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  Various disciplines
Frederick P. Lenz Foundation
Residential Fellowship for Buddhist Studies and American Culture and Values
Deadline: December 1, 2011

The program is designed to provide scholars, artists, activists and other leaders and practitioners from a variety of disciplines with an opportunity to affiliate with Naropa University during their sabbatical or other professional leave to develop an artistic, social action, curriculum development or other research project on some aspect of Buddhism’s contributions to American education and society. The program selects fellows who seek to immerse themselves in the study of Buddhism and complete a project that applies Buddhist philosophy and practice to some area of American culture and values.

The foundation selects fellows whose plans of study propose the integration of Buddhist Studies with contemplative practice and illustrate a disciplinary, artistic or professional commitment. No prior academic knowledge of Buddhism is required, although those applicants with prior meditation experience in one of the Buddhist traditions will have an advantage. Applicants with experience or interest in a variety of Buddhist traditions will be supported, though each year the foundation hopes to attract at least one fellow with prior expertise or experience in Zen. Finally, applicants should demonstrate a commitment to participate in a rigorous program of study while at Naropa and to use the vehicle of the proposed project to integrate this study with their other professional interests. Fellows will be expected to:

- Immerse themselves in the educational opportunities of the university—auditing courses, meeting regularly with faculty, attending university functions, accessing library resources, etc.
- Complete the project proposed in the application to the fellows program.
- Present a public lecture or demonstration, conduct a classroom session and/or offer some contemplative practice or artistic performance.
- Develop a plan for implementing the project after the residency. This may include a plan for publication, teaching, community service and so on.
- Acknowledge the fellowship support, as well as both Naropa University and the Frederick P. Lenz Foundation for American Buddhism, in all publications, performances or other products resulting from the residency.

Visit [www.naropa.edu/lenz](http://www.naropa.edu/lenz) for information.

NEW  Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences
National Science Foundation – Social Psychology
Deadline: January 15 and July 15, 2012, and each date annually thereafter
Award: $15,000 +

The Social Psychology Program at NSF supports basic research on human social behavior, including cultural differences and development over the life span. Among the many research topics supported are: attitude formation and change, social cognition, personality processes, interpersonal relations and group processes, the self, emotion, social comparison and social influence, and the psychophysiological and neurophysiological bases of social behavior.

The scientific merit of a proposal depends on four important factors: (1) The problems investigated must be theoretically grounded. (2) The research should be based on empirical observation or be subject to empirical validation. (3) The research design must be appropriate to the questions asked. (4) The proposed research must advance basic understanding of social behavior.

Visit the [National Science Foundation](http://www.nsf.gov) website for complete guidelines on how to apply.
Best of Luck

To Judith Kay, who is one of 17 finalists invited to submit a full proposal to the Theology of Character project. The fellowship, funded by the John Templeton Foundation and Wake Forest University, supports young scholars exploring the rebirth of interest in character.

And to David Lewis, for his collaborative proposal to the National Science Foundation: “Intended and unintended consequences of payments for ecosystem services: modeling feedbacks in coupled natural and human systems”. The project’s primary objective is to examine the effects of land-use policies on the provision of ecosystem services in the United States. Co-PI Lewis’ principal responsibilities will be to develop an econometric model of private land-use decisions that will be used to predict landscape scale changes under alternative policy scenarios.

And to Kristin Johnson, who submitted a proposal to the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). Kristin’s project is a study of British and American naturalists’ relationships with both patrons and theologians in the decade immediately following the First World War.

NEW Ecology Field Research
Earthwatch Institute – Field Grants
Deadline: currently accepting Concept Notes for 2013
Award: unspecified

As one of the world’s largest private funders of scientific research, the Earthwatch Institute research program involves a global community of leading researchers, conservation volunteers, NGOs and businesses. The institute is dedicated to creating an environmental legacy through scientific research projects, educational programs and engaging people in field research.

Earthwatch supports research projects in four key areas:

- **Ecosystem services** - biodiversity conservation, sustainable agriculture, sustainable forestry, freshwater
- **Climate change** - adaptation, mitigation
- **Oceans** - coastal ecosystems, marine biodiversity conservation
- **Cultural heritage** - sacred landscapes, indigenous knowledge systems

These priorities will shape the organization’s activities over the next 10 years and address critical global ecological and cultural issues that span a range of threats to environmental sustainability. Project results are published in hundreds of journals worldwide and shared with partner organizations, government agencies, and policy-makers.

To be considered for support, applicants should submit a Concept Note along with a CV. The Concept Note will be reviewed based on its scientific merit, appropriateness of volunteer activities, and Earthwatch’s available support for the project. Selected applicants will then be invited to submit a Research Proposal.

For complete details on the application process see the Earthwatch Institute 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.

**Faculty Research** applications due December 1 and March 1.

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
- Martin Nelson Summer Research
- John Lantz Senior Fellowships
- John Lantz Sabbatical Enhancement Award
- Sabbatical Leave
- Course and Seminar
- Release Time
- Trimble Asian Studies
- Grant-Assisted Leave
- Presidential Discretionary (Hewlett) Fund

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.

A Word from Corporate and Foundation Relations

When choosing recommenders, think big

By nature, grants staff across the country in liberal arts institutions and program officers in funding agencies are extremely collaborative and readily share information among each other. Jim Turner, Fellowships Program Analyst with the National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Research Programs, offered this advice about choosing recommenders for your proposal on a national listserv for Colleges of Liberal Arts Sponsored Programs:

“About choosing recommenders, think big. Every group of about 40 applications gets read by five peer reviewers in the same discipline. Those peer reviewers know we can only afford to fund roughly 10 percent, so they are looking for reasons to knock proposals down. They read comparatively, and if they see a proposal with letters from junior scholars, that just might be the reason they’re looking for to drop their ratings—not necessarily, but I’ve seen it happen. During discussion at NEH, I’ve heard reviewers wonder why an applicant couldn’t get a more senior recommender.

That said, letters—no matter whom they are from—should speak authoritatively about the project’s specialness and worth and the applicant’s ability to accomplish it. If a brilliant young rising star junior scholar is the right person to speak to those elements, then use that person. The rule of thumb is: go with the best you’ve got.”

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.

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

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   Arts
MacDowell Colony
**Deadline:** Open application periods: October 15, 2011 - January 15, 2012; February 15 - April 15 2012; and July 1 - September 15, 2012, and each date annually thereafter
**Award:** Five- to eight-week residencies

The MacDowell Colony provides time, space, and an inspiring environment to artists of exceptional talent. A MacDowell Fellowship, or residency, consists of exclusive use of a studio, accommodations, and three prepared meals a day for up to eight weeks. There are no residency fees. Fellows are selected by our admissions panels, which are comprised of a revolving group of distinguished professionals in each artistic discipline who serve anonymously for three years.

The Colony accepts applications from artists working in the following disciplines: architecture, film/video arts, interdisciplinary arts, literature, music composition, theatre, and visual arts. The sole criterion for acceptance is artistic excellence, which the Colony defines in a pluralistic and inclusive way. MacDowell encourages applications from artists representing the widest possible range of perspectives and demographics, and welcomes artists engaging in the broadest spectrum of artistic practice and investigating an unlimited array of inquiries and concerns. To that end, emerging as well as established artists are invited to apply.

MacDowell is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for all persons regardless of race, sex, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and disability. No one with the AIDS virus, ARC, or HIV shall be denied admission as long as he/she is otherwise qualified. The Colony offers barrier-free access in all main buildings and some studios.

Artists may apply only once every 12 months; the Colony will only accept applications for the next deadline. Please refer to the application dates in the guidelines for open application time periods.

[Visit the MacDowell website for application guidelines.](#)

NEW   Sustainability
National Science Foundation – Environmental Engineering and Sustainability
**Deadline:** full proposal window January 15 - February 17, 2012
**Award:** up to $100,000 per year, for one to three years

The **Environmental Sustainability** program supports engineering research with the goal of promoting sustainable engineered systems that support human well-being and that are also compatible with sustaining natural (environmental) systems. These systems provide ecological services vital for human survival. The long-term viability of natural capital is critical for many areas of human endeavor. Research in Environmental Sustainability typically considers long time horizons and may incorporate contributions from the social sciences and ethics. This program supports engineering research that seeks to balance society’s need to provide ecological protection and maintain stable economic conditions.

There are four principal general research areas which are supported:

Topics in **Industrial Ecology** include advancements in modeling such as life cycle assessment, materials flow analysis, input/output economic models, and novel metrics for measuring sustainable systems. Innovations in industrial ecology are encouraged.

In **Green Engineering**, research is encouraged to advance the sustainability of manufacturing processes, green buildings, and infrastructure. The program supports research that would affect more than one chemical or manufacturing process or that takes a systems or holistic approach to green engineering for infrastructure or green buildings. Improvements in distribution and collection systems that will advance smart growth strategies and ameliorate effects of growth are research areas that are supported by Environmental Sustainability.

**Ecological Engineering** topics should focus on the engineering aspects of restoring ecological function to natural systems. Engineering research in enhancement of natural capital to foster sustainable development is encouraged.

**Earth Systems Engineering** considers aspects of large scale engineering research that involve mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, adaptation to climate change, and other global scale concerns.

Innovative proposals outside of these specific interest areas can be considered. However, prior to submission, it is recommended that the PI contact the Program Director to avoid the possibility of the proposal being returned without review.

See the [NSF website](#) for guidelines on how to apply.