Selected Requests for Proposals (RFPs)  Remember to submit a Grants Notification form before contacting any granting agency.


**Deadline:** Proposals accepted April 15 to June 30, 2012
**Awards:** One to three years of processor hours on high-performance computing systems at Oak Ridge National Laboratory or Argonne National Laboratory.

Now in its ninth year, the Innovative and Novel Computational Impact on Theory and Experiment (INCITE) program invites proposals for large-scale, computationally intensive research projects to run at America’s premier leadership computing facility (LCF) centers, established and operated by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science. The INCITE program awards sizeable allocations on some of the world’s most powerful supercomputers to address grand challenges in science and engineering.

**Scope**
In 2012, INCITE will award approximately 1.7 billion processor hours to drive transformational research in diverse fields. Current awardees computationally probe topics such as next-generation biofuels, nanotechnology, combustion, carbon capture and storage, batteries, astrophysics, nuclear fusion energy, climate, medicine, aeronautical engineering, and fundamental physics. Applicants can request allocations for 1 to 3 years. Average awards for 2012 are expected to exceed 20 million processor hours. Requests for time below 10 million processor hours for science and engineering simulations may be more appropriate for another program.

**Resources**
Researchers request allocations on high-performance computing (HPC) systems at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) and Argonne National Laboratory (ANL). Sixty percent of run time on DOE’s leadership-class systems-the Cray XT at ORNL and the IBM Blue Gene/P at ANL-is allocated through INCITE. A full description of the resources available under this call can be found at [http://hpc.science.doe.gov/allocations/management/resources/viewAllAllocationPools.do](http://hpc.science.doe.gov/allocations/management/resources/viewAllAllocationPools.do). Researchers may request access to more than one LCF center.

**Eligibility**
The INCITE program is open to all researchers and research organizations-academic, governmental, and industrial-needing large allocations of computer time, supporting resources, and data storage to pursue transformational advances in science and engineering. Current DOE sponsorship is not required. International researchers are eligible. The intent of INCITE is to support large-scale, computationally intensive projects that would not be possible or productive without petascale computing. Applicants must present evidence that their proposed production simulations can make effective use of a significant fraction, in most cases 20 percent or more, of the HPC systems offered for allocation.

Visit the INCITE website for details.
For Murdock grant recipients
The Murdock Charitable Trust has informed us that Senior Program Advisor, Dr. John Van Zytveld, is retiring. All correspondence regarding grants and reports should now be addressed to Dr. Hugh Vander Plas at hughvp@murdock-trust.org.

GRANTS.GOV SHUTDOWN ON APRIL 28 AND 29
The Grants.gov website will be out of service on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, 2012, due to planned maintenance. On those days you will not be able to register for an account with Grants.gov, download the application package, submit an application, or request help from Grants.gov staff. More details are available from the Grants.gov blog.

NEW Humanities
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowships
Deadline: May 1, 2012 for projects beginning January 2013
Awards: Stipends of $4200/month, for a maximum of $50,400 for a twelve month period

Fellowships support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources in the humanities. Projects may be at any stage of development.

As a taxpayer-supported federal agency, NEH endeavors to make the products of its awards available to the broadest possible audience. Our goal is for scholars, educators, students, and the American public to have ready and easy access to the wide range of NEH grant products. For the Fellowships program, such products may include digital resources, websites, and the like. For projects that lead to the development of websites, all other considerations being equal, NEH gives preference to those that provide free access to the public.

The number of applications to an NEH grant program can vary widely from year to year, as can the funding ratio. Information about the average number of applications and awards in recent competitions is meant only to provide historical context for the current competition. Information on the number of applications and awards in individual competitions is available from fellowships@neh.gov.

Recipients may begin their awards as early as January 1, 2013, and as late as September 1, 2014. The award period must be full-time and continuous. Teaching and administrative assignments or other major activities may not be undertaken during the fellowship period.

See complete guidelines at the NEH website.

Internal Opportunities
University Enrichment Committee (UEC)
The UEC provides funds to support faculty for research, sabbaticals, course development, travel and conference participation. Look here every month for upcoming deadlines and reporting reminders for active grants.

Conference Participation second trips—May 16
Second trips will be considered for full or partial funding if any funds remain in the travel pool.

Application forms are located in University Resources for Faculty Professional Development. Forms and information are also available for:

- Departmental Travel
- Conference Participation: Pedagogy Enrichment
- Martin Nelson Summer Research
- John Lantz Senior Fellowships
- John Lantz Sabbatical Enhancement Award
- Sabbatical Leave
- Burlington Northern Curriculum Development
- Course and Seminar
- Grant-Assisted Leave
- Presidential Discretionary (Hewlett) Fund
- Trimble Asian Studies Award
- Cultural Currency
- Release Time

If you have questions regarding University Enrichment Committee grants, please contact:

Sarah Moore, Associate Dean
879-3207

Lisa Hutchinson, Academic Support Specialist
879-3429
These search engines are a good place to start a discipline-specific funding search

**Michigan State University Libraries** Posted grant opportunities and grant-related resources organized by discipline. Also general information on proposal writing and grant research.

**National Endowment for the Arts (NEA):** NEA supports nine disciplines in the arts and arts education, including literature, poetry, preservation, access, and translation.

**Grants.gov:** The primary source to find and apply for federal grants.

**The National Academies:** Sciences, Engineering, Medicine and Research. Links to associateship and fellowship opportunities, especially for young scientists.

**US Department of Education (ED):** Search the Forecast of Funding Opportunities for upcoming RFPs.

**Decade of Behavior (FundSource)** For research in behavioral and social sciences

**Duke University Funding Opportunities** For all disciplines, with advanced search options

**The Illinois Researcher Information Service (IRIS)** is a unit of the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign.

**The Grant Advisor** A leading source of information on grant, research, and fellowship opportunities in the United States.

**National Institutes of Health Extramural Nexus** Subscribe to this monthly newsletter for updates to NIH policies and activities.

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**More RFPs**

**NEW Creative Arts Virginia Center for Creative Arts (VCCA) Artist Residencies**

**Deadline:** May 15, 2012 (Also January 15 and September 15 annually thereafter.)

**Award:** Residencies of two-weeks to two-months in private studios in on the campus of Sweet Briar College in Amherst, VA

Serenity. Light. Space. Privacy. The ability to work uninterrupted for hours, days, weeks in a quiet studio cradled in 400 acres of rolling Blue Ridge farmland. These are just a few of the reasons why more than 300 of the world’s foremost writers, composers, and visual artists come to VCCA each year. Every residency includes a comfortable, private bedroom, three meals a day, and a private studio.

The artists who come to VCCA produce some of the most important artworks in the country. Among our Fellows are recipients of fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, the American Academy in Rome, the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, as well as winners of National Book Awards, Pulitzer Prizes, and MacArthur genius awards. More than 4,000 artists have benefited from residencies at VCCA over the years, making it, in the words of one of our Fellows, “one of the most important sources of art in the world.”

Visit the VCCA website for guidelines on how to apply.

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**On Campus**

**Puget Sound Sustainability Pilot Grants**

**Deadline:** Proposals accepted on a rolling basis.

The **Sustainability Advisory Committee** (SAC) is accepting proposals for Sustainability Pilot Grants from faculty and students interested in conducting research projects on campus sustainability.

Previously funded projects include the Live Green House worm bin; Bike Shop low-cost bike rentals; Thermometers in Dorm Rooms; and (Bus) Pass It Along.

Proposal forms and information about project evaluation criteria can be found on the [SAC website].

If you have questions about the program, contact Joel Elliott, at x8593.

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**Grants Notification Form**

Puget Sound faculty intending to submit a proposal for funding to an outside agency must complete and submit this form to ensure internal review by offices responsible for grant review and administration. Please allow 10 business days for review and approval.

Completion of the notification form helps Puget Sound grants administrators facilitate a relationship between the proposed funding agency and faculty applicants, and also avoid potential conflicts of interest between applicant goals and university funding goals.

Please direct questions to Associate Dean Alyce DeMarais, or Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Jane Kenyon.

For assistance with grant budget proposals, contact Senior Accountant Stefanie Lund.

**Be sure to visit the Grant Resources webpage.** The site provides resources to assist faculty in procuring funds to support research, programs, projects and initiatives to achieve the university’s mission.
CONTINUING All Disciplines

Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program
Deadline: January 15, 2012
Award: Stipends of up to $47,000 for a period of 12 months, plus allowances

Fellowships at the Smithsonian Institution provide scholars with opportunities to pursue independent research projects in association with members of the Smithsonian professional research staff. Applicants to the program must propose to conduct research in a discipline pursued at the Smithsonian and must submit a specific and detailed research proposal indicating why the Smithsonian is an appropriate place to carry out the study. Projects that broaden and diversify the research conducted within these disciplines are encouraged. Fellowships are offered to support research at Smithsonian facilities or field stations. Fellows are expected to spend most of their tenure in residence at the Smithsonian, except when arrangements are made for periods of field work or research travel.

Applicants are evaluated on the scholarly merit of their proposals; their ability to carry out the proposed research and study; the likelihood that the research can be completed during the requested appointment period; extent to which the Smithsonian can contribute to the proposed research project; and the inclusion of diverse perspectives.

Included in the proposal evaluation will be its relevance in terms of how the research reflects one or more of the Four Grand Challenges of the Smithsonian:

Conservation
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Keystones Initiatives
Deadline: The next Pre-proposal cycles are June 1 and Oct 1, with Full proposals due August 1 and December 1, 2012
Award: No fixed limit

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation provides funding on a competitive basis to projects that sustain, restore, and enhance our nation's fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats. Our strategic plan organizes grantmaking efforts into two broad areas, Keystones and Charters.

Keystone Initiatives are a core portfolio of multi-year initiatives through which the Foundation and its partners seek to achieve measurable outcomes. There are currently four Keystones, each of which has multiple Initiatives:

- Bird Conservation
- Fish Conservation
- Marine and Coastal Conservation
- Wildlife and Habitat Conservation

Keystone Initiatives are a core portfolio of multi-year initiatives through which the Foundation and its partners seek to achieve measurable outcomes. Specific goals and strategies are identified for each initiative. Outcomes are continuously evaluated and objectives refined as the initiative evolves. Keystone initiatives are selected by the Foundation’s board of directors, based on recommendations from staff.

Working with partners, Keystone staff develop business plans for each initiative. Business plans include logic frameworks that provide a visual representation of desired outcomes, primary threats, and strategies for each initiative. Business plans provide specific guidance on the types of projects that will be considered for funding by the Foundation to fulfill the objectives of specific Keystone initiatives.

It is expected that applicants interested in Foundation funding for Keystone initiatives will review the business plans for the Keystone initiative of interest and prepare their application materials accordingly. Prospective applicants should contact the Keystone directors to discuss project ideas prior to submitting proposals to help ensure the relevance of funding requests.

All applications submitted for funding through the Keystones should explicitly reference how proposed projects fit within business plans and logic frameworks, or why they do not. Applications will be considered through a competitive process.

See the NFWF website for proposal guidelines.

Continuing All disciplines
Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)
Fulbright Scholar Program
Deadline: August 1, 2012
Award:

The core Fulbright Scholar Program sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals abroad each year. Grantees lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Under a cooperative agreement with the Bureau, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) assists in the administration of the Fulbright Scholar Program for faculty and professionals.

Application guidelines available here.