Office of Sponsored and Academic Programs Support

~ Funding Opportunities ~

**Arts • Humanities • International**

**PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS/ U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Supports opportunities to bring young foreign professionals to the U.S. for four to six week-long fellowships in organizations related to their field of work, followed by American counterparts who travel overseas for reciprocal fellowships. Projects should take place over the course of one to two years, and engage up-and-coming and mid-level government or civil society professionals who will effect positive change in their institutions and communities through the following programs: Legislative Fellows, Women’s Empowerment, and Young Entrepreneurs. See [http://exchanges.state.gov/grants/open2.html](http://exchanges.state.gov/grants/open2.html) for details.

**Application Deadline: May 12, 2011**

**PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT GRANT/ CANADIAN EMBASSY**

Provides grants to U.S. IHEs to further the development of Canadian studies programs on campuses. Allowable activities include travel, honoraria, materials, printing, computer time, and possible publishing fees as well as faculty and course development and membership fees for the Association for Canadian Studies in the U.S. Innovative projects that will significantly enhance the profile of a Canadian Studies program (on and off campus) will be given priority. Grants are up to $18,000 per year. See [http://tinyurl.com/bgem6d](http://tinyurl.com/bgem6d) for details.

**Application Deadline: June 15, 2011**

**GRANTS PROGRAMS/ NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

The Association’s awards program includes honors for teaching, service to the profession, research, media coverage of reading, and authorship of children's books. IRA funds Children’s Literature Awards; Professional Development Awards and Grants; Research Awards and Grants; Service Awards; Teachers Awards and Grants and Travel Grants. Various deadlines occur for the different programs offered through IRA. See [http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants.aspx](http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants.aspx) for details.

**Application Deadline: Various**

**Education • Human and Community Development**

**RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM/ SPENCER FOUNDATION**

Small Research Grants up to $40,000 help scholars and teachers in a broad range of academic institutions to pursue pilot research and the initial phases of larger investigations. Major Research Grants (no deadlines) support projects up to $500,000. Foundation focuses on five areas of interest: Education and Social Opportunity; Organizational Learning; Teaching, Learning, and Instructional Resources; Purposes and Values of Education; and Field-Initiated Proposals. Deadlines refer to required preliminary proposals for Small Research Grants. See [http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/research](http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/research) for details.

**Application Deadline: July 08, 2011**

**CIVIC LEARNING AND CIVIC ACTION/ SPENCER FOUNDATION**

Civic learning that is central to the foundation's interests addresses questions about whether and how schools and other learning venues can encourage civic activity, in both the short-term and long-term. Three major priorities are powerful motivations and psychological processes; aspects of enabling learning experiences and environments; and societal or group norms, political processes or events, historical and cultural trends, and other contextual influences on individual and group action. See [http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/civic-learning-and-civic-action](http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/civic-learning-and-civic-action) for details.

**Application Deadline: July 08, 2011**

**Business • Management**

**FINRA INVESTOR EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

FINRA supports innovative research and educational projects that give investors the tools and information they need to better understand the markets and the basic principles of saving and investing. Along those guidelines, projects are encouraged in: investor education or protection, young adult financial planning, management plans for retirement funds, promoting investing by women and minorities, and education and outreach on best practices for investing. Funding is available for research and educational programs or a combination of both. See [http://www.finrafoundation.org/grants.asp](http://www.finrafoundation.org/grants.asp) for details.

**Health • Mental Health**

**FACULTY LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM/ HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

Program pays up to a maximum of $40,000 on eligible student loans, for a two-year service obligation. To be eligible, applicant must be from a disadvantaged background, repaying eligible undergraduate health professions loans, a citizen, national or permanent legal resident of the U.S. and hold a faculty position in many fields, including allied health and nursing (RN or higher), at college or university. Applicants with full-time employment at an eligible health professions school will be funded first. See [http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/faculty](http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/faculty) for details.

**Application Deadline: May 06, 2011**

**CAROL M. WHITE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM/ U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Supports grants to LEAs to initiate, expand, and improve physical education programs, including after-school programs, for K-12 students in order to make progress toward meeting state standards for physical education. IHEs are not eligible to apply directly, but may serve as collaborators with LEAs. In FY 11, 77 awards expected. See [http://www.ed.gov/programs/whitephysed/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/whitephysed/index.html) for details.

**Application Deadline: May 13, 2011**

**CHILDHOOD OBESITY: ACTIVE LIVING RESEARCH/ ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION**

Supports research to inform policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents, decreasing their sedentary behaviors and preventing obesity. Support time-sensitive studies on emerging or anticipated changes in physical activity-related policies or environments. Rapid-response grants are expected to accelerate progress toward policy and environmental strategies to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. Deadline refers to required letter of intent. See [http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21121](http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21121) for details.

**Application Deadline: July 01, 2011**
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ENHANCING THE LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM OF FLINT/GENESEE COUNTY/ FY 08

Brian Thomas, Assistant Professor of Sociology, was awarded $12,114 from the Ruth Mott Foundation for his work with the study of Enhancing the Local Food System of Flint/Genesee County. The goal of the study was to note the existence of food deserts by describing the types and distribution of all known food retailers in Genesee County. The analysis focused on the economic and racial composition of neighborhoods which are more likely to contain, or be located in close proximity to grocery stores. Results showed the types of food retailers that are available within the city appeared to be relatively similar to the types of food retailers available outside the city. Grocery stores appear to be located in areas with both high and low income populations.

ULTRASONIC TESTING GAGE R&R STUDY/ FY 08

Robert Tuttle, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, was awarded $30,585 from the American Foundry Society for his ultrasonic testing of metal castings plates. In his study, five plates cast with varying levels of shrinkage defects were x-rayed and ultrasonically tested by five foundries. The results showed a dramatic variation between foundries. The radiographer is the individual making the rating, which allows for an amount of interpretation. Professor Tuttle was able to collect data and create table displaying the ratings for each plate from the five foundries.

Workshop Schedule: Spring 2011

Call the Sponsored Programs office at extension 4295, or register at http://www.svsu.edu/workshops.

Collaborative Research—Register for IRIS

New to SVSU faculty + staff: Illinois Research Information Services (IRIS) database has 9,000+ federal and private funding opportunities in the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities. Sign up for Alert Service and Expertise Service.

Workshop Schedule: Summer 2011

IRB Research Compliance Audit

So now that you have IRB approval, learn about the IRB federally mandated compliance visit coming soon to your project. You'll learn how to prepare for the visit, common errors made, and how to pass your audit.

Have a research or project idea?

Need Funding?

Contact Sponsored Programs if you have a research idea or project that you need funding to support. Our staff can sit down with you to gain an understanding of your idea and to assist you in finding funding at the federal, state, or foundation level. If we know some keywords, we can match you with a grant opportunity when it gets released.

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Science • Engineering

Population and Community Ecology/ National Science Foundation

Supports research that advances the conceptual or theoretical understanding of population ecology, species interactions, and community dynamics in terrestrial, wetland, and freshwater habitats. Encourages projects that integrate theoretical, modeling, and empirical approaches, or that promote synthesis across spatial and temporal scales. See http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503214 for details.

Application Deadline: July 09, 2011

Sedimentary Geology and Paleobiology (SGP)/ National Science Foundation

Supports research on life, ecology, environment, and biogeography change in past geologic time based on fossil plants, animals, and microbes; Earth's sedimentary carapace; dating and measuring time sequence of events and rates of geological processes of Earth's past sedimentary and biological record; geologic record of production, transportation, and deposition of sediments; and understanding the complexities of Earth's deep time climate systems. See http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13691 for details.

Application Deadline: July 16, 2011

Earth Sciences: Instrumentation and Facilities (EAR/IF)/ National Science Foundation

Supports investigator-initiated requests across all Earth science disciplines for Acquisition or Upgrade of Research Equipment; Development of New Instrumentation, Analytical Techniques or Software; National or Regional Multi-User Facilities; Research Technicians; and Development of Cyberinfrastructure for the Earth Sciences/Geoinformatics. See http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6186 for details.

Application Deadline: July 18, 2011

Faculty Early Career Development Program/ National Science Foundation

Agency-wide program provides NSF’s most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education, and the integration of education and research within the context of their organizations’ mission. Awards build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research. See http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503214 for details.

BIO, CISE, EHR, and OCI proposals due 7/25/11; ENG proposals due 7/26/11; and GEO, MPS, SBE, and OPP proposals due 7/27/11.

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