Brought to you by the Office of Associate Deans and the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations. Our goal is to share with you a variety of opportunities and search tools that may be helpful in your research or stimulate new ideas.

**Selected Requests for Proposals (RFPs)**

Remember to submit a Grants Notification form before contacting any granting agency.

**NEW Chemical Sciences**

Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation - Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards

**Deadline:** May 21, 2012; requires institutional nomination

**Award:** $60,000 for unrestricted research over a five-year period

The Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards Program supports the research and teaching careers of talented young faculty in the chemical sciences. Based on institutional nominations, the program provides discretionary funding to faculty at an early stage in their careers. Selection is based on accomplishment in scholarly research with undergraduates, as well as a compelling commitment to teaching.

The program provides an unrestricted research grant of $60,000 for teacher-scholars who, as independent faculty members, have demonstrated leadership in original scholarly research of outstanding quality with undergraduates and excellence and dedication in undergraduate education.

The program is open to academic institutions that grant a bachelor's or master's degree in the chemical sciences, including biochemistry, materials chemistry, and chemical engineering. If the department has a modest Ph.D. program, the nominee's research accomplishments must be almost exclusively with undergraduates.

Nominees must hold a full-time tenure-track academic appointment, be between the fourth and twelfth years of their independent academic careers, and be engaged in research and teaching primarily with undergraduates. Awardees are typically in departments that do not grant a doctoral degree. Institutions may submit only one Henry Dreyfus nomination annually and renominations are accepted. See Dreyfus.org for a list of current Teacher-Scholars.

Recommendations for awards are based on evidence of outstanding educational efforts and the nominee's scholarly research achievements with undergraduates as an independent faculty member, as assessed by the Foundation's reviewers and the judgment of the nominee's peers exemplified by letters of recommendation. Other considered factors are: awards and honors, publication of research achievements in leading journals, and success in attracting funding of research. Nominations are reviewed by distinguished faculty in the chemical sciences.

Faculty members wishing to be nominated should forward to Associate Dean Sarah Moore a nomination package that includes: 1) a memo requesting nomination; 2) a summary description, with references, of the nominee's research accomplishments as an independent faculty member and a description of research plans (limited to seven pages); 3) a statement intended to convince the reviewers of the nominee's dedication to education in the chemical sciences (limited to three pages); 4) a CV (limited to five pages) including a list of publications in which independent contributions and undergraduate coauthors are clearly identified. Research support should be indicated; and 5) a budget (less than one page) describing how award funds will be used.

**Materials should be received no later than April 1, 2012.**

See the Dreyfus Foundation website for program details.
Best of Luck
To Erica Martin, Affiliate Chaplain for Jewish Life, who has submitted a proposal to the Tacoma Jewish Community Fund for continued support of the Affiliate Chaplain position, which plays a central role in supporting the Jewish student community at Puget Sound.

NEW Entrepreneurship
The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation – Junior Faculty Fellowship in Entrepreneurship
Deadline: Nominations must be submitted online on January 23
Award: $40,000 for two years

This program recognizes junior faculty who are beginning to establish a record of scholarship and exhibit the potential to make significant contributions to the body of research in the field of entrepreneurship. The Kauffman Foundation will award up to seven fellowships to junior faculty members from universities across the United States. Each Fellow’s university will receive a grant of $40,000 over two years to support the research activities of the Fellow.

This program will help launch a cohort of world-class scholars into this young and exciting field, thus laying a foundation for future scientific advancement. The research produced by these scholars will be translated into knowledge with application for policymakers, educators, service providers, and entrepreneurs.

Grant awards will be made to the recipient’s institution and may be used to pay for costs associated with the Fellow’s research, but may not include salary supplements, course buyouts, or summer salaries. Kauffman policy does not allow for overhead or indirect costs to be paid as a part of the grant. Approximately fifty percent of the grant award will be disbursed in autumn 2012 for the 2012-2013 academic year, with remaining funds disbursed upon receipt of a progress report (including financials) from the Fellow during autumn 2013 for the 2013-2014 academic year. It is expected that the grant will conclude on August 31, 2014. Requests for extensions will be considered on an individual basis.

Visit the Kauffman Foundation website for a more complete description of the fellowship and nomination procedures.

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.

Release Time — February 1
Trimble Asian Studies — February 1
Cultural Currency — February 1

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

- Conference Participation
- Departmental Travel
- Conference Participation: Pedagogy Enrichment
- Martin Nelson Summer Research
- John Lantz Senior Fellowships
- John Lantz Sabbatical Enhancement Award

Sabbatical Leave
Course and Seminar
Grant-Assisted Leave
Presidential Discretionary (Hewlett) Fund
Faculty Research

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** Post grant opportunities and grant-related resources organized by discipline. Also general information on proposal writing and grant research.

**Community of Science**: A comprehensive resource for information critical to scientific research, with information on funding opportunities, and COS Scholar Universe, a searchable database of published scholars across many disciplines.

**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

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

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**A Word from Corporate and Foundation Relations by Jane Kenyon**

Puget Sound Hosts PGSA Funder’s Forum

**January 26, 2012, 7:30—10:30 a.m.**

Puget Sound Grantwriters Association (PSGA) has partnered with University of Puget Sound to offer the Funders Forum. The event will be held in The Rassmusson Rotunda of the Wheelock Student Center on January 26 from 7:30 -10:30 a.m. Fifteen to eighteen local foundations and corporations will each host tables of ten people for four, 20-minute sessions, during which funders will discuss their funding initiatives and grant opportunities, application procedures, and strategic philanthropy.

Higher education will be one of many topics funders will be addressing in their presentations. This is an opportunity to listen and learn rather than to pitch project ideas. Confirmed presenters so far include: The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust; The Russell Family Foundation; The Paul G. Allen Foundation; Bank of America; US Bank; The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation; and the Sequoia Foundation. Our thanks to the university for helping to make this event possible by providing free facilities and staff support.

**Pre-registration is required**: the cost is $65 if you are not a member of the Puget Sound Grantwriters Association, or $50 for members. You can go to the website [www.grantwriters.org](http://www.grantwriters.org) and click on Events and look for the Funders Forum on January 26.

A continental breakfast will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at x3610 or email jkenyon@pugetsound.edu.

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**On campus**

**CONTINUING** Sustainability at 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, to help students conserve energy; and (Bus) Pass It Along, to encourage bus ridership.

Proposal forms and information about project evaluation criteria can be found on the [SAC website](http://sac.pugetsound.edu).

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](http://forms.pugetsound.edu) 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](http://grantresources.pugetsound.edu). The site provides resources to assist faculty in procuring funds to support research, programs, projects and initiatives to achieve the university’s mission.
NEW  Conservation
National Geographic Society – Conservation Trust
Deadline: Open
Award: $15,000 to $20,000

The objective of the National Geographic Conservation Trust is to support conservation activities around the world as they fit within the mission of the National Geographic Society. The trust will fund projects that contribute significantly to the preservation and sustainable use of the Earth’s biological, cultural, and historical resources.

The Conservation Trust seeks to support cutting edge programs that might be overlooked by other organizations, due to the risk involved in working with new investigators and in new fields. Applicants are not expected to have Ph.D.’s or other advanced degrees; however, they must provide a record of prior research or conservation action as it pertains to the proposed project. Funding is not restricted to United States citizens. Researchers planning work in foreign countries should include at least one local collaborator as part of their research teams.

While grant amounts vary greatly, most range from $15,000 to $20,000 each. As National Geographic Society funds are intended to function as complementary support, the trust strongly encourages applicants to seek additional, concurrent funding from other funding agencies. Grants may not be used for indirect costs, overhead, and other expenses not directly related to the project. The trust accepts pre-applications throughout the year, but they should be submitted at least eight months prior to anticipated field dates.

See the NGS website for complete funding guidelines and application information.

NEW  All Disciplines
National Science Foundation – Major Research Instrumentation Program
Deadline: January 26, 2012, and each year annually thereafter
Award: $90,000+

The Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) serves to increase access to shared scientific and engineering instruments for research and research training in our Nation’s institutions of higher education, museums, science centers, and not-for-profit organizations. This program especially seeks to improve the quality and expand the scope of research and research training in science and engineering, by providing shared instrumentation that fosters the integration of research and education in research-intensive learning environments. Development and acquisition of research instrumentation for shared inter- and/or intra-organizational use are encouraged, as are development efforts that leverage the strengths of private sector partners to build instrument development capacity at academic institutions.

To accomplish these goals, the MRI program assists with the acquisition or development of shared research instrumentation that is, in general, too costly and/or not appropriate for support through other NSF programs. Instruments are expected to be operational for regular research use by the end of the award period. For the purposes of the MRI program, proposals must be for either acquisition or development of a single instrument or for equipment that, when combined, serves as an integrated research instrument (physical or virtual). The MRI program does not support the acquisition or development of a suite of instruments to outfit research laboratories/facilities or to conduct independent research activities simultaneously.

Instrument acquisition or development proposals that request funds from NSF in the range $100,000-$4 million will be accepted from all eligible organizations. Proposals that request funds from NSF less than $100,000 will also be accepted from all eligible organizations for the disciplines of mathematics or social, behavioral and economic sciences and from non-Ph.D.-granting institutions of higher education for all NSF-supported disciplines.

Cost-sharing at the level of 30% of the total project cost is required for Ph.D.-granting institutions of higher education and for non-degree-granting organizations. Non-Ph.D.-granting institutions of higher education are exempt from the cost-sharing requirement.

Visit the NSF website for program details.

CONTINUING  Life Sciences
Whitehall Foundation – Research Grants and Grants-In-Aid
Deadline: Open; Letters of Intent due January 15, April 15, and October 1 annually
Award: $30,000 to $225,000

The Whitehall Foundation assists scholarly research in the life sciences. It is the Foundation's policy to assist those dynamic areas of basic biological research that are not heavily supported by Federal Agencies or other foundations with specialized missions. In order to respond to the changing environment, the Whitehall Foundation periodically reassesses the need for financial support by the various fields of biological research. The Foundation emphasizes the support of young scientists at the beginning of their careers and productive senior scientists who wish to move into new fields of interest. Consideration is given, however, to applicants of all ages. The chief criteria for support are the quality and creativity of the research as well as the commitment of the Principal Investigator (a minimum time allocation of 20% is required). The Foundation is currently interested in basic research in neurobiology, defined as follows: Invertebrate and vertebrate neurobiology, specifically investigations of neural mechanisms involved in sensory, motor, and other complex functions of the whole organism as these relate to behavior. The overall goal should be to better understand behavioral output or brain mechanisms of behavior.

Visit the Whitehall Foundation website for program details.