progress, including

1. final work on a dissertation,
2. supplementing research in progress, or
3. travel funds

Preference will be given to advanced graduate students and untenured assistant professors and instructors. Awards will be made to individuals, not institutions, and if processed through an institution, the foundation requests a waiver of overhead costs, in other words, the foundation does not pay indirect costs and asks to be granted a waiver. Awards are publicized in appropriate professional media and on the Foundation's website. The following categories of proposals will be given priority in determining recipients:

1. Proposals that address global and large-scale geographical situations, and those with wider applications beyond the research design itself.
2. Proposals that rely on empirically informed, large sample sizes, often in historically rich time series, that make few presumptions of application.
3. Proposals by young scholars, who are early in their careers, and who may find it difficult to seek and receive grants from other sources.
4. Proposals that are theoretically rich and emphasize policy issues of broad meaning.
5. Proposals in an early stage of surveys and reports where few previous research applications are available.

The foundation emphasizes that these are guidelines, not mandates, and are not listed in order of importance. Each proposal will be evaluated on its merit by the Board.

The Horowitz Foundation provides six special awards that may be granted for certain projects. These carry an additional stipend beyond the customary amounts of a grant.

The six areas are as follows:

1. Joshua Feigenbaum Award -- For empirical research on policy aspects of the arts and popular culture, with special reference to mass communication.
2. Eli Ginzberg Award -- For a project involving solutions to major health and welfare problems in urban settings.
3. Harold D. Lasswell Award -- For policy related projects in international relations and foreign affairs.
4. Martinus Nijhoff Award -- For policy implications of scientific, technological and medical research.
5. Robert K. Merton Award -- For studies in the relation between social theory and public policy.

6. John L. Stanley Award -- For a work that seeks to expand our understanding of the political and ethical foundations of policy research.

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"Life, The Universe, and Everything"

A. Richard Newton Breakthrough Research Awards

Microsoft Research (MR) (<http://research.microsoft.com>)

Deadline: December 3 annually

Amount of Award: \$100,000 (maximum)

Number of Awards: Up to 12

URL: <http://research.microsoft.com/ur/us/fundingopps/rfps/ARichardNewtonAward.aspx>

From the web site:

"Microsoft invites proposals for breakthrough research projects. Breakthrough, in this sense, refers to projects which clearly leverage innovative computational techniques and advantages at the heart of the research, and which may integrate approaches from multiple disciplines. Additionally, projects considered breakthrough demonstrate potentially high impact by solving problems of great importance or by inventing promising new approaches for enabling their solution."

MR considers computing solutions to be crucial for addressing "difficult and previously unsolvable problems facing the sciences and human society". MR seeks experts working in an interdisciplinary project "enabled by powerful computational advantages" as applicants for this award. MR will fund projects that seem to offer novel ways for solving "today's most important problems, especially those at the unique intersection of computing and multidisciplinary research". Suggested foci of computational science, and therefore of interest to MR, include genomics, neuroscience, and astronomy. Possible projects may entail "creating significant breakthroughs in the understanding of hereditary disease transmission, the workings of the human brain, and the birth of the universe". Specifically, novel projects are sought that will require "innovative computational approaches, and which may also include special knowledge and techniques from other disciplines to produce results of potentially great impact to the research community and society". Colleges, universities, and research institutions can apply for the award. Applicants must demonstrate:

- Problem solutions with potentially profound impact for the sciences and human society;
- Innovative computational approaches proving unique advantages for the problem solution;
- Highly creative problem solving strategies; and/or
- Successful history of leveraging diverse, specialized expertise, novel approaches and collaboration with other researchers.

MR does not pay indirect costs on this grant and provides the awards "for the purpose of seed-funding larger initiatives, proofs of concept, or demonstrations of feasibility". MR will continue to fund a project after the first year only if exceptional circumstances exist and are accepted by Microsoft. The corporation suggests that if principal investigators are involved in long-range projects, they should seek to leverage MR funds and use them only as part of

their entire funding base. There are specific areas of consideration in the current RFP and potential applicants should be sure to read it thoroughly. MR awards these grants as unrestricted institutional gifts. Funding is allowable for non-US entities but applicants should know that local restrictions may apply to the terms of the award. MR discusses current policy regarding non-US countries at this URL:

<http://research.microsoft.com/ur/us/fundingopps/faq.aspx>. For complete details on the program, visit the URL at the start of this notice.

French/Francophone Studies - Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences

Carmargo Foundation (www.carmargofoundation.org)

Deadline: January 12, 2008

Awards: \$3,500 Stipend

URL: <http://www.camargofoundation.org/toapply.asp>

The foundations seeks applications from scholars pursuing studies in the humanities and social sciences related to French and Francophone cultures and from composers, writers, and visual artists pursuing specific projects for residential Fellowships at the Camargo Foundation's Center in Cassis, France. Visit the above URL for applications, guidelines and program information.

Chamber Music America Residency Partnership Programs

Chamber Music America (CMA) (www.chamber-music.org)

305 Seventh Avenue

New York, NY 10001

Deadline:

December 7, 2007 (Receipt of Proposal Satisfies)

Amount of Award:

\$2500 - \$6000 (Short-term Residencies)

\$5000 - \$12000 (Extended Residencies)

Up to \$15000 (Multi-year Residencies)

URL: <http://www.chamber-music.org/programs/grant.html>

General Awards

CMA Residency Partnership Program supports non-traditional partnerships among ensembles, presenters, and community-based organizations, with the goal of bringing live ensemble music to urban, rural, and suburban audiences across the US. The program provides funding for projects that strengthen partnerships between ensembles and presenters; forge or expand partnerships with community organizations such as libraries, hospitals, senior centers, schools, and other locally based groups; engage and develop new audiences for diverse chamber music styles (e.g., classical, jazz, contemporary, and world music), especially for underserved or under-engaged communities; and increase audience awareness of and appreciation for a specific chamber music style through repeated exposure and imaginative approaches.

Residency projects may include workshops, ensemble coaching sessions, lecture/demonstrations, and/or concerts that are not part of a regular series. The length of the collaborative project may range from a minimum of three days to a maximum of one year. Applicants may also propose more extensive projects that require up to three years to complete.

Award Categories include:

- Short-term residency projects are those with a minimum of three days and three residency activities.

- Extended residency projects are those with a minimum of ten activities over a period of one month to a year.
- Multi-year residency projects are those with up to three years and a minimum of twelve activities annually.

To be eligible, applicants and program participants (organizing and performing partners) must be members of Chamber Music America at the time of application and must be based in the US. CMA membership is not required for community partners. Projects must take place in the United States.

The Guarneri String Quartet Residency

Through the general awards program, CMA gives an annual residency grant specifically designed for string quartets. Named in honor of the Guarneri String Quartet, the award has been made possible through a generous gift from the Sewell Family Foundation. One recipient will be selected each year from string quartet applicants to CMA's Residency Partnership Program.

Potential applicants to this CMA program should go to the web site and read the guidelines carefully.

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Nursing Quality Research Initiative Research on Patient Care

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (<http://rwjf.org/>)

Interdisciplinary Nursing Quality Research Initiative (<http://www.inqri.org/>)

Deadline: December 12, 2007 (Brief Proposals)

Amount of grants: Up to \$300,000

Number of Awards: 7

Duration of Award: Two years

URL: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20082>

A program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Interdisciplinary Nursing Quality Research Initiative generates, disseminates, and translates research to improve the quality of patient care by supporting interdisciplinary teams of scholars from nursing and other disciplines to address gaps in knowledge about the relationship between nursing and health care quality. Only interdisciplinary teams with at least one scholar from nursing and one from one other discipline are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to applicant organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are not private foundations as defined under Section 509(a). The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awards grants to organizations in the United States and its territories only. Visit the above URL for complete program guidelines.

Fellowships: Institutional/Individual

FY 2009 NEA Literature Translations Fellowships

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) (<http://www.arts.gov>)

Funding Opportunity Number: 2008NEA03LFTP

Deadline: January 7, 2008 by 11:59PM, ET via Grants.gov

Award Ceiling: \$20,000

Award Floor: \$10,000

CFDA Number: 45.024 - Promotion of the Arts
Cost Sharing Requirement: No
RFP URL: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/LitTranslation/index.html>

Individual translators apply for this award. NEA awards these fellowships to support projects for translation of specific works of prose, poetry, or drama from other languages into English. The endowment awards these fellowships to exceptionally talented, published translators who propose projects of artistic excellence and merit. NEA advises that competition for fellowships is rigorous, so potential applicants should consider whether their proposal will be competitive at the national level. An individual may submit only one application for FY2009 funding and potential applicants must meet the publishing criteria enumerated in the RFP (see above URL).

Criteria for the award include projects that:

- (a) are creative translations into English of published literary,
- (b) are works of obvious literary excellence and value,
- (c) begin at any time between November 1, 2008 and November 1, 2009,
- (d) may continue for up to two years, and
- (e) involve translating works that as yet have not been translated into English (this is a priority consideration).

Ineligible applicants include:

- (a) anyone who has received two or more NEA Creative Writing or Translation Fellowships,
- (b) anyone who has received any Creative Writing or Translation Fellowship from NEA within the last ten years (from 1998 forward to 2008),
- (c) scholarly writers, who should make application to the NEH rather than the NEA,
- (d) anyone working toward an academic degrees, or
- (e) any vanity or self-publication projects.

NEA reminds potential candidates that they may not apply for both a Translation Project under this January 2008 deadline and a Creative Writing Fellowship under the March 2008, deadline.

The proposal must be filed through Grants.gov and the application materials are available online only. Instructions on how to apply through Grants.gov for this award may be found at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/LitTranslation/how.html>

Contact
Literature Fellowship Hotline
202-682-5034
E-mail davisg@arts.gov

RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows Call for Applications Released

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (www.rwjf.org)

Application Deadline: February 1, 2008
Number of Awards: Up to 20 fellowships in this cycle
Amount of Award: \$35,000 over three years
Duration: 3 years
URL: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19847&c=EMC-FA137>

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows program is an advanced leadership program for nurses in senior executive roles in health services, public health and nursing education who aspire to help lead and shape the US health care system. The three-year fellowships allow participating nurses to remain in their current positions while they gain the experiences, insights, competencies and skills necessary to advance in executive leadership positions in a health care system that is undergoing unprecedented change. The program is designed to give nursing and nurses a more influential role across many sectors of the economy. The fellowships are open to senior-level nurses who hold executive positions in health services organizations, public health organizations and systems, and nursing education.

Contact

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URL: <http://www.enfp-info.org>

FY 2008 Dwight David Eisenhower Fellowship Program

US Department of Transportation (www.dot.gov)

Federal Highway Administration (www.fhwa.dot.gov)

Funding Opportunity Number: FHWA-15X0438000

Deadline: February 15, 2008

Expected Number of Awards: 70

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,000,000

Award Ceiling: \$104,000

Award Floor: \$1,500

CFDA Number: 20.215 -- Highway Training and Education

Cost Sharing: Not Required

URL: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/opd/universitygrants.htm#Fellowships>

The Eisenhower Graduate Fellowship provides funding for the pursuit of Master's Degrees or Doctorates in transportation related fields. The program objective is to attract qualified students to the fields of transportation education and research, and advance transportation workforce development. The Program is intended to help upgrade the scope of knowledge of the entire transportation community in the United States and encompasses all modes of transportation. See other university opportunities at:

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Student Funding Opportunities

Social Science Grants & Awards for Research and Dissertation

The Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (<http://www.horowitz-foundation.org/>)

Deadline: Postmarked no later than January 31 and received no later than February 10 (annual requirement), early submission is encouraged

Range: \$3,000 - \$5,000

Number per Year: Approximately 10 Annually

Duration: One year and non-renewable

URL: <http://www.horowitz-foundation.org/grant.htm>

The Foundation makes targeted grants for work in major areas of the social sciences, including anthropology, area studies, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, and urban studies, as well as newer areas such as evaluation research. Preference will be given to projects that deal with contemporary issues in the social sciences and issues of policy relevance, and to scholars in the initial stages of their career. Awards are not allocated so as to ensure a representative base of disciplines, but are approved solely on merit. Applicants are not required to be US citizens or US residents. Candidates may propose new projects, and they may also solicit support for research in progress, including

4. final work on a dissertation,
5. supplementing research in progress, or
6. travel funds

Preference will be given to advanced graduate students and untenured assistant professors and instructors. Awards will be made to individuals, not institutions, and if processed through an institution, the foundation requests a waiver of overhead costs, in other words, the foundation does not pay indirect costs and asks to be granted a waiver. Awards are publicized in appropriate professional media and on the Foundation's website.

The following categories of proposals will be given priority in determining recipients:

1. Proposals that address global and large-scale geographical situations, and those with wider applications beyond the research design itself.
2. Proposals that rely on empirically informed, large sample sizes, often in historically rich time series, that make few presumptions of application.
3. Proposals by young scholars, who are early in their careers, and who may find it difficult to seek and receive grants from other sources.
4. Proposals that are theoretically rich and emphasize policy issues of broad meaning.
5. Proposals in an early stage of surveys and reports where few previous research applications are available.

The foundation advises candidates that these are guidelines, not mandates, and are not listed in order of importance. Each proposal will be evaluated on its merit by the Board.

The Horowitz Foundation provides six special awards that may be granted for certain projects. These carry an additional stipend beyond the customary amounts of a grant.

The six areas are as follows:

1. Joshua Feigenbaum Award -- For empirical research on policy aspects of the arts and popular culture, with special reference to mass communication.
2. Eli Ginzberg Award -- For a project involving solutions to major health and welfare problems in urban settings.
3. Harold D. Lasswell Award -- For policy related projects in international relations and foreign affairs.
4. Martinus Nijhoff Award -- For policy implications of scientific, technological and medical research.
5. Robert K. Merton Award -- For studies in the relation between social theory and public policy.
6. John L. Stanley Award -- For a work that seeks to expand our understanding of the political and ethical foundations of policy research.

Contact

Mary E. Curtis, Vice Chairman and Trustee
The Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy
P.O. Box 7
Rocky Hill, NJ 08553-0007

American Association of University Women - Career Development Grants AY 2008-09

American Association of University Women (AAUW) (<http://www.aauw.org>)

Deadline: December 15 annually

Award Amount: \$2,000 - \$12,000

Duration: July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

URL: http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/career_development.cfm

AAUW, through its Educational Foundation, provides many funding opportunities to woman. In order to assist with further career development plans, this program supports women who hold the bachelor degree. These grants are meant to help women with four-year degrees advance in their chosen field or change careers or re-enter the workforce by acquiring further education. The program will give preference to candidates who are women of color and/or women who are pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields. The grant is intended for course work beyond a bachelor's degree, including a master's degree or specialized training in technical or professional fields.

Internship and Career Development Opportunities

Americans for the Arts (A4A) (www.artsusa.org)

Human Resources

Americans for the Arts

1000 Vermont Avenue, NW

6th Floor

Washington, DC 20005

F 202.371.0424

E-mail: resume@artsusa.org

URL: http://www.artsusa.org/about_us/internships.asp#interns

Americans for the Arts has several opportunities for graduate students, undergraduate students and career professionals to expand their knowledge and experience by participating in internship programs, scholars programs and career development programs at the A4A headquarters in Washington, DC and in the New York City office. Experience often is the determining factor in employment and this is no exception in obtaining a job in an arts career path or in advancing a career of arts, nonprofit, and cultural leaders. A4A seeks applications to its various programs.

Interns at Americans for the Arts - undergraduate and graduate students investigate and participate in the operations of Americans for the Arts day-to-day operations. Through a combination of learning experiences, work projects, and group collaborations, interns become integral members of the A4A work team. Interns are expected to participate in daily activities, contribute skills and ideas, and produce excellent work, all the while preparing to become the next generation of arts, nonprofit, and cultural leaders. Internship positions are available on a part-time basis for the winter/spring and fall terms and on a full-time basis for summer. Fall, winter/spring, and summer interns all receive a stipend and program benefits described on the web page (above).

Eligible Candidates will have these base qualifications and may also need additional qualifications, depending on departmental requirements for each position:

- Undergraduate student, graduate student, or recent college graduate
- Experience and interest in nonprofit administration and/or cultural policy
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

- Strong organizational skills and the ability to work independently as well as in a team environment
- Ability to establish priorities and juggle numerous assignments at one time
- Knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Microsoft Office

Typically, the internships occur in three terms of 10 weeks roughly coordinating with the academic calendar. Start and end dates are flexible when they conflict with a participant's academic commitment. The spring term includes one week off for spring break. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Winter/Spring Term: January 21–March 31, 2008
Application Deadline: December 15, 2007

Summer Term: June 1–August 7, 2008
Application Deadline: April 1, 2008

Fall Term: September 15–November 21, 2008
Application Deadline: July 31, 2008

Scholars at Americans for the Arts - The Summer Scholars program is for second-year graduate students with a special focus on research and advocacy. Scholars hone and strengthen their research and writing abilities while they explore field issues; talk with leaders; and complete projects that make tangible links among cultural theory, practice, advocacy, and policy. Successful applicants will take back to their home institutions important career contacts, new tools to use as arts leaders, and a stronger sense of how their continued academic work contributes to the larger field. Scholars selected for the summer term work as a group; interact primarily with research, government affairs, and field services staff; and receive a modest stipend, plus all the program benefits described on the web site (above). Successful applicants will meet these qualifications

1. Completion of one year of graduate work in arts administration, cultural policy, or a closely related program
2. Professional or academic experience in qualitative research
3. Excellent verbal and written communication skills
4. Strong organizational skills and the ability to work independently as well as in a team environment
5. Ability to establish priorities and juggle numerous assignments at one time
6. Knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Microsoft Office
7. Familiarity with web-based publishing tools, database management, and data entry skills

Americans for the Arts will be posting information about the 2008 Summer Scholar Program by late January 2008 and interested scholars are advised to check the web site around that time and/or to contact Manager of Professional Development Rebecca Borden to discuss the Summer Scholar program at this Internet email address:

http://www.artsusa.org/staff_email.asp?u=rborden&d=artsusa.org&n=Rebecca+Borden&t=Manager+of+Professional+Development.

Career Fellows at Americans for the Arts - The Career Fellows Program provides mid-level and seasoned arts professionals to expand their knowledge, skills, and network in cultural leadership and advocacy. Career Fellows propose a course of study—which may include research, mentoring, and special projects—and are paired with a staff person for the term of the engagement. Career Fellows may use Americans for the Arts as a home base for a larger exploration of cultural administration and policy in the nation's capital. Professionals interested in a fellowship should contact the Americans for the Arts Human Resources staff

to discuss the opportunity; to prepare a letter of interest; and to coordinate time line, compensation, and leave from the home institution. Contact the Human Resources staff at this Internet email address: (http://www.artsusa.org/staff_email.asp?u=hr-dept&d=artsusa.org&n=Human+Resources+Staff&t=Operations).

Interested professionals should meet these qualifications

1. Five years or more of progressively responsible management positions in the arts or closely related fields
2. Experience and interest in local, state, or federal cultural policy and advocacy
3. Ability to pursue a substantial professional development project that culminates in measurable outcomes
4. Excellent verbal and written communication skills
5. Strong organizational skills and the ability to work independently as well as in a team environment

Interns, Scholars, and Fellows receive a one-year base membership to Americans for the Arts. Benefits include legislative alerts, access to listservs, copies of member publications, bookstore discounts, research assistance, and invitations to member events. Send application materials to the above address or if you have questions, contact

Mike Tyburczy

Internet E-mail:

http://www.artsusa.org/staff_email.asp?u=mtyburczy&d=artsusa.org&n=Mike+Tyburczy&=Human+Resources+Associate

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William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship - Minority Students

The Nonprofit Sector Research Fund (www.nonprofitresearch.org)

The Aspen Institute (www.aspeninstitute.org)

Deadlines:	March 15, 2007 for the Summer 2007
Amount of Award:	\$2500 - \$5000 per semester -- depending on the recipient's educational level, financial need, and time commitment

URL:

http://www.aspeninstitute.org/site/c.huLWJeMRKpH/b.612425/k.F5B/William_Randolph_Hearst_Endowed_Fellowship_for_Minority_Students.htm

The Nonprofit Sector Research Fund, a grantmaking program of the Aspen Institute in Washington, DC, offers the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship three times annually. The fellowship, which is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students who are members of minority groups. The Hearst Fellow serves as an intern with the Fund. Through this program, the Fund seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues relating to philanthropy, volunteerism, and nonprofit organizations. Recipients may arrange with their colleges or universities to receive academic credit for this experience. The Hearst Fellow/Intern undertakes general research and program support for the Fund's grantmaking and outreach efforts.

The Fund seeks candidates who are graduate or undergraduate student from an underrepresented community with an excellent academic record and:

1. Outstanding research skills;
2. A background in the social sciences or humanities;
3. Excellent writing and communication skills;
4. Demonstrated financial need; and
5. American citizenship.

The student must be able to intern for 10-15 weeks at the Washington, DC, office of the Aspen Institute. Fall and Spring internships are part-time (10-20 hours per week) and Summer internships are full-time. *All travel and housing costs must be covered by the student.* There is no application form for this fellowship. Potential applicants should send:

- 1) a letter of interest (include information about dates of availability for the fellowship);
- 2) a resume;
- 3) a transcript;
- 4) a letter from the appropriate university financial aid officer certifying demonstrated financial need; and
- 5) two letters of reference to the contact person (below).

Contact

Erin Taber, Program Coordinator
The Aspen Institute
One Dupont Circle, Suite 700
Washington, DC, 20036

E-mail: erin.taber@aspeninstitute.org

Dr. Anita Borg Scholarship

Google, Inc. (www.google.com)

Deadline: February 01, 2008

Type of Award: Scholarship

Amount: Equal to \$10000

URL: <http://www.google.com/anitaborg/>

The Dr. Anita Borg Scholarship is available to full-time female seniors and graduate students majoring in computer science, computer engineering or related fields at a university in the United States. Potential applicants must be entering your senior year of study and have a minimum 3.5 GPA to be eligible for this award. All details are found on the above URL.

Young Men at Risk: Transforming the Power of a Generation

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation(RWJF) (<http://www.rwjf.org/>)

Ashoka's Changemakers (<http://www.changemakers.net/node/1926>)

Amount of Award: \$5,000

Number of Awards: Three

Additional Information: US entries will be invited to submit their ideas to a \$1M grant proposal competition

URL: <http://www.changemakers.net/en-us/competition/men>

How It Works URL: <http://www.changemakers.net/stages>

On November 7, 2008, RWJF and Changemakers launched a new program to uncover innovative ways to addressing pressing societal problems confronting young men between the ages of 15 and 25. This competition is aimed at identifying the most innovative approaches to helping a generation of young people around the world fulfill their potential and become healthy, successful adults. While addressing the entire pattern of changes required for a shift, a major focus of this competition is reducing health disparities, and improving the health of disadvantaged populations.

With this competition, RWJF is seeking to identify solutions and approaches that go beyond targeting the at-risk individual. Following the competition, selected entries will be invited to submit proposals to RWJF's Vulnerable Populations Portfolio for future funding consideration. A total of up to \$1 million in grants is available to support promising innovations. Organizations must operate in the U.S. or its territories in order to be eligible for RWJF funding.

A panel of judges will select approximately 12 finalists and three winners, each of whom will receive \$5,000 to pursue and expand their work. Select US entries will be invited to submit proposals for a total of up to \$1 million in grants to support the most promising innovations.

Ashoka invites potential applicants in this joint competition to participate in this unique competition by sharing their innovative approach to working with young men at risk between the ages of 15 and 25. Potential applications should visit the *Ashoka's Changemakers Mosaic of Solutions* (www.changemakers.net/node/1926) which gives an overall framework of innovation for the field. By visiting the online review option that accompanies each entry, you may share your thoughts, insights, expertise and reactions throughout the competition, and ask the innovator community any questions that you need answered - to grow your own change.

The competition offers potential applicants the opportunity to showcase their work to major investors, decision-makers, media and peers worldwide, and to provide RWJF and other funders and thought leaders with a uniquely valuable and rich opportunity to learn about promising innovation taking place around the world.

In addition to identifying models that can be shared and replicated, the program seeks to foster a dialogue among thought leaders from the academic, funder and business communities who are working with this generation of young men—a generation increasingly at risk from gangs, addiction, crime, violence and mental health problems. These challenges often are the greatest for young men of color in the United States, where traditional education, justice and healthcare systems are not providing them consistently with the support they need to reach their full potential, program organizers say.

How it Works: Each *Changemakers* Collaborative Competition comprises five stages. Visit the web site to read about each step.

1. **Upcoming:** The calendar of upcoming collaborative competitions provides the opportunity to sign up for launch notices and updates and to participate in discussions on the competition topics.
2. **Enter:** Competition participants complete their entries, and they and the entire Changemakers community have the chance to collaborate online, discussing the entries through the online review. The Entry stage lasts 11 weeks.
3. **Prepare to Vote:** After the entry deadline, the competition judges deliberate and select approximately 12 finalists. During this same time the Changemakers community members continue the online review of entries, determining which ones have merit--which ones they'll support.
4. **Vote:** When the finalists' names are posted online, the Changemakers community votes for three winners who each receive \$5,000. The voting lasts two weeks.
5. **Winners Announced:** The competition winners are announced, and Changemakers works with the winners and all the finalists and the broader community to improve the impact of all the innovations.

Paid Internship - Washington DC

US Department of Justice (www.usdoj.gov)

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) (www.usdoj.gov/BJA)

Deadlines: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but the dates below should be kept in mind to ensure correct semester consideration:

1. Spring Semester: November 30, 2007
2. Summer Semester: March 15, 2008
3. Fall Semester: June 2, 2008

URL: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/what/intern.pdf>

BJA seeks qualified interns for the Summer, Fall, and Spring Semesters.

Interns will assist the bureau with its operations by:

- Participating in strategic planning processes focused on substantive criminal justice policy issues, to include background research and drafting related policy papers.
- Aiding in award and management of grants that support public safety initiatives.
- Reviewing and drafting correspondence, and
- Planning and supporting conferences and training events.

This internship program is open to college and graduate-level students who are enrolled in a US college or university during the term of the internship. BJA seeks candidates who are:

- taking a major in criminal justice, political science, public policy, public administration, or other related social science fields;
- at least 18 and must be a US citizen;
- proficient in basic PC software applications;

Internships can be for pay or credit. BJA will assist students in meeting requirements associated with obtaining course credit. Selected applicants will undergo a background check and drug test to qualify for a security clearance. All the intern positions will be in Washington DC.

Potential applicants should submit a resume and a cover letter outlining why their reasons for want to work in the BJA internship program and what they hope to accomplish by working at BJA:

- summarizing skills and experience,
- copy of your college transcript, and

- letter of reference from a professor or employer.

The packet should also include the candidate's contact information:

- full name,
- mailing address,
- current accurate telephone number while at home,
- current accurate telephone number while at school, and
- times available to work.

The application packet may be faxed or sent via private courier to
Orbin Terry, Intern Coordinator
Bureau of Justice Assistance
Office of Justice Programs
810 7th Street, NW, Room 4406
Washington, DC 20531
Phone: 202-307-3134
Fax: 202-354-4322