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Federal Grant-Maker Announcements

Adobe Transition Complete

grants.gov (g.g) www.grants.gov

Adobe Download Page:

http://grants.gov/aboutgrants/help/download_software.jsp#adobe811

Grants.gov and the 26 federal grant-making agencies have completed the transition to Adobe documents. This involved the conversion of the grants.gov application forms packages from the PureEdge System to the Adobe System. All grantor agencies are now posting and accepting Adobe applications. PureEdge applications are no longer in use. Anyone who intends to submit a grant application package is required to use the grants.gov compatible version of Adobe software. Additional information and free compatible software downloads are available on the "Download Software" page at the above URL.

Grants.gov Adobe Software Versioning Information

Adobe Professional Versions	Adobe Reader Version	Compatible	Broken Pipe Resolved	Vista Compatible	Mac Compatible
8.0*	8.1.1	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
	8.1.2	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
	8.1.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	8.1.4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9.0	9.0	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
	9.1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Grants.gov cautions that users should note that the Applicant System-to-System 2006 Endpoint program is no longer in use. Applicant System-to-System users must access the grants.gov system by using the 2007 Applicant System-to-System Endpoint which can be found at this URL: <https://ws07.grants.gov:446/app-s2s-server/services/>

GRANT FRAUD

The National Procurement Fraud Task Force

Grant Fraud: <http://grants.gov/assets/GrantFraud.pdf>

According to grants.gov, grant fraud is becoming a big business. There are many on the rise. Many stings, for example, are aimed at acquiring Recovery Act funding. The current administration and Congress have made stimulus funds available to invigorate the economy,

thus applications, information, and access to grant programs are free. Frequently, however, the scam will ask for fees to access the free information, etc. Any information, forms, and program links that concern the stimulus funding, The Recovery Act grant programs, and other federal grant making programs are available for free through grants.gov, which is the federal portal that allows everyone to find and apply for federal money (individuals who want to apply for federal money should visit the appropriate URL – all listed on the home page of grants.gov. The National Procurement Fraud Task Force has created Grant Fraud, which is accessible (for free) at the above URL. Grant Fraud provides advice on protecting an organization and the source of your federal funds by helping to detect and prevent fraud.

NIH eRA Commons Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI)

Module Mandatory

National Institutes of Health (NIH) (<http://www.nih.gov>)

Notice Number: NOT-OD-09-072

Effective Date: July 1, 2009

FCOI URL: http://era.nih.gov/services_for_applicants/other/fcoi.cfm

Announcement URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-072.html>
(source)

The Federal regulation found in 42 CFR Part 50.604(g)(2) requires that prior to spending any funds under an award, an institution must notify NIH of the existence of any conflicting financial interests (with no specific details) and must provide assurance that the interest has been “managed, reduced, or eliminated”. Further, the regulation requires that “for any interest that the Institution identifies as conflicting subsequent to the Institution’s initial report under the award, a report must be made and the conflicting interest managed, reduced, or eliminated, at least on an interim basis, within sixty days of that identification”.

The institution’s Signing Official (SO) must log into eRA Commons and assign FCOI roles to Institutional Users before a FCOI report can be initiated. Beginning July 1, 2009, NIH will require the use of the electronic Research Administration (eRA) Commons FCOI Module for notifying NIH of all Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) reports for grants and cooperative agreements. NIH hopes that institutions will begin using the FCOI Module immediately; however, “institutions may continue to submit FCOI reports directly to the Chief Grants Management Officer of the NIH awarding component through June 30, 2009”.

The FCOI allows institutional users to:

- 1) initiate and prepare FCOI reports
- 2) electronic submission reports
- 3) search and view FCOI reports previously submitted through the Commons
- 4) edit or rescind submitted reports, and
- 5) create and access a history of institutional actions

This new requirement applies only to NIH funding and does not affect other DHHS funding such as AHRQ, CDC, FDA, etc. or other federal agency funding. Additional information, resources, and a User Guide for the FCOI Module can be at the above URL. General questions concerning using the FCOI Module should be directed to:

eRA Commons Help Desk

Web: <http://ithelpdesk.nih.gov/eRA/> (Preferred method of contact)

Toll-free: 1-866-504-9552

Phone: 301-402-7469

TTY: 301-451-5939
Hours: Mon-Fri, 7a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

General inquires about this Notice may be directed to:
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National Science Foundation News

R&D Support to Colleges & Universities

Federal R&D Obligations to Universities and Colleges FY 2007

Report Number: NSF 09-313
Released: March 2009
URL: http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/infbrief/nsf09313/?govDel=USNSF_178

Federal Science and Engineering Support to Universities, Colleges, and Nonprofit Institutions: FY 2006

Report Number: NSF 09-310
Released: March 2009
URL: http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf09310/?govDel=USNSF_178

MyNSF Replaced

National Science Foundation Update: <http://www.nsf.gov/mynsf/>

NSF has replaced MyNSF with a new service called National Science Foundation Update (NSFU). NSFU includes subscription options for all of the document types that were available in MyNSF, and also allows you to subscribe to new content categories, such as *Images and Videos*, *Events*, and *Upcoming Due Dates for Funding Opportunities*.

To start your subscription, visit:

http://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi_subscribe.html?code=USNSF&custom_id=823

Federal Grants

NEH Summer Stipend

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) (www.neh.gov)

Funding Opportunity Number: 20091001-FT
Deadline: October 1, 2009
Expected Number of Awards: 75
Award Ceiling: \$6,000
Award Floor: \$0
CFDA Number: 45.160 - Promotion of the Humanities Fellowships and Stipends
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Program URL: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>

Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to scholars and general audiences in the humanities. Recipients usually produce articles,

monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly tools. Summer Stipends support full-time work on a humanities project for a period of two months. Summer Stipends support projects at any stage of development. Summer Stipends are awarded to individual scholars. Organizations are not eligible to apply. Summer Stipends may not be used for research for doctoral dissertations or theses by students enrolled in a degree program; specific policy studies or educational or technical impact assessments; the preparation or publication of textbooks; studies of teaching methods or theories, surveys of courses and programs, or curriculum development; inventories of collections; works in the creative or performing arts (e.g., painting, writing fiction or poetry, dance performance, etc.); projects that seek to promote a particular political, philosophical, religious, or ideological point of view; or projects that advocate a particular program of social action. Applications may address the holdings or activities of a single institution or may involve collaboration. In all cases, projects should be designed to facilitate sharing, exchange, and interoperability of humanities information and products.

NIOSH Exploratory and/or Developmental Grant Program (R21)

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (<http://www.hhs.gov>)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (www.cdc.gov)

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

<http://www.cdc.gov/NIOSH/>

Funding Opportunity No.: PAR-09-139

Deadline: Various

Award Ceiling: \$200,000

CFDA Number: 93.262 -- Occupational Safety and Health Program

Cost Sharing/Matching: No

Grants.gov:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46756>

Link to Full Announcement:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/announce.do;jsessionid=nnPsJkRPNWq6YNjsLpP1M0hK9hJdV8NjJnGbGNpWh1TYL4vSfhz!1092905380>

The purpose of this grants program is to develop an understanding of the risks and conditions that are associated with occupational diseases and injuries, to explore methods for reducing risks and for preventing or minimizing exposure to hazardous conditions in the workplace, and to translate significant scientific findings into prevention practices and products that will effectively reduce work-related illnesses and injuries. For complete program details, visit the URL (above) for the full announcement on the Grants.gov website. The estimated funding dates vary.

NIOSH Small Research Grant Program (R03)

Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-09-138

Current Closing Date for Applications: Sep 08, 2012

Archive Date: Oct 08, 2012

Award Ceiling: \$50,000

CFDA Number(s): 93.262 -- Occupational Safety and Health Pgm

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Grants.gov:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46753>

Full Announcement:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/announce.do;jsessionid=v3kqJkJFMH7JwVn2wbyJI2D3HV2d1zFFwxLZjHP2x5hYnwRDITG5!1092905380>

CDC's Procurement and Grants Office has published a funding opportunity announcement entitled, "NIOSH Small Research Grant Program (R03)" The funding amount and number of awards will vary. The purpose of this grants program is to develop an understanding of the risks and conditions that are associated with occupational diseases and injuries, to explore methods for reducing risks and for preventing or minimizing exposure to hazardous conditions in the workplace, and to translate significant scientific findings into prevention practices and products that will effectively reduce work-related illnesses and injuries. For complete program details, please see the full announcement on the Grants.gov website (URL above) -- the estimated funding dates vary.

Cross-Directorate Programs

National Science Foundation (NSF) (www.nsf.gov)

Office of Cross-Directorate Activities (CDA)

Funding Opportunity Number: PD-04-1397

Deadline: Open

This program has no fixed deadline dates.

Proposals may be submitted at any time.

CFDA Number(s): 47.075 -- Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Office & Program URL: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5412

This program comprises groups of NSF-wide activities that provide support for human resource development and infrastructure improvement. CDA houses and provides information about various cross-directorate programs in which the Division of Social and Economic Sciences and the Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences participate. CDA administers some programs directly and coordinates other programs aimed at Foundation-wide goals of increasing the participation of women, minorities, and the disabled in science and engineering; encouraging and rewarding promising new faculty; support of undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral activities; and improving the infrastructure of the social and behavioral sciences.

CDA supports special studies, analyses, and workshops on issues affecting social and behavioral science disciplines, including issues that span organizational boundaries and division priorities. The program supports activities that address needs in education, human resources, and the creation of a diverse personnel pool. Investigators should discuss their ideas with the program directors.

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Environmental Implications of Emerging Technologies

National Science Foundation (NSF) (www.nsf.gov)

Solicitation Number: PD-09-1179

Deadline: September 15, 2009

Duration: 1 – 3 years for unsolicited awards

Average Award: \$80,000.

Small equipment proposals up to \$100,000

Program URL: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=501030

NSF is looking for proposals that involve research to develop and test the environmental effects of new technologies. The program emphasizes engineering principles underlying technology impacts. Innovative production processes, waste reduction, recycling, and industrial ecology technologies are of interest. All of these have implications that would be relevant to this program. Current areas of support include:

- Understanding and mitigating how new developments in nanotechnology, biotechnology, and information technology will interact with the environment
- Nanotechnology environmental, health, and safety implications and applications
- Predictive methodology for the interaction of nano-particles with the environment and with the human body, including predictive approaches for toxicity
- Fate and transport of natural, engineered, and incidental (by-product) nano-particles
- Risk assessment and management of the effect of nano-materials in the environment
- Evaluation of the effect of increased usage of renewable resources on water supply and land use
- Sensor and sensor network technologies as they relate to the measurement of these environmental implications

Biomedical and nano-toxicology topics involving clinical trials are not current areas of interest.

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Other NSF Opportunities

Engineering Design and Innovation

Solicitation Number: PD-08-1464

Deadline: October 1, 2009

Program URL: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13340

The program requests proposals advance basic design theory including design for the environment and for manufacturability.

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Materials Processing and Manufacturing

Solicitation Number: PD-08-1467

Deadline: October 1, 2009

Available funding: \$300K

Program URL: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13344

NSF seeks proposals that support research on the interrelationship of materials processing, structure, performance and process control. Emphasis is placed on environmentally benign manufacturing and virtual manufacturing.

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Structural Materials and Mechanics

Sol# PD-08-1635

Deadline: October 1, 2009

Program URL: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13357

The program seeks proposals that support research on the behavior of civil infrastructure materials and the mechanics of structural components in the built environment. Of particular interest is research on structural components consisting of natural and synthetic materials, and their impact on life-cycle performance and sustainable development of the civil infrastructure.

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Sensors and Sensing Systems

Solicitation Number: PD-08-1639

Deadline: October 1, 2009

Program URL: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13349

Sensors and Sensing Systems seeks proposals that support research on methods to acquire and use sensor data on civil, mechanical, and manufacturing systems.

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Private and Corporate Grants

Education and Preservation Projects

Save Our History <http://www.history.com/minisites/saveourhistory/>

American Association for State and Local History: <http://www.aaslh.org/>

The History Channel: www.history.com

Deadline: June 5, 2009 by 8PM EST

Total Amount to be Awarded: \$100,000

Award Ceiling: \$10,000

Program URL: <http://www.history.com/content/saveourhistory/grant-program/grant-application> or <http://www.history.com/minisites/saveourhistory/>

Application URL: www.saveourhistory.com

Save Our History is a national initiative that supports local history education and historic preservation efforts in communities across the United States that partner with schools or youth groups on preservation projects that engage students in learning about, documenting, and preserving the history of their communities.

Applicants must partner with local elementary, middle, or high school(s), or organization(s) that provides educational programming for children of similar ages to design a historic education and preservation project. Organizations that have received a Save Our History grant in the last three years are not eligible to apply. Potential applicants should visit the program web site and read all the various sections of the grant guidelines. For complete

program information and descriptions of previously funded projects, visit the Save Our History Web site (above).

Creative Campus Innovations Grant

Association of Performing Arts Presenters (APAP) (www.artspresenters.org)

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) (www.ddcf.org)

Program URL: <http://www.apapconference.org/creative-campus-guidelines-and-application.html>

Funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, this is the second year for the APAP Innovations grant program which supports interdisciplinary partnerships of higher education institutions and arts presenters working to make arts available across campus and within the academic curriculum, as well as the surrounding community.

Applicants are not required to be members of the association to be considered for Round I review. However, non-member applicants invited to go forward for Round II of the application process will need to acquire membership in the association prior to submission of the Round II proposal.

Applicants must be designated as the performing arts presenting organization or presenter for the college or university, and must be able to demonstrate and document a history of diverse and high quality performing arts presenting, including but not necessarily limited to dance, jazz, and/or theater, and sustained audience and community engagement. Campus arts presenters should visit the Arts Presenters website (above) for complete program guidelines and the application.

Documentary Photography Distribution Grants

Open Society Institute (OSI) (www.soros.org)

Deadline: June 19, 2009, at 5:00 pm (EST)

Award Amount: \$5,000 - \$30,000

Program URL: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/photography/focus_areas/distribution/guidelines

The project offers support to documentary photographers who have already completed a significant body of work on issues of social justice, to collaborate with a partner organization and propose new ways of using photography as a tool for positive social change. All applicant photographers must work with another entity (such as a nonprofit, NGO, or community-based organization) to design an innovative distribution strategy that targets specific communities and advocates for social change. Visit the above URL for details.

Understanding the Acquisition, Interpretation, and Use of Research Evidence in Policy and Practice

William T. Grant Foundation (WTGF) (www.wtgrantfoundation.org)

Deadline: Letter of Intent: May 12, 2009

Selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals, due by October 6, 2009

Award Amounts: \$100,000 to \$600,000, covering direct and indirect costs

Award Duration: 2 – 3 years

Total Distribution: \$1.5 million per year

Program URL:

http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/newsletter3039/newsletter_show.htm?doc_id=778632

The William T. Grant Foundation focuses its work on improving the lives of youth between the ages of 8 and 25 in the US. This new program Request for Proposals on Understanding the Acquisition, Interpretation, and Use of Research Evidence in Policy and Practice. Through this RFP, the foundation will support research on the factors that affect policy makers' and practitioners' acquisition, interpretation, and use of research evidence. The Grant Foundation believes studies of this topic will increase the understanding of how to improve the production and subsequent use of research for and in public policy and practice.

The foundation will consider applications for newly initiated studies and add-on studies to existing projects. The foundation encourages interdisciplinary projects and welcomes applications from researchers in various fields and disciplines, including anthropology, communication studies, economics, education, family studies, human development, organizational studies, political science, prevention research, psychology, public administration, public policy, public health, social work, and sociology. Visit the Grant Foundation Web site for complete program guidelines.

Fellowships: Institutional/Individual

OSI Innovative Thinkers to Confront Global Challenges

Open Society Institute (OSI) (www.soros.org)

Deadlines: March 31, 2009, will be evaluated by May 15, 2009
 July 31, 2009, will be evaluated by September 20, 2009
 October 30, 2009, will be evaluated by December 10, 2009

Total Amount of Awards: \$2M

Range for US Applicants: \$60,000 to \$100,000

Award Duration: One year

Program URL: <http://www.soros.org/initiatives/fellowship>

The Open Society Institute has announced a new fellowship program to enable outstanding individuals from around the world to pursue projects that will inspire meaningful debate and shape public policy. The fellowship is designed to enable innovative professionals — including journalists, activists, academics, and practitioners — to work on projects focused on four themes:

- 1) National Security and the Open Society;
- 2) Citizenship, Membership, and Marginalization;
- 3) Strategies and Tools for Advocacy and Citizen Engagement; and
- 4) Understanding Authoritarianism.

OSI supports a limited number of fellows whose projects are germane to its mission but fall outside the four focus categories. In particular, OSI welcomes applicants who will work on areas of emerging interest to OSI especially global warming and post-conflict environments. Fellows' projects may include books, articles, documentary films, online media, and efforts to seed new campaigns and organizations. OSI seeks fellows who will engage with its staff and inform its thinking. OSI will provide fellows with competitive stipends and communications assistance, and will integrate them into its networks of partners and grantees.

Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship - Faculty Opportunities

Social Science Research Council (SSRC) (www.ssrc.org)

Deadline: October 2, 2009

Amount: \$10,000 (stipend)

Program URL: <http://programs.ssrc.org/dpdf/>

The DPDF Program, which supports early-stage graduate students in formulating successful doctoral dissertation proposals, invites applications from faculty teams for research fields. Proposed research fields should be sub-disciplinary and interdisciplinary domains with common intellectual questions and styles of research. Applications have to be submitted by two tenured faculty from different US universities and different disciplines or they must bring different methodological frameworks to the field. Awardees serve as research directors for a group of 12 students that meet in two workshops in late spring and early fall 2010. The stipend is \$10,000; the five research fields will be announced mid November 2009. The student component for this program is found in the Student Funding section. Visit the above program URL for complete details.

Student Funding Opportunities

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Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF)

Social Science Research Council (SSRC) (www.ssrc.org)

Deadlines/Timelines: November 18, 2009 - Online Student Application Opens
January 29, 2010 - Application Deadline by 6PM EST
Late-March 2010 - Student Awards Announced

Award Amount: Up to \$5,000 over the summer

Number of Awards: 60

Program URL: <http://programs.ssrc.org/dpdf/>

The DPDF Program supports early-stage graduate students in formulating successful doctoral dissertation proposals that are also competitive in future fellowship competitions. Students in the humanities and social sciences may apply to one of five research fields, each led by two directors. Fellows participate in a spring workshop that prepares them for pre-dissertation research and another in the fall, designed to help them synthesize their summer research into dissertation proposals and future fellowship applications. DPDF Fellows are eligible for support over the summer for pre-dissertation research. The faculty component for this grant is found in the Fellowship section (above). Visit the program URL for complete details.

Mellon Mays Pre-doctoral Research Grant

Social Science Research Council (SSRC) (www.ssrc.org)

Deadline: November 1, 2009 (rolling)

Program URL: <http://mellonmays.ssrc.org/grants/>

This SSRC-Mellon Mays program builds on the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, an effort to support scholars committed to diversity on the faculties of American colleges and universities. Only those students recognized as Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows and currently enrolled in doctoral programs in Mellon designated fields are eligible to apply. Applicants will be notified of their status within 6-8 weeks of submission.