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

NEW  Arts Research  
National Endowment for the Arts – Research: Art Works  
Deadline: November 8, 2011  
Award: $10,000 to $30,000, with no matching funds required.

The NEA will make grants for research projects that use existing datasets to mine data for analyses of the value and impact of the U.S. arts sector on the nation, whether on individuals or communities. Applications should present novel research questions that have not previously been explored with the referenced dataset(s). Projects that will be conducted in partnership with for-profit entities, and/or which use commercial and/or administrative datasets, are also encouraged. The agency encourages applicants from diverse research backgrounds, including applicants who have not specialized in arts-related research.

The agency has determined that all grants awarded under this category will have the following as their primary outcome:

Enhancing knowledge and understanding: Evidence of the value and impact of the arts is expanded and promoted.

Organizations will be asked to address the anticipated results of their projects in their applications. If a grant is received, grantees will be asked to report their findings in their final report. Before applying, please review the reporting requirements on the National Endowment for the Arts Final Descriptive Report form and the "Administrative Requirements" for information about a final work product research report.

In the first year of the program, funds will be given only for the analysis of high-quality datasets. In future years, it may be possible for applicants to submit requests for projects involving primary data collection. A list of possible datasets is provided in the grant guidelines on the NEA website. This list is by no means exhaustive, however, and applicants are encouraged to propose sources entirely different from those provided.

Visit the NEA website for complete details and application info.

NEW  Literature  
National Endowment for the Arts – Literature Fellowships: Translation Projects  
Deadline: January 5, 2012  
Award: $12,000 to $25,000, determined by the NEA

Through fellowships to published translators, the Arts Endowment supports projects for the translation of specific works of prose, poetry, or drama from other languages into English. We encourage translations of writers and of work which are not well represented in English translation. All proposed projects must be for creative translations of literary material into English. The work to be translated should be of interest for its literary excellence and value. Priority will be given to projects that involve work that has not previously been translated into English.

Competition for fellowships is rigorous. Potential applicants should consider carefully whether their work will be competitive at the national level.

Applicants must submit their applications electronically; the Grants.gov system must receive your validated and accepted application no later than 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on January 5, 2012.

The Arts Endowment's support of a project may begin any time between November 1, 2012, and November 1, 2013, and extend for up to two years.

Visit the NEA website for complete application information.
Applause

For Jeff Tepper, who was awarded an NSF collaborative research award for his proposal, Evaluating the Influence of Eocene Ridge Subduction on Magmatism, Deformation, and Basin Evolution in the Pacific NW. San Jose State University, Northern Arizona University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology are collaborating institutions on the project.

Best of Luck

To Alyce DeMarais, Ellen Peters, and Mark Harpring, who have taken the lead on a proposal to the Teagle Foundation for funding to implement senior experience and core curriculum assessments. The goal of the project is to enhance student learning through program-specific interventions as indicated by assessed outcomes of the senior experience. The project will be in collaboration with Whitman College.

And to the HHMI team, who submitted a proposal to the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to implement sustainability into the Puget Sound science and math curricula. Ten faculty members met throughout the summer and early fall to design the program: Steven Neshyba, Leslie Saucedo, Jeff Grinstead, Gary McCall, James Bernhard, Carl Toews, Dan Sherman, Amy Ryken, Kena Fox-Dobbs, Paul Weber, and Alyce DeMarais.

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.

Martin Nelson Award for Summer Research applications due November 1.

Faculty requesting nomination for the Graves Award should submit proposals to Sarah Moore by October 21. Contact Sarah at x3207 for questions.

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
- 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

NEW All Disciplines

American Association of University Women – American Fellowships Research Fellowships and Publication Grants

Deadline: November 15, 2011
Award: Postdoctoral leave fellowships $30,000; publication grants $6,000

AAUW American Fellowships support women scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave from accredited institutions. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence, the quality and originality of project design, and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research.

Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowships offer one-year of support for women in tenure-track faculty positions in support of their earning tenure and further promotions. Candidates must have earned a doctoral degree by November 15, 2011. Postdoctoral fellowships are available in the arts and humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Limited additional funds may be available when matched by the fellow’s institution.

Summer/Short-Term Research Publication Grants fund women college and university faculty and independent researchers to prepare research for publication. The grants are intended for tenure-track, part-time, or temporary faculty or new or established scholars and researchers at universities. Time must be available for eight consecutive weeks of final writing, editing, and responding to issues raised in critical reviews. Funds cannot be used for undertaking research. Applicants must have received their doctorates by the application deadline. Scholars with strong publishing records should seek other funding.

Visit the AAUW website for application details.
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.

More RFPs

NEW Technology Innovation
National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance (NCIIA)
Course and Programs grants
Deadline: Annual applications are due December 1 and May 1.
Award: $2,000 to $50,000

Course and Program grants are awarded to institutions for the purpose of strengthening existing curricular programs or building new programs in invention, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Successful Course and Program grant proposals present creative pedagogical approaches that generate and deploy E-Teams, bringing real-life applications into the classroom setting and beyond. NCIIA defines an E-Team as a multidisciplinary group of faculty, students, and industry mentors working together to bring a product or technology to market. Our definition of a successful grant proposal includes courses and programs that:

- Introduce technology innovation, affordable design, social entrepreneurship, and other approaches that meet basic societal needs and environmental issues.
- Generate curricula that are multidisciplinary, involving students and advisors from technical and business disciplines, as well as groups traditionally underrepresented in invention, innovation, and entrepreneurship, including women and minorities.
- Move beyond academic exercises to real-life business interaction, and create viable collaborative opportunities for participants from industry.

Visit the NCIIA website for guidelines and how to apply.

Proposal Writing

NSF Proposal Writing Workshop for Faculty
Lewis and Clark College
October 24, 2011, 9:00am - 1:00pm
in Albany - Albany Smith Hall

Dr. Terry Woodin, Program Director in the Division of Undergraduate Education at the National Science Foundation, will present a NSF Proposal Writing Workshop at Lewis & Clark College.

The morning workshop, which will include a mock panel review, is designed for faculty and college administrators.

Please RSVP to sponsors@lclark.edu. For questions, contact Kelly DelFatti at delfatti@lclark.edu.

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.
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’s Strategic Plan:

- Unlocking the Mysteries of the Universe
- Understanding and Sustaining a Biodiverse Planet
- Valuing World Cultures
- Understanding the American Experience

**FIELDS OF RESEARCH AND STUDY**

- American History, American Material and Folk Culture, and the History of Music and Musical Instruments
- History of Science and Technology
- History of Art, Design, Crafts, and the Decorative Arts
- Anthropology, Archaeology, Linguistics, and Ethnic Studies
- Evolutionary, Systematic, Behavioral, Environmental, and Conservation Biology
- Earth, Mineral, and Planetary Science
- Materials Characterization and Conservation

Visit the institute’s website for guidelines on how to apply.

### NEW Life Sciences

**Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program**

**Deadline:** January 15, 2012

**Award:** Stipends of up to $47,000 for a period of 12 months, plus allowances

The Whitehall Foundation, through its program of grants and grants-in-aid, 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 is currently interested in basic research in neurobiology, defined as follows: Invertebrate and vertebrate (excluding clinical) 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.

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. 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).

**Research grants** are available to established scientists of all ages working at accredited institutions in the United States. Applications will be judged on the scientific merit and the innovative aspects of the proposal as well as on the competence of the applicant. Research grants of up to three years will be provided. A renewal grant with a maximum of two years is possible, but it will be awarded on a competitive basis.

The **Grants-in-Aid** program is designed for researchers at the assistant professor level who experience difficulty in competing for research funds because they have not yet become firmly established. Grants-in-Aid can also be made to senior scientists. All applications will be judged on the scientific merit and innovative aspects of the proposal, as well as on past performance and evidence of the applicant’s continued productivity. Grants-in-Aid are awarded for a one-year period and do not exceed $30,000.

Link to the Whitehall Foundation website here for complete details.