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

NEW  Humanities
National Institute for the Humanities Summer Stipends
Deadline: September 29, 2011
Amount: $6000

Summer Stipends 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.

The stipends support full-time continuous work on a humanities project at any stage of development for a period of two months.

The program welcomes projects that respond to NEH's Bridging Cultures initiative. Such projects could focus on cultures internationally or within the United States. International projects might explore the great variety of cultural influences on, and myriad subcultures within, American society. These projects might also investigate how Americans have approached and attempted to surmount seemingly unbridgeable cultural divides, or examine the ideals of civility and civic discourse that have informed this quest.

Faculty members teaching full-time at colleges or universities must be nominated by their institutions to apply for a Summer Stipend. Once faculty members are nominated by their institutions, they may submit their applications via Grants.gov.

Puget Sound faculty interested in being nominated for the Summer Stipend program should contact Sarah Moore (x3207) for information on nominating procedures.

Complete program guidelines available here.

NEW  Creative Arts
The Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center
Creative Artist Residency — Lake Como, Italy
Deadline: December 1, 2011; online applications accepted beginning October 3

The Bellagio Center seeks applications for Creative Artist Residencies from outstanding artists at all career stages with a record of significant achievement in their fields. Videographers, filmmakers, novelists, playwrights, poets, visual artists, and artists in performance art and multimedia from any country are welcome to apply. Projects in all fields are eligible, but there is particular interest in innovative endeavors that address one or more of the Rockefeller Foundation’s five interconnected issue areas: basic survival needs (such as food, water, and housing), global health, climate and environment, urbanization, social and economic security.

Residencies are for a period of four weeks, with accommodations in the Villa Serbelloni on Lake Como, 47 miles north of Milan.

The Center also offers collaborative residencies for two to four people working on the same project. Preference will be given to team projects that bring residents together from different geographies, institutions or disciplines that reinforce the Center’s goal of establishing new connections.

Application information available here.
Applause

For Katherine Smith, who received a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend to support work on her project "Glossing the First Crusade: Biblical Exegesis and Holy War, c.1095-c.1150." Smith's project employs methodologies drawn from two traditionally separate subfields, crusades studies and the study of biblical exegesis, to shed new light on some of the most intensively studied texts from the medieval period, the Latin chronicles of the First Crusade. The project aims to re-situate these texts within a centuries-old tradition of biblical exegesis, in particular typological readings that understood Old Testament events to foreshadow the course of Christian history, thereby suggesting how medieval Christians understood the First Crusade not only as an important episode in human history, but as an event of huge theological, and even apocalyptic, significance.

Best of Luck

Once again, Puget Sound has been invited to apply to the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Undergraduate Science Education Program. The university is one of 215 baccalaureate and master's colleges invited to participate in the program due to its consistent record of producing graduates who go on to earn Ph.D.s in the sciences or enter medical school.

A team of science faculty and administrators have been meeting through the year, and will continue work this summer, to create a proposal that enriches the science programs of the university while meeting HHMI's goal of preparing undergraduates to become leaders in science research, medicine, and science education.

NEW Digital Humanities

American Council of Learned Societies

Deadline: September 2011

Amount: Stipends up to $60,000; project costs up to $25,000

The aim of the ACLS Digital Innovation Fellowships is to provide scholars the means to pursue intellectually significant projects that deploy digital technologies intensively and innovatively.

This program supports digitally based research in all disciplines of the humanities and humanities-related social sciences. It is hoped that projects of successful applicants will help advance digital humanistic scholarship by broadening understanding of its nature and exemplifying the robust infrastructure necessary for creating such works.

Fellowships include a stipend to allow an academic year's leave from teaching and funds that may be used for purposes such as:

- Access to tools and personnel for digital production. This could include acquiring hardware and software, engaging consultants, or purchasing access to digital collections. Preference will be given to project plans that make the most efficient use of existing cyberinfrastructure, either on the applicant's campus, host institution, or beyond.

- Collaborative work. Applications are encouraged that include, where appropriate, plans for contact with centers for humanities computing or with disciplinary and interdisciplinary research centers (such as campus and national humanities centers).

- Dissemination and Preservation. Applicants must specify how their projects will be presented and preserved. Applicants should also outline strategies for raising the visibility of their projects at workshops, seminars, conferences, and meetings of their field or discipline.

Complete program guidelines available here.

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.

Next application deadlines for UEC and other internal funds:

- Oct 12 Sabbatical Leave, Pre-tenure Sabbatical Leave, Lantz Fellowship and Lantz Enhancement applications for the 2012-2013 year.

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

- Conference Participation
- Cultural Currency
- Departmental Travel
- Conference Participation: Pedagogy
- Enrichment
- Faculty Research
- Grant-Assisted Leaves
- Presidential Discretionary (Hewlett) Fund
- Conference Participation
- Course and Seminar
- Release Time
- Trimble Asian Studies

Reporting for active UEC grants:

- Faculty Research final reports due August 31
- Deadline extension for Faculty Research funds due August 31

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.

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.

Recap: Workshop for faculty in the Social Sciences

Wade Hands, recipient of a recent grant from The Institute for New Economic Thinking and several federal grants, shared his advice at a May workshop on funding searches in the Social Sciences. Here’s what Wade had to say:

- **Your best resource is your colleagues.** Cultivate relationships with others in your field and closely-related fields.
- **Be a proposal evaluator if at all possible.** It gives you the opportunity to compare your proposal to a broad selection of other proposals.
- **Check out the Institute of New Economic Thinking for opportunities.**
- **Be more proactive.** Set aside regularly scheduled time for your funding search.
- **Develop a professional network through conference attendance and other professional opportunities.**
- **Success takes time.** It takes a few submissions to refine your proposal development skills and craft a winning proposal.
- **Timing can impact funding success.** Interest in your project may vary depending on the current state of world events or other external influences.
- **Get feedback when the proposal you submit is not funded.** Ask to talk to an evaluator and find out why your proposal wasn’t as strong as those that were funded.
- **Build in flexibility to your project and timeline.** Be realistic about what you can really accomplish.

Funding humor

"O.K., let's slowly lower in the grant money."  
Todd Barden, Arlington, Massachusetts.  
2009

published in The New Yorker, June 8, 2009

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.
NEW    Sciences—all fields
National Science Foundation—Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI)
Deadline: Proposals accepted year-round
Amount: $10,000 to $100,000 for a period of up to 3 years

Proposals submitted through RUI are accepted in all fields of science and engineering supported by the Foundation, including research on learning and education. RUI is fully integrated into the regular disciplinary programs of the Foundation, and RUI proposals are evaluated and funded by NSF programs in the disciplinary areas of the proposed research.

The specific objectives of RUI are to (1) support high-quality research by faculty members of predominantly undergraduate institutions, (2) strengthen the research environment in academic departments that are oriented primarily toward undergraduate instruction, and (3) promote the integration of research and education. The involvement of undergraduate students is an important feature of RUI, providing them with research-rich learning environments. However, the overriding purpose of RUI is the support of faculty research, which maintains faculty members' intellectual vibrancy in the classroom and research community.

The Foundation’s research programs are summarized in the NSF Guide to Programs located on the NSF website. Many research projects do not fit neatly into a single NSF program, and NSF disciplinary programs often cooperate in the review of interdisciplinary research and shared-use equipment proposals.

Recent awards made through the RUI program include awards for projects in the fields of biological oceanography, chemical synthesis, cellular processes, bioinformatics, workforce in the mathematical sciences, statistics, computing research infrastructure, and many others. A complete list of awards and abstracts can be found on the RUI program page of the NSF website.

The principal difference between RUI proposals and "regular" NSF proposals is the additional requirement that RUI proposals must include an RUI Impact Statement that describes the expected effects of the proposed research on the research and educational environment of the institution (see Proposal Preparation on the NSF website).

Visit the NSF website for complete program guidelines.

NEW    Politics and Government
Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation
Travel Grant
Deadline: September 15, 2011 and March 15, 2012
Amount: $2,000

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation awards grants of up to $2,000 each to support research in the holdings of the Gerald R. Ford Library. Grants cover travel within North America and defray the costs of airfare, lodging and photocopy expenses for a research trip to the Ford Library.

Library collections focus on Federal policies, U.S. foreign relations, and national politics in the 1960s and 1970s.

Complete details and applications available here.

CONTINUING    All disciplines
Fulbright Scholar Program
Deadline: August 1, 2011

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.