Puget Sound Faculty Grants Update

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Second trips will be considered for full or partial funding if funds remain in the travel pool.

Applications must be received by May 16.

Link to application guidelines here.

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

Biological, Chemical, and Physical Sciences
Gordon Research Conferences
Deadline: ongoing

The Gordon Research Conferences were initiated by Dr. Neil E. Gordon, of the Johns Hopkins University, who recognized in the late 1920s the difficulty in establishing good, direct communication between scientists, whether working in the same subject area or in interdisciplinary research. The conferences promote discussions and the free exchange of ideas at the research frontiers of the biological, chemical and physical sciences. Scientists with common professional interests come together for a full week of intense discussion and examination of the most advanced aspects of their field. These conferences provide a valuable means of disseminating information and ideas in a way that cannot be achieved through the usual channels of publications and presentations at large scientific meetings.

The primary criteria for attendance are scientific accomplishment and, implicitly, the commitment to participate actively and meaningfully in the discussions. Gordon Research Conferences admits scientifically-qualified conferees of any sex, age, race, color and national origin.

To encourage open communication, each member of a Conference agrees that any information presented at a Gordon Research Conference, whether in a formal talk, poster session, or discussion, is a private communication from the individual making the contribution and is presented with the restriction that such information is not for public use. Scientific publications are not to be prepared as emanating from the Conferences, and authors are requested to omit references to the Conferences in any publication. Guests are not permitted to attend the Conference lectures and discussion sessions. Each member of a Conference acknowledges and agrees to these restrictions when registration is accepted and as a condition of being permitted to attend a Conference.

GRC is organizing over 550 Conferences and Seminars in 2013 and 2014. Meetings will be held in New England, California and Texas in the United States, and internationally in Italy, Spain and Hong Kong, China.

See the GRC website for a list of conferences scheduled for 2013 and 2014.

Social Sciences
National Science Foundation (NSF)
Psychological and Language Sciences
Cognitive Neuroscience
Deadline: Full proposals August 27, 2013 and January 24, 2014, and annually thereafter
Award: $15,000 to $800,000+

The Cognitive Neuroscience Program seeks highly innovative and interdisciplinary proposals aimed at advancing a rigorous understanding of how the human brain supports thought, perception, affect, action, social processes, and other aspects of cognition and behavior, including how such processes develop and change in the brain and through time.

See the CN program page for more information.
Applause
For the Puget Sound team of faculty and staff who secured a $50,000 award from the Henry Luce Foundation, to pilot an environmental studies field school in Southeast Asia. Gareth Barkin, Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, Peter Wimberger, and Sunil Kukreja were the leads on the project. The first group of students in the program will travel to Indonesia in 2014.

Best of Luck
To Siddharth Ramakrishnan, who took the lead on a proposal to the W.M. Keck Foundation requesting $250,000 to establish a NeuroCulture Initiative at Puget Sound. The goals of the project are to create opportunities to educate undergraduates through hands-on research; provide faculty training and enrichment in new neuroscience techniques and curricula; foster awareness and accessibility to neuroscience research via collaborative NeuroArt workshops; and disseminate neuroscience knowledge widely to the broader community.

And also to Heidi Orloff, for her proposal requesting $109,000 to the E.L. Wie-gand Foundation, to fund the purchase of Motion Analysis Equipment for the Exercise Science department.

Selected RFPs

**Humanities**

George A. and Eliza Howard Foundation Fellowships 2014-2015

**Deadline:** November 1, 2013, and annually thereafter

**Award:** $30,000 stipend

The Howard Foundation awards a limited number of fellowships each year for independent projects in selected fields. The foundation targets its support specifically to early mid-career individuals, those who have achieved recognition for at least one major project. Approximately ten fellowships will be awarded in April 2014, for work in the fields of History, Music, Musicology, Playwriting, and Theatre Studies.

Stipends of $30,000 will be awarded to support individuals working on projects for the academic year 2014-2015. Howard Fellowships are intended primarily to provide artists and scholars with time to complete their work. They are not intended for publication subsidies, for equipment purchase, for preparation of exhibits, or to support institutional programs. Note that music and playwriting (excluding TV and film scripts) are this year's entries in the creative arts, while proposals for historical and critical studies in history, musicology, and theatre studies are invited. There are no residency requirements for individuals during the time in which they receive awards. We are aware that leave patterns and individual career plans do not necessarily correspond to the Howard Foundation cycle of awards for individuals, and fellowship recipients in a given year may accordingly postpone receipt of their fellowship funds, if that is more convenient for them. The deadline for submission of applications is November 1, 2013. Fellowship recipients will be announced in April 2014.

See the [Howard Foundation](#) website for application guidelines.

**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 Trip** applications are due May 16.

**Reports for most UEC grants are due August 31.** Reporting guidelines can be found in the [University Resources for Faculty Professional Development](#) handbook.

Application forms are located in [University Resources for Faculty Professional Development](#). Forms and information are also available for:

- Burlington Northern Curriculum Development Conference Participation: Pedagogy
- Cultural Currency
- Enrichment
- Faculty Research
- Grant-Assisted Leave
- Martin Nelson Award for Summer Research
- Presidential Discretionary Hewlett Fund
- Release Time
- Sabbatical Leave
- John Lantz Senior Fellowship
- John Lantz Sabbatical Enhancement
- Trimble Asian Studies Professional Development

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

**Sunil Kukreja**, Associate Dean
879-3588

**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 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.

More selected RFPs

**Photography**

**Open Society Foundations - Social Justice Photography Projects**

**Deadline:** June 18, 2013  
**Award:** $10,000 to $30,000

The [Open Society Foundations](http://www.opensocietyfoundations.com) is accepting applications for photography projects that can be used as tools for social change. Through the Audience Engagement program, five to eight grants ranging from $10,000 to $30,000 will be awarded for projects that portray pressing social justice and human rights problems and provide concrete ways for photographers, organizations, and their target audiences to create a positive impact. Projects that inspire audiences visually and create meaningful interactions with an existing body of photographic work, utilize photography as the basis for programming, or tools that move people beyond the act of looking and directly involve viewers in activities or processes that lead to concrete forms of social change are encouraged.

The program seeks projects that provide deeper, more nuanced understanding of human rights and social justice issues and pairs photographers with organizations that are currently working on related issues connected to the target audience.

Proposed projects should include partnerships between photographers and organizations recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Each project partner should have the skills and track record to realize the project and must commit time and resources to implement it.

See the [Open Society Foundations](http://www.opensocietyfoundations.com) website for eligibility and application guidelines.

Important information for grant seekers

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 Martin Jackson, 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://www.grantresources.com). The site provides resources to assist faculty in procuring funds to support research, programs, projects and initiatives to achieve the university’s mission.
**All disciplines**

**Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program – New programs**

**Deadline:** August 1, 2013 for most awards

**Award:** varies; awards cover travel and living costs

The 2014–2015 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program core competition is now open.

In order to meet the changing needs of academia and develop new options to better accommodate the interests and commitments of today’s scholars, the program has introduced several innovations to the 2014-2015 program, including:

- **Fulbright Flex Awards**, for scholars who propose multiple stays of one to three months in the host country over a period of two to three years.

- **Postdoctoral/Early Career Awards** present an opportunity for recently minted scholars to deepen their expertise, to acquire new skills, to work with additional resources, and to make connections with others in their fields.

- **Salary Stipend Supplements** for scholars on teaching or combined teaching/research grants to certain countries, a Salary Supplement stipend will be added if the total grant stipend and subsistence allowance plus home institution pay during the grant period is less than gross base salary for the grant period. The salary supplement stipend will bring the amount to the same level as the individual's salary for a comparable period, up to a maximum of $10,000 per full grant month.

- **Teaching English as a Foreign Language** By presenting the full range of TEFL opportunities within a worldwide context, applicants will be able to examine and compare more than 50 country options simultaneously. Applicants may indicate either “open to any placement” if they have no specific country or region in mind, or one world area, or as many as three country preferences. Letters of invitation are not required.

Interested faculty and professionals are encouraged to learn more about these opportunities, and hundreds of others, by visiting the Catalog of Awards.

The Fulbright Scholar Program offers teaching, research or combination teaching/research awards in over 125 countries for the 2014-2015 academic year. Opportunities are available for college and university faculty and administrators as well as for professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others.

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**Humanities**

**NEH Collaborative Research Grants—Division of Research Programs**

**Deadline:** December 5, 2013, for projects beginning October 2014

**Award:** ranges from $25,000 to $100,000 for a period of one to three years

Collaborative Research Grants support interpretive humanities research undertaken by a team of two or more scholars, for full-time or part-time activities for periods of a minimum of one year up to a maximum of three years. Support is available for various combinations of scholars, consultants, and research assistants; project-related travel; field work; applications of information technology; and technical support and services. All grantees are expected to communicate the results of their work to the appropriate scholarly and public audiences.

Eligible projects include:

- research that significantly adds to knowledge and understanding of the humanities;

- conferences on topics of major importance in the humanities that will benefit scholarly research;

- archaeological projects that include the interpretation and communication of results (projects may encompass excavation, materials analysis, laboratory work, field reports, and preparation of interpretive monographs); and

- research that uses the knowledge and perspectives of the humanities and historical or philosophical methods to enhance understanding of science, technology, medicine, and the social sciences.

**Updated guidelines will be posted at least two months in advance of the deadline listed above. In the meantime, please use the guidelines for the previous period to get a sense of what is involved in assembling an application.**

See the NEH website for guidelines.