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OSPR Announcements

CSU FACULTY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMPETITION 2008 GUIDELINES

University Research Council (URC)
Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR)

Deadlines: February 11, 2008: Proposal due to Academic Deans
February 25, 2008: Final Proposal due to OSPR by 5PM

Total Program Amount: \$120,000

Minimum Amount per Request: None

Maximum Amount per Request: \$15,000

URL: <http://www.csuohio.edu/research/pdf/2008FDRGuidelines.pdf>

The Faculty Research Development Program provides seed money to high quality projects that lead to future external funding and scholarly activity. Research, scholarship, and creative activities are vital to the university as they are driven by and further stimulate the creative interests of the faculty while at the same time informing and enhancing the level of academic instruction and further the goal of making the CSU campus a cultural and intellectual center in Cleveland. The University Research Council (URC) considers grants under the Faculty Research Development (FRD) Program as active investments in the University's faculty, its students, and its basic research effectiveness.

By the final OSPR Deadline (above) potential applicants must

1. Submit complete applications in hard copy
2. Ensure that the final applications is submitted with ALL necessary and required signatures
3. Submit and additional file via e-mail in MS Word or PDF file format to b.bryant@csuohio.edu.

There will be *No Exceptions* to the URC/OSPR deadline. OSPR is located at 2258 Euclid Avenue, Parker Hannifin Hall 3rd floor; questions may be directed to 216-687-3630.

New Humanities Research Network (HRN)

The Social Science Research Network (SSRN) (www.ssrn.com)

URL: <http://www.ssrn.com/update/crn/crann/annA001.html>

The Social Science Research Network (SSRN) has announced the creation of the Humanities Research Network (HRN). SSRN anticipates that the new network will provide a world-wide,

online community for research in all areas of Humanities. HRN will be like the other subject matter networks within SSRN and it is expected to grow into a comprehensive online resource for research in the Humanities. HRN will provide scholars with access to current work in their field and facilitate research and scholarship. Initially, HRN will begin with a set of networks that can be found and visited by going to the above URL.

Federal Grant-Maker Announcements

Grants.gov Replacing PureEdge Viewer

Grants.gov (G.g) (www.grants.gov)

Grants.gov Adobe Sample (<http://grants.gov/assets/SampleAdobeCoverSheet.pdf>)

Potential applicants for federal grant funds use, almost without exception, the federal grants portal, Grants.gov. All 26 agencies that disburse grant funds accept electronically submitted grant applications through the Grants.gov system, and over time the federal agencies plan that this will be the only way they will accept grant applications. Departments, programs, and researchers at Cleveland State University should be aware that Grants.gov is moving from its original software to other systems. For example, the 26 federal agencies are gradually replacing PureEdge Viewer (ICS Viewer) with Adobe Reader software. This means that the grant application package forms will be filled out in Adobe rather than in PureEdge Viewer. The forms in the grant application package have the same appearance and functions, so the change is, by and large, transparent. However, there has been no decisive announcement either from Grants.gov or any of the agencies about transition. Users only become aware of the change when they open the downloaded application package. Thus, potential applicants must be sure to have Adobe 8.1.1 downloaded to their computer, and they can do this from the Grants.gov site -- at the above URL. To see a sample form in Adobe, visit the Grants.gov home page (above) and look at the very bottom center of the screen to see a clickable link that will show you what an Adobe version of the Grants.gov form looks like. If you have questions or problems, please contact Christine (Tina) Sell at Ext. 3625 or c.sell@csuohio.edu.

Artist Colonies May Get US Funds

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) (www.nea.gov)

Source: News Article in Bloomberg, by Laurence Arnold
November 19, 2007

URL: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601088&sid=ab8gKgmzjyaU#>

In 1995 the Congress elected to end almost all NEA funding to individual artists but now Dana Gioia, Chairman, has decided that with its budget increase, the Endowment may in fact offer a new category grant funding to poets, musicians, writers and painters through artist colonies. The NEA budget increase could be as high as 28% in the next budget year and some of those funds may be directed to "the hundreds of U.S. colonies and communities that provide artists with residencies, funding and, above all, creative freedom." Technically art colonies can apply to NEA already but they have difficulty in obtaining funding because NEA does not recognize art colonies as cultural entities. The new category would change that. According to the Bloomberg article, NEA's budget reached an all time high in 1992 (\$176M) and a nadir in 2000 (\$97.6M). The agency's 2007 budget is \$127M. The current Congress plans to fund NEA at \$160M (House) or \$133M (Senate) in 2008. The US has many well-know and long established arts colonies that have had significant impacts on US cultural output. Programs at these colonies include communities, residency programs and individual opportunities. Annually about 12,000 artists receive support from artists colonies, in the US and abroad. Artists who have benefited from colony programs

include Robert Rauchenberg, Thornton Wilder, Sylvia Plath, Quentin Tarantino, Edward Albee, and Aaron Copland, to name a few. Full details will be provided by NEA at a later date.

Request for Comments NIMH

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) (www.nimh.nih.gov)

Deadline: December 21, 2007

Announcement Number: (NOT-MH-08-004)

URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-08-004.html>

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Strategic Plan is Available for Comment through December 21, 2007 at the above URL.

The National Institutes of Health Reform Act 2006

Source: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/partners/1107Nexus.htm>

"The National Institutes of Health Reform Act of 2006 (the Act) basically reaffirmed NIH's mission and formalized its already strong presence "in advancing biomedical research to improve the health of the nation".

Key provisions include:

- The Division of Program Coordination, Planning and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI) created to "identify and report on research that represents important areas of emerging scientific opportunities, rising public health challenges, or knowledge gaps that deserve special emphasis and would benefit from the conduct or support of additional research to involves collaboration between two or more Institutes and Centers (ICs), or would otherwise benefit from strategic coordination and planning. Many of these trans-NIH research initiatives (such as Roadmap)"
- Transfer of Offices into DPCPSI venue: Office of AIDS Research, Office of Research on Women's Health, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, Office of Disease Prevention, Office of Dietary Supplements, and Office of Rare Diseases. Under the restructuring, the offices will maintain their authorities.
- The Councils of Councils – created "to advise on the trans-NIH Research described in the DPCPSI section. The Council of Councils comprises members from "IC Advisory Councils, representatives nominated by the Office of the Director program offices, and members of the NIH Council of Public Representatives".
- The Scientific Management Review Board – "required to examine periodically the use of the NIH's organizational authorities, provide a report on the review and make recommendations regarding the use of such authorities".

Under this new act, NIH will be required to report to the Congress once biennially – rather than the myriad reports required by the PHS act. Other reports will also be required (e.g. reports on collaborations with other DHHS agencies, "clinical trials, tissue samples, whistleblowers, and experts and consultants, and reports from each institution that receives an NIH award for the training of graduate students for doctoral degrees.

Read more information at the NIH Reauthorization site (www.nih.gov/about/reauthorization) and visit the FAQ page (www.nih.gov/about/reauthroization/FAQ.htm).

NIH Reduces Temporary "Error Correction Window" for Electronic Grant Applications

National Institutes of Health (NIH) (www.nih.gov)

Deadline: On or After January 8, 2008

Announcement Number: (NOT-OD-08-018)

URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-018.html>

NIH will reduce the time allowed after the submission deadline to address NIH system identified errors/warnings from five (5) business days to two (2) business days for all electronically submitted grant applications with submission deadlines on or after January 8, 2008. To be considered "on time" with this new change means that electronic applications must meet all of these criteria:

- All required registrations must be complete prior to the initial submission.
- Initial successful submission to Grants.gov must have a timestamp on/before 5:00 p.m. local time of the applicant organization on the receipt date.
- Applicants must correct errors and/or warnings within the **two business days** following the receipt date (referred to as the "error correction window").
- All application corrections must be in response to a system-identified error/warning (application submissions with additional changes may be refused).
- If final submission is sent after the receipt date, a cover letter attachment must be included identifying the system-identified errors/warnings that have been corrected.

The two business days provided to view the assembled application image in eRA Commons will remain unchanged. Visit the above URL for more details.

Federal Grants

America's Media Makers Production Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities

Funding Opportunity Number:	20080123-TR
Deadline:	January 23, 2008
Award Ceiling:	\$1,000,000
Award Floor:	\$0
CFDA Number:	45.164 - Promotion of Humanities/Public Pgms
Cost Sharing Requirement:	No
Eligible Applicants:	Public & State institutions of higher education Private institutions of higher education Nonprofits having IRS 501(c)(3) status Other than institutions of higher education

URL: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AmMediaMakers_production.html

America's Media Makers supports media projects that explore "significant events, figures, or developments in the humanities and offer creative and new approaches to humanities content". Funded projects promote active exploration and engagement for broad public audiences in history, literature, archaeology, art history, comparative religion, philosophy, and other fields of the humanities. NEH supports the development of humanities content and interactivity that excites, informs, and stirs thoughtful reflection and urges applicants to consider more than one format for presenting humanities ideas to the public.

An award from America's Media Makers should enable greater audience engagement with the humanities, encourage dialogue and discussion, and foster discovery-based learning across the age spectrum. NEH offers two categories of grants for media projects:

- (1) Development Grants and Production Grants.
- (2) Production grants to support the preparation of a program for distribution.

Applicants must submit a script for a radio or television program or a prototype or storyboard for a digital media project that demonstrates a solid command of the humanities

ideas and scholarship about the subject. The script for a radio or television program or prototype or storyboard for a digital media project should also show how the narrative elements, visual approach, and interactive design combine to present the humanities ideas. Applicants must have consulted with the appropriate scholars about the project and obtained their commitment as advisers. Finally, applicants must have recruited the media team, including at a minimum the producer, director, writer, and, for a digital media project, the interactive designer.

State Justice Institute FY08 Grants & Guidelines

State Justice Institute (SJI) (www.statejustice.org)

1650 King Street, Suite 600

Alexandria, VA 22314

Telephone: 703-684-6100

Fax: 703-684-7618

Deadline: February 1, May 1, and August 1, 2008

URL:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/07-5921.htm>

Grants URL: <http://www.statejustice.org/grants.php>

Grant forms URL: <http://www.statejustice.org/forms.php>

The Institute was established by Public Law 98-620 to improve the administration of justice in the State courts of the United States. Incorporated in the State of Virginia as a private, nonprofit corporation, the Institute is charged, by statute, with the responsibility to:

- Direct a national program of financial assistance designed to assure that each citizen of the United States is provided ready access to a fair and effective system of justice;
- Foster coordination and cooperation with the Federal judiciary;
- Promote recognition of the importance of the separation of powers doctrine to an independent judiciary; and
- Encourage education for judges and support personnel of State court systems through national and State organizations, including universities.

In FY07, SJI eliminated Continuation Grants to extend previous or future Project Grants. This notice of the FY08 Guideline sets forth the administrative, programmatic, and financial requirements attendant to Fiscal Year 2008 State Justice Institute grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts. SJI is offering five types of grants in FY 2008:

1. Project Grants,
2. Technical Assistance (TA) Grants,
3. Curriculum Adaptation and Training (CAT) Grants,
4. Partner Grants, and
5. Scholarship Grants

The local contact for Ohio is:

Supreme Court Library
Mr. Ken Kozlowski, Director, Law Library
Supreme Court of Ohio
65 South Front Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3431
Telephone: (614) 387-9666

E-mail: kozlowsk@sconet.state.oh.us

Institute of Education Sciences Unsolicited Grants FY08

Department of Education (www.ed.gov)

Institute of Education Sciences (IES)

(www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ies/index.html?src=oc)

Deadline: Open but must be submitted before Feb 29, 2008 8:00PM EST

Program URL: <http://ies.ed.gov/funding/>

Submission URL: IESprospectus@ed.gov.

IES seeks applications for the Unsolicited Grants program for research, evaluation, statistics, and dissemination projects. IES defines eligible applications as "those that are *not* eligible for funding under the Institute's current grant competitions". Applications must address the mission of the Institute: "to conduct and support rigorous education statistics, research, and evaluation in order to provide reliable information about the condition of education, education practices that improve academic achievement, and the effectiveness of federal and other education programs". Eligible activities must be relevant to US schools.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of inquiry (LOI -- ES calls and LOI "prospectus") that will allow the Institute to decide whether the project is eligible for the unsolicited program. The LOI should include:

- (1) a description of the proposed project (note, proposals to conduct research, evaluation, or statistics projects should include descriptions of the proposed methods and data analysis strategy),
- (2) the proposed timeline,
- (3) the proposed total budget (including both direct and indirect costs), and
- (4) the personnel.

IES does not require that the LOI proposed budget include line-item information or that it be broken down by project year. The LOI should:

- (1) be no more than 6 double-spaced pages, single-sided,
- (2) use at least a 12-point font with no more than 15 characters per inch (Times New Roman 12 point meets this requirement)
- (3) have 1 inch margins all around,

Applicants are advised that the references page(s) and the budget Page(s) do not count as part of the 6 double-spaced page limit. Applicants will submit LOI/prospectus through the submission URL listed above. The LOI/prospectus must be submitted in attachment form as a Word document or an Adobe pdf file. Visit the Program URL above for full details

EPA - Conferences, Workshops, Meetings Grants

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (www.epa.gov)

Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-C2008-BAA-C1

Deadline: January 7, 2008; June 5, 2008; or December 9, 2008 depending upon the cycle for which the applicant is requesting funding (as identified in Section II)

Expected Number of Awards: 15

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$500,000

CFDA Number: 66.510 -- Surveys, Studies, Investigations and Special Purpose Grants within the Office of Research and Development
Cost Sharing or Matching: None
URL: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_baa.html

US EPA has issued a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) that seeks applications from for the planning, arranging, administering and/or conducting of conferences, workshops, and/or meetings (hereinafter referred to as "conferences") that focus on research to protect human health and safeguard the environment. Specifically, EPA is interested in supporting scientific and technical research conferences that address the following research program areas:

- (1) human health;
- (2) ecosystems; water and security;
- (3) economics and sustainability;
- (4) air and global climate change; and
- (5) technology. This BAA is open from December 10, 2007 through December 9, 2008.

Full details are available at the above URL.

National Institute for Justice NIJ FY08 Crime and Justice Research Grants

Department of Justice (DOJ) (www.doj.gov)
National Institute for Justice (NIJ) (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>)

Funding Opportunity Number: 2008-NIJ-1730
Deadline: March 5, 2008
CFDA Number: 16.560 -- National Institute of Justice Research, Evaluation, and Development Project Grants
Cost Sharing or Matching: No
URL: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000820.pdf>

NIJ solicits applications to inform its search for the knowledge and tools to guide policy and practice. Specifically NIJ requests applications for funding of social and behavioral research on, and evaluations related to, crime and justice topics relevant to State and/or local criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice. Visit the above URL for complete details.

NIH Support of Competitive Research (SCORE) Research Advancement Award (SC1)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) (www.nih.gov)
National Institute of General Medical Sciences
National Cancer Institute
National Human Genome Research Institute
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
National Institute on Aging
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
National Institute of Mental Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-08-026
Deadline(s): January 25, May 25, September 25 by 5PM Applicant's Local Time
Number of SC1 Awards: 30 - 35
Total Program: \$6.5 - \$7.0M (direct costs) (anticipated)
Average of Each Award: \$125,000 to \$250,000 maximum direct costs per year (anticipated)
URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-026.html>

SCORE helps to increase an institution's research competitiveness by supporting the faculty and the faculty research capabilities at minority-serving institutions (MSIs). The program offers three levels of funding opportunities geared toward the developmental level of the individual investigator. This announcement deal with SC1 awards, Research Advancement Award, but potential applicants can learn about SC2 awards, SCORE Pilot Project Awards (PAR-08-027) by visiting <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-027> and about SC3, SCORE Research Continuance Award (PAR-08-028), by visiting <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-028>.

Research Advancement Awards support the investigator-initiated research project for faculty who are at the most advanced formative stages of their research career. That is, those researchers who are engaged in state-of-the-art biomedical or behavioral research and who have exhibited a "steady track record of peer-reviewed publications" but as yet have not received significant non-SCORE support but are planning to obtain other major external sources of support. This program expects that a principal investigator (PI) will be able to achieve that goal through the funds provided by SCORE and by the SCORE requirement that the PI participate in grantsmanship workshops and the biennial SCORE PI meetings (www.nigms.nih.gov/Research/Application/MOREGrantWritingWorkshop.htm).

Applications may be submitted by MSIs, which are defined as "domestic post-secondary institutions that have more than 50% student enrollment from groups underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral research" (such as African American, Hispanic American, Native American, Alaska Natives or natives of the US Pacific Islands) and that "award associate, undergraduate or graduate degrees" and are "located in the US or its territories including Puerto Rico, Guam and Virgin Islands". Faculty from institutions that have well-developed environments for the conduct of research and research training and external support from NIH-R01 or equivalent research awards are not eligible to apply for SCORE. SCORE realizes that the nature and scope of proposed research will vary from application to application, and so the program expects that the size and duration of each award will vary as well. Thus, the total number of awards and the total dollar amount awarded will depend upon the number of applications submitted to each SCORE award mechanism as well as the scientific quality, durations, and costs of the applications received. The maximum number of individual SCORE applications/awards (combination of SC1, SC2, SC3 and, if applicable, S06 subprojects) that a single MSI may hold is 25.

NIGMS offers several Minority Supporting programs. Read about SCORE and other NIGMS programs at <http://www.nigms.nih.gov/Minority/>. To learn about SCORE, your institution's eligibility and other SCORE information, NIGMS asks that you contact

Support of Competitive Research Excellence (SCORE)
MBRS Research Program
Hinda Zlotnik, Ph.D.

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zlotnikh@nigms.nih.gov

Development of High Resolution Probes for Cellular Imaging (R01)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)

National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

Deadline: Jan 28, 2008
Total Funding: Up to \$5M/FY08 (Direct Costs) by participating institutes
Number of Awards: 6 – 8
Amount of Award: \$500,000/year
URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-GM-08-009.html>

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) and the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) invite applications to support multi-investigator teams to develop new technologies to enable high sensitivity molecular detection in living cells. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to encourage and facilitate novel, high-risk strategies to create fundamentally new probes with enhanced spectral characteristics with the goal of improving detection schemes by a factor of 10 to 100. Parallel improvements in probe targeting, cellular delivery, and signal detection are also encouraged. The ultimate goal will be to develop probes and delivery strategies that can be used routinely to achieve single molecule sensitivity for imaging dynamic processes within living cells.

This funding opportunity will utilize the NIH Research Project Grant (R01) award mechanism -Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards. Awards issued under this funding opportunity are contingent upon the availability of funds and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. Because the nature and scope of the proposed research will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary. The total amount awarded and the number of awards will depend upon the mechanism numbers, quality, duration, and costs of the applications received. See the above URL for complete details.

Private and Corporate Grants

Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research

American Philosophical Society (APS) (<http://www.amphilsoc.org/>)

Deadline: February 15, 2008

URL: <http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/lewisandclark.htm>

The fund encourages exploratory field studies for the collection of specimens and data and to provide the imaginative stimulus that accompanies direct observation. Although applications are invited from disciplines with a large dependence on field studies, such as archeology, anthropology, biology, ecology, geography, geology, linguistics, and paleontology, grants will not be restricted to these fields. Grants will be available to doctoral students. Postdoctoral fellows, master's degree candidates, and undergraduates are not eligible. The competition is open to US residents wishing to carry out research anywhere in the world. Foreign applicants must either be based at a US institution or plan to carry out their work in the United States.

Grant amounts will depend on travel costs, but will ordinarily be in the range of several hundred dollars up to about \$5,000 each. Grants are payable to the individual applicant. Budgets should be limited to travel and related expenses, including personal field equipment. Visit the above URL for complete program guidelines.

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences - Institutional Grants

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (<http://www.oscars.org/index.html>)

Deadline: January 18, 2008

URL: <http://www.oscars.org/grants/institutional/guidelines.html>

Since 1968 the Academy Foundation, the educational and preservation wing of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, has distributed through its Institutional Grants Program over 400 grants to a variety of film-related nonprofit organizations, schools and colleges. As an annual program, the Institutional Grants Program reflects one of the Academy's fundamental purposes – to foster educational activities between the public and the film industry, and to encourage an appreciation of the motion picture as an art form and a vocation. In 2007 the Institutional Grants Program distributed \$500,250 to 56 institutions. Typical funding ranges from \$5,000 to \$15,000 per institution.

Grants awarded by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences reflect fundamental goals of the Academy – to advance the art and science of motion pictures and to foster cooperation among the creative leaders of the motion picture industry for cultural, educational and technical progress. The Academy Grants Committee considers all applications that represent programs that foster appreciation and excellence in filmmaking, within the following guidelines grants are not awarded for:

1. not awarded to cover the expenses of producing a film or films.
2. not awarded to support activities related to the completion of a doctoral dissertation or other academic advancement.
3. not awarded to commercial institutions or organizations, or to individuals pursuing activities related to their employment by profit-making organizations.
4. not awarded to film festivals. The Academy has a separate Festival Grants Program.
5. not awarded for support of administrative, equipment or overhead expenses.
6. not awarded to cover the expenses involved in television research and projects.

Institutions or organizations may not receive a grant for more than three consecutive years.

RWJF New Connections Initiative: Bringing Diversity to RWJF Grantmaking & Increasing Secondary Data Analyses

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) (www.rwjf.org)

Deadline: January 4, 2008

Amount of Awards: Up to \$50,000 (Senior Consultants)
Up to \$55,000 (Junior Investigators)

Duration of Award(s): 12 months

URL: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19841>

The new initiative is designed to expand the diversity of perspectives that inform RWJF programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to the Foundation, while simultaneously helping to meet staff needs for data analysis that measures progress

towards program objectives. This current round of funding under the New Connections program will ask applicants to address issues from six program areas:

- Health Insurance Coverage,
- Human Capital,
- Pioneer,
- Public Health,
- Quality/Equality and
- Vulnerable Populations

Senior Consultants are expected to undertake research projects based on the topics for study listed in the Call for Proposals. Senior Consultants may make arrangements for individual awards or institutional awards. Full program details are found at this URL <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19841&c=EMC-FA135>. Junior Investigators must conduct secondary analysis of existing datasets to address a given question. Junior Investigators will receive grants up to \$55,000 in this third round of New Connections. Grants are awarded to the applicant's home institution and details are found at: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20141&c=EMC-FA135>. Full program details are at the URL at the top of this notice.

American Foundation for Suicide Revised Deadlines and Funding

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) (<http://afsp.org/>)

Deadlines: December 15 and June 15 annually

Award Amount: See this announcement

Duration of Award: 1 – 2 years

URL: http://www.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.viewPage&page_id=0535FDA2-FA7D-AAE8-D7A9A6BCFFE3574B

The foundation has revised its annual guidelines. Beginning December 15, 2007, AFSP will accept and review applications for all categories of research grants and fellowships two times a year, with submission deadlines of December 15 and June 15. The foundation believes this change will enable it to respond more appropriately to time-sensitive topics with high relevance for suicide research. AFSP is the only national not-for-profit organization exclusively dedicated to understanding and preventing suicide through research and education, and to reaching out to people with mood disorders and those affected by suicide.

A second change approved by the scientific council is an increase in the grant amounts for:

- Standard Research Grants (from a maximum of \$60,000 to \$75,000),
- Young Investigator Grants (from \$70,000 to \$85,000), and
- Pilot Grants (from \$20,000 to \$30,000).

Distinguished Investigator Grants and Postdoctoral Research Fellowships will remain at their current levels of \$100,000.

AFSP research grants support studies that aim to increase understanding of the causes of suicide and factors related to suicide risk, or to test treatments and other interventions designed to prevent suicide. Investigators from all academic disciplines are eligible to apply, and both basic science and applied research projects will be considered, providing the study has an essential focus on suicide or suicide prevention.

AFSP offers research funding in five categories:

- Distinguished Investigator Grants are awarded to investigators at the level of associate professor or higher with an established record of research and publication on suicide;
- Standard Research Grants are awarded to individual investigators at any level:
 - Young Investigator Grants are awarded to investigators at the level of assistant professor or lower;
 - Postdoctoral Research Fellowships are awarded to investigators who have received a Ph.D., M.D., or other doctoral degree within the preceding six years and have
 - not had more than three years of fellowship support; and
 - Pilot Grants are awarded to investigators at any level to support new projects that have the potential to lead to subsequent larger investigations.

For complete details, eligibility criteria, and application procedures, visit the above URL.

Research Capacity Strengthening in Africa

The Wellcome Trust (WT) (<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/>)

Deadline: February 14, 2008

URL: <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2175.html>

Wellcome Trusts seeks "to build a critical mass of sustainable local research capacity across Africa, through strengthening African universities and research institutions". The trust believes it is urgent to carry out this mandate and that the imperative needs to solve serious health questions and find solutions to disease must be answered in order to save and enhance the lives of the peoples of Africa and to sustain their livelihoods.

Wellcome Trust has a particular focus on health research, including biomedical research and public health but it will consider "other scientific research areas" if they are deemed by the trust to be "complementary to health research". WT will provide funding to support the creation of consortia and networks; both between higher education institutes (IHEs) and research institutes located within Africa and between these institutions and UK IHEs. Institutions outside the UK and Africa may also be members of consortia. The trust expect African partners to include a mix of institutions with well-established research activities and promising institutions that are either developing or renewing their research potential.

WT will give awards to consortia and these may have various forms -- from a small group of institutional partnerships to more complex associations. Any consortium may include institutions from outside the UK and Africa but the partner's credentials must show that the inclusion of the institutions adds significant value to the partnership.

There are several goals associated with the program:

- "Create equitable and sustainable South-South and North-South partnerships and networks between institutions
- Build a critical mass of local research capacity and develop vibrant research environments geared to national priorities across Africa, including universities in the early stage of developing research potential
- Support the human resources and infrastructure necessary for the administrative, governance, financial and management functions needed for institutions to deliver research excellence
- Develop and build leadership at individual, institutional and national levels so countries can better initiate and lead research activities
- Support research leaders to act as beacons and role models to enthuse young scientists to develop research careers

- Strengthen research training and build career pathways for the best and brightest researchers in clinical tropical medicine and health research more generally, including public health research."

The Trust seeks pre-proposals, written in English, from interested consortia. This initial document should include statements about or explanations of:

- the nature of the consortium
- the planned program of activity
- statements of support from the vice-chancellors of participating universities and institutions
- estimated costs and, where appropriate, should briefly address the following key points (maximum of ten pages):
 - the strengths and developmental needs of the host institutions in Africa, indicating specifically those institutions which are either developing or renewing their research potential
 - the strengths of the scientific/clinical and administrative environments that, where appropriate, the UK or other institution from outside the UK and Africa, will bring to the program
 - the strategic importance of the proposal to all the partnering institutions and how the program will make a difference in Africa
 - a brief CV of the proposed director and deputy director of the consortium, including key publications and brief details of external funding held. Strong leadership should be demonstrated from the African institutions. It is expected that the director or deputy director of the consortium will be based at an African university
 - an indication of the level and nature of the host institution(s) support, and where appropriate, UK institution(s) support, if the application is successful.

The trust welcomes applications that "facilitate the development of partnerships between Anglophone, Francophone and Lusophone countries". The trust anticipates giving awards are for a ten-year period but will disburse awards for two five year periods – the first outright and the second "dependent on a satisfactory review in year five". Pre-proposals, or preliminary applications, as WT calls them, should be addressed to:

Jimmy Whitworth
The Wellcome Trust
E-mail: globalhealth@wellcome.ac.uk

Market-Based Approaches for Increasing Water Efficiency in the Residential, Commercial, and Institutional Sectors

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (www.epa.gov)

Funding Opportunity Number: Sol# EPA-OW-OWM-08-01

Deadline: January 25, 2008

Amount of Award: \$600,000

Number of Awards: 1

URL: <http://www.epa.gov/wastewatergrants>

Through this initiative, EPA seeks projects that will increase purchases of water-efficient products and services or improve water management practices in the designated sectors. \$600K expected to be available, 1 award anticipated. For more information, visit the above URL and contact

John Flowers
E-mail: flowers.john@epa.gov

Fellowships: Institutional/Individual

William T. Grant Foundation Distinguished Fellows Program to Support Youth Research

The William T. Grant Foundation (WTGF) (<http://wtgrantfoundation.org/>)

Deadline: January 10, 2008 (Letters of Inquiry)
Amount of Award: \$175,000 each award
Number of Awards: 2 -4 annually
Duration of Award: 6 months – 2 years, depending on research design
URL: http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url_nocat3042/info-url_nocat_list.htm?attrib_id=10216

WTGF seeks applicants for the Distinguished Fellows Program for mid-career researchers, policy makers, and practitioners. The program seeks to increase the supply of, demand for, and use of high-quality research in the service of improved youth outcomes. The program is intended to help researchers strengthen the ways in which their work reflects an understanding of policy and practice, and help policy makers and practitioners enhance their capacities to recognize and use high-quality research. By obtaining a WT Grant Fellowship, the foundation believe that mid-career practitioners/policy makers will be able to spend extended time working in a research setting or that researchers will spend extended time working in a practitioner/ policy-making setting. Visit the above URL for complete details on this program – visit the main URL for all other WT Grant Programs.

Congressional Research Awards Program

The Dirksen Congressional Center (www.Dirksencenter.org)

2815 Broadway
Pekin, IL 61554-4219

Deadline: February 1 annually (Postmark Satisfies)
Amount of Award: \$200-\$3500
URL: <http://www.dirksencenter.org/printgrantsCRAs.htm>

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Leadership; Political Science; Public Administration; and United States History. Visit the URL above for full details.

Democracy Fellows Program

World Learning Inc (www.worldlearning.org)

1015 15th St, NW, Ste 750

Washington, DC 20005

Deadline: Open

Amount of Award: \$79,000 maximum mid-level

\$54,000 junior level

\$87,000 senior level

URL: <http://www.worldlearning.org/wlid/cssc/dfp/available.html>

The program, coordinated by World Learning Inc and funded primarily by the US Agency for International Development (USAID), seeks applicants for one-year fellowships that promote professional development of the fellow and the advancement of democratic institutions worldwide. Fellows will be placed with USAID missions in transitional or newly emerging democracies or with USAID offices in Washington, DC. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Eligible Applicants are US citizens with the JD or master's degree who have expertise in political science, government, law, public administration, human rights, election administration, justice systems, conflict resolution, or other social sciences relevant to the advancement of democratic institutions abroad may apply. Applicants also must have professional-level foreign language proficiency as appropriate. The program is targeted to junior- and mid-level individuals with one to 10 years of experience and interests in international democracy and governance. Areas of interest include (but are not limited to) Civil/Human Rights; Conflict/Dispute Resolution; Criminal Justice; Electoral Systems; Foreign Languages; Government; International Organizations; Law; Political Science; Public Administration; Social Sciences.

Contact

Democracy Fellows Program

Telephone: (202) 408-5420

Fax: (202) 408-5397

E-mail: dfp.info@worldlearning.org

Youth Purpose Research Awards to Young Scholars Dissertation, PostDocs, Early Faculty Career Awards

Stanford Center on Adolescence (www.stanford.edu/group/adolescent.ctr/index.html)

Deadline: January 17, 2008

Number of Awards: Up to 4 (2008) and up to 4 (2009)

Amount of Award: \$10,000

URL: <http://www.stanford.edu/group/adolescent.ctr/>

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purpose scholarship and must be US citizens or permanent residents and affiliated with an accredited US college or university. Complete details area available at the above URL.

Whitaker International Fellows and Whitaker Scholars Programs Biomedical Engineers

Whitaker Foundation (WF) (www.whitaker.org)

Deadline: February 11, 2008

URL: <http://www.whitaker.org/home.html>

The Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Programs develop professional biomedical engineers and scientists who will lead and serve the profession with an international outlook. Applications are encouraged from young biomedical engineers who seek an international experience. Biomedical engineers can use the Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Program to go overseas to help further their careers and the field of BME.

Potential overseas activities may include

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- establishing ties between home and host institutions; and
- pursuing postdoctoral research.

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Student Funding Opportunities

Emerson Hunger Fellowship

Congressional Hunger Center

Deadline: January 17, 2008

URL: <http://www.hungercenter.org>

The Emerson Hunger Fellowship is open to any and all students who are committed to social justice and demonstrate leadership qualities and skills. You must have your bachelor's degree and be a US citizen or permanent resident. To also be considered for this award, you must be flexible and have the ability to adjust to new situations, be creative and have initiative in problem solving, and have the willingness to learn from experts in the field. Your application must include your resume, personal statement, answers to two short essay questions and two letters of recommendation. Please visit the above URL for details.

Women Attending College Later in Life - 11th Annual Women's Scholarship Fund

Talbots Charitable Foundation (TCF)

(<http://www1.talbots.com/about/charitable.asp?BID=&h>)

Deadline: January 2, 2008

Amount of Award(s): \$10,000 and
\$1,000

Number of Awards: 5 (\$10K)
50 (\$1K)

URL: <http://www1.talbots.com/about/scholar/scholar.asp>

The Talbots Inc. and the Talbots Charitable Foundation has announced the launch of its 11th annual Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund, a program that awards college scholarships to women wanting to attend college later in life. This unique scholarship fund annually awards five \$10,000 scholarships and fifty \$1,000 scholarships. The fund was created to fill a void in scholarship programs, which typically make awards to traditional college students. Eligible applicants are women currently residing in the US who earned a high-school diploma or GED at least ten years ago; are currently seeking a degree from an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school; and have at least two full-time semesters or twenty-four credits remaining to complete their undergraduate degree. The deadline for entries is January 2, 2008, or until one thousand eligible applications have been received, whichever happens first. Applications for the 2008 Talbots Women's Scholarship are available at the above URL.

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ThinkQuest International 2008

Oracle Education Foundation (<http://www.oraclefoundation.org/>)

Deadline: April 2, 2008
URL: <http://www.thinkquest.org/>

The Oracle Education Foundation invites students and teachers from around the world to take part in this international project learning competition, ThinkQuest. The competition is open to students between the ages of 9 and 19 and their teacher-coaches. The program is designed to help participants develop important skills such as teamwork, critical thinking, self-direction, problem solving, and technology skills. In addition, students become published Web-authors in the popular *ThinkQuest Library*. Students are encouraged to team with peers in other regions to develop Web sites on a broad range of educational topics

- Arts & Entertainment
- Books & Literature
- Business & Industry
- Computers & the Internet
- Geography & Travel
- Health & Safety
- History & Government
- Math
- Philosophy, Religion & Mythology
- Science & Technology
- Social Sciences & Culture
- Sports & Recreation

Winners will receive prizes from the Oracle Education Foundation, including laptops and \$1,000 school grants for the top five teams in each age division, travel to the annual ThinkQuest Live event for the top three teams in each division, and digital cameras for the team that receives the Global Perspectives Award. Students and educators interested in participating should visit the ThinkQuest web site at the above URL and should review the rules at <http://www.thinkquest.org/competition/rules.shtml>.

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Rights, Camera, Action Campus Human Rights Campaigns

Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) (www.aidemocracy.org)

Deadline: January 10, 2008

Number of Awards: 10 groups + (see below)

Amount of Award: \$500 + (see below)

URL: <http://www.aidemocracy.org/rca.php>

AID is accepting proposal applications for its "n" program from campus groups interested in organizing a human rights campaign at their university. Campus groups will propose innovative campaigns around a global human rights issue and prepare to document their experiences on film. Proposals will be evaluated on their potential to create substantive change at their university and to guide similar efforts on other campuses. Potential campaign issues and ideas include, but are not limited to, getting a university to divest from Darfur, getting fair-trade food served in a university's dining services, labor rights, immigration and immigrant rights, access to health care and medicines, extraordinary rendition, and a number of different fundraising events. AID will select up to ten winning ideas and provide each selected group with a \$500 grant; a trip to Washington, D.C., for

one person from each campus group to meet human rights campaigns experts, video production experts, and congressional staff in February; and a video camera for students to document their campaign. Each campus group will return to their school, conduct the campaign, and create a short film or video toolkit showing how others could replicate their campaign idea on another campus. The top video toolkit will be chosen from the ten finalists by a nationwide vote on the AID Web site. Students with the most innovative and successful campaign will win an additional \$500. Other campus groups can then apply for a \$200 mini-grant to bring the winning campaign to their campus. Full details are found at the above URL.