

FUNDING NEWS

Eastern Kentucky University Division of Sponsored Programs

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NEWS FROM SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Processing of New Year Proposals and Awards

Sponsored Programs would like to remind the campus community of the requirement that all proposals (including budget proposals) and awards for sponsored projects be processed through our office. The authority for submitting proposals to external agencies or accepting awards for sponsored projects has been delegated to the Associate Vice President for Research; project directors and other individuals on campus do not hold this authority.

If you have a current sponsored project that you expect to be renewed in the upcoming fiscal year, please complete the Internal Review and Approval Form (IRAF) and submit it along with a detailed budget and proposal as soon as possible. It is important that all projects are approved by the appropriate University officials prior to the receipt of award documentation.

For projects that continue from year-to-year without a formal proposal submitted, please keep in mind that all budget requests must be routed through Sponsored Programs for approval prior to submission to sponsoring agencies. If changes become necessary based on feedback from sponsoring agencies, adjustments can be made internally prior to the issuance of the award. Project directors may not wait until budget negotiations are finalized to complete the IRAF. If you need assistance completing the IRAF or developing a project budget or have questions about the process, please feel

free to contact our office.

If you need to request approval for a no-cost extension on a current project, please check with the sponsoring agency for instructions on their process for accepting such requests. Requests for no-cost extension should be routed through Sponsored Programs for approval prior to submission. If you receive notification of an approved no-cost extension, please forward the original documentation to Sponsored Programs immediately in order to ensure that the project's end date is appropriately modified in a timely manner. If you need assistance with developing the no-cost extension request or have questions about the process, please feel free to contact our office.

Funding Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 includes billions of dollars to be distributed in the form of grants to local communities. With the recent influx of funds into the federal grant-making agencies, the present is an ideal time to submit a proposal for funding, but it is also important to ensure that the proposal submitted is of the highest quality since each proposal will likely be competing with hundreds of others for the same dollars. Potential applicants are advised that funding through the Recovery Act comes with reporting responsibilities in addition to the standard requirements imposed by federal grant-making agencies. Both financial and programmatic performance must be

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reported through the federal Recovery.gov website on a quarterly basis and will be made publicly available.

Federal agencies are using different mechanisms for disbursing funds available through the Recovery Act. Agencies may put money into programs that have not been funded in recent years, use funds to increase awards to currently funded programs, or create opportunities for new programs relevant to the mission of the Recovery Act. Funds may be disbursed through formula grants to state and local government agencies, supplemental awards to current grantees, awards in response to previously submitted proposals recommended for funding when funds were not available to issue new awards, or awards in response to competitive proposals submitted for new projects that have the potential to be implemented immediately. Agencies accepting new competitive or supplemental funding proposals have established quick turn-around times for the submission of proposals and the award of funding for selected projects.

Links to Recovery Act funding opportunities that are currently accepting applications through grants.gov may be accessed at <http://www.grants.gov/applicants/recovery.jsp> by clicking on the gray button labeled "Find Recovery Act Opportunities." For information about how agencies are using the ARRA funds and to find current relevant funding opportunities, please visit the Recovery website of applicable federal agencies:

- [Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#)
- [Corporation for National and Community Service \(CNCS\)](#)
- [Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#)
- [Department of Commerce \(DOC\)](#)
- [Department of Defense \(DOD\)](#)
- [Department of Education \(ED\)](#)
- [Department of Energy \(DOE\)](#)
- [Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#)
- [Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\)](#)
- [Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)
- [Department of Justice \(DOJ\)](#)
- [Department of Labor \(DOL\)](#)
- [Department of State \(DOS\)](#)
- [Department of the Interior \(DOI\)](#)
- [Department of Transportation \(DOT\)](#)
- [Department of Treasury \(TREAS\)](#)
- [Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#)
- [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#)
- [General Services Administration \(GSA\)](#)
- [National Aeronautics and Space Administration \(NASA\)](#)
- [National Endowment for the Arts \(NEA\)](#)
- [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#)
- [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#)
- [Smithsonian Institution \(SI\)](#)
- [Social Security Administration \(SSA\)](#)

New funding opportunities will continue to be released during the coming weeks, and interested individuals should monitor the websites of applicable federal agencies for updates on a regular basis. If you have questions about the application process or are interested in pursuing a particular funding opportunity, please contact Sponsored Programs.

Animal Care and Use Committee Federal Assurance and Updated Forms

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) announces approval of EKU's Animal Welfare Assurance from the federal Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare. The approval of this assurance will enable EKU to compete for federal funding for projects involving animals and brings a new level of accountability and compliance to EKU's animal care and use program.

Investigators are encouraged to visit the IACUC website at www.sponsoredprograms.eku.edu/IACUC to access current application and reporting forms, training requirements, and other relevant information. Investigators are advised to plan ahead in submitting applications by the monthly deadlines specified on the IACUC website in order to avoid possible delays in the approval of their applications. Additional details about the IACUC application review process, including a pre-review procedure, will be added to the IACUC website in early May. In the meantime, please contact Sponsored Programs with any questions related to the review procedure.

Approval of University Policies Related to Sponsored Projects

At the Board of Regents' January meeting, several policies were approved for implementation that relate to sponsored projects at EKU. The policies are now available on the new website for EKU's Policy Library, and links are provided from the [Sponsored Programs website](#). The following are descriptions of each of the recently approved policies.

- The Cost Sharing policy establishes guidelines for what costs may be used as cost share, what approvals are necessary for cost share commitments, and how cost share is tracked and reported to sponsoring agencies.
- The Cost Transfer policy defines situations in which cost transfers may be allowable and establishes timelines for requesting transfers.
- The Direct Charge policy defines costs that may be reflected as direct charges to sponsored projects and identifies costs that are normally included in the University's indirect cost rate calculation.
- The Effort Reporting policy establishes guidelines for documenting and certifying the effort of faculty, professional staff, and graduate assistants with effort committed to a sponsored project.
- The Proposal Submission and Award Acceptance policy outlines the proper signatory authorizations and internal approval process required for the submission of proposals and the acceptance of sponsored project awards.
- The Salary Compensation on Externally Sponsored Projects policy establishes salary guidelines for faculty and staff who receive compensation, in whole or in part, through sponsored projects.
- The Subrecipient Monitoring policy outlines requirements for the review, approval, and monitoring of subrecipients on sponsored projects and identifies responsibilities for ensuring both programmatic and fiscal compliance of subrecipients.
- The Facilities and Administrative Cost Recovery and Distribution policy provides guidelines for the recovery of F&A costs and establishes a method for the internal sharing of recovered F&A funds resulting from sponsored projects.

We encourage all current and prospective project directors and others involved in sponsored projects to review and familiarize themselves with these policies. Please feel free to contact Sponsored Programs with any questions.

Grant Proposal Development Course

Now accepting registrations for Fall 2009

Sponsored Programs is pleased to announce that we are now accepting registrations for the Fall 2009 Grant Proposal Development Course. The goal of this course is to provide a collaborative environment of continuous and structured support in which participating faculty and staff will learn about the process of developing competitive grant proposals for submission to external sponsoring agencies. This course is open to full-time ECU faculty and staff who wish to submit grant proposals for funding to support research, teaching, or service projects to be conducted as part of ECU's mission. Participants will be expected to attend eight course meetings and make regular progress on a grant proposal throughout the semester. The goal is that each participant will finish the course with a completed grant proposal ready for submission. The course format is a combination of lectures, activities, and presentations from guest speakers. Additional one-on-one assistance is also available from Sponsored Programs staff throughout the course. In order to maximize benefits for all participants, we ask that all individuals who register make a serious commitment to participate.

The course will meet on the following **Tuesdays** from **9:00 to 10:30** in the **Coates 11** computer lab.

- September 1** Introduction to Grants and Sponsored Programs
- September 8** Locating and Evaluating Funding Opportunities
- September 22** Developing a Competitive Grant Proposal, part 1
- October 6** Developing a Competitive Grant Proposal, part 2
- October 20** Creating a Grant Proposal Budget
- November 3** Using Electronic Proposal Submission Systems and Completing Proposal Forms
- November 17** Understanding the Grant Proposal Review Process
- December 1** Reflecting on Success – Forum with successful proposal writers

"If you are new to grant writing or need a refresher after being away from it for a while, this course will give you the skills, motivation, and confidence you need to write your next grant proposal." - Fall 2008 Participant

"This course is very beneficial for the first-time and advanced grant writer. You learn a lot from the readings, lectures, and guest speakers, as well as your fellow students." - Fall 2008 Participant

Space is limited, so please register early!

For more information or to register, please contact

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AWARD NEWS

WILLIAM ED DAVIS, College of Business and Technology, was awarded \$39,561 from the Kentucky Department for Technical Education to provide technical upgrade training in various areas of need.

WILLIAM ED DAVIS, College of Business and Technology, was awarded \$28,184 from the Kentucky Department for Technical Education in support of the Perkins program for areas of program need.

ROGER DUVALL, WEKU, was awarded \$74,747 from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for WEKU radio operations.

HAL FINK, Training Resource Center, was awarded \$850,000 over two years from the Kentucky Department of Corrections to provide a correctional educational readiness program for offenders.

SUSAN FISTER, Baccalaureate and Graduate Degree Nursing, was awarded \$816,986 from the Health Resources and Services Administration to continue the operation of the Bluegrass Community Health Center.

SUSAN FISTER, Baccalaureate and Graduate Degree Nursing, was awarded \$248,812 from the Health Resources and Services Administration in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to respond to an increased demand for services at the Bluegrass Community Health Center.

KEVIN NORVELL, Business and Technology, was awarded \$100,285 from the University of Kentucky Research Foundation to continue the operation of the EKU Small Business Development Center, providing technical assistance to existing and potential small

business owners.

CHARLENE PARK, Model Laboratory, was awarded \$49 from the Kentucky Council on Economic Education in support of innovative teaching in finance.

NEIL PEDERSON, Biological Sciences, was awarded \$945 from the Kentucky Academy of Sciences to support a student research project on locating and quantifying old-growth forest in Eastern Kentucky.

DORIS PIERCE, Occupational Therapy, was awarded \$10,000 from the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice for research on the development of model transition practices within the Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children.

BOB SHADUR, Office of Regional Stewardship, was awarded \$300,000 in regional grant funds from the Council on Postsecondary Education for regional stewardship activities in the EKU service region.

ELIZABETH WACHTEL, Training Resource Center, was awarded \$283,591 from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services in supplemental funding to support the Mental Health Initiative.

MELINDA WILDER, Natural Areas, was awarded \$21,250 from the Kentucky Environmental Education Council as part of a KUPEE collaborative professional development project.

CONGRATULATIONS!

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

U.S. Department of Education: Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program

This program provides funds to plan, develop, and carry out programs to strengthen and improve undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages. Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to: development of a global or international studies program that is interdisciplinary in design; development of a program that focuses on issues or topics, such as international business or international health; development of an area studies program and programs in corresponding foreign languages; creation of innovative curricula that combine the teaching of international studies with professional and preprofessional studies, such as engineering; research for and development of specialized teaching materials, including language instruction, i.e., business French; establishment of internship opportunities for faculty and students in domestic and overseas settings; and development of study abroad programs. Applicants may request up to \$90,000 per year for a period of up to two years. Applications must be submitted by April 30, 2009 through grants.gov. Details are available online at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsugisf/index.html>.

Department of Defense: Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research

The Department of Defense invites applications for science and engineering research and education programs in areas important to national security. Proposals may address any of the technical areas listed in the broad agency announcements for the Army (<http://www.aro.army.mil>, For The Researcher, Funding Opportunities, BAA W911NF-07-R-0003-03), Navy (<http://www.onr.navy.mil/02/baa>), or Air Force (<http://www.afosr.af.mil>, Research, AFOSR-BAA 2009-1). Funds may be used for single investigator or multi-investigator research proposals, equipment necessary for the completion of the proposed research, and student training. Faculty are advised to contact DoD program managers to explore possible mutual interest prior to developing a formal proposal. Faculty applicants may request a minimum of \$300,000 up to a maximum of \$2 million for up to three years; average awards are expected to range from \$300,000 to \$600,000. The program requires a match of 50% of the federal funds requested. The

Kentucky EPSCoR office will provide a cash match of \$100,000 for award. Please contact Sponsored Programs early in the application process so that our office can make plans to secure a letter of commitment from KY EPSCoR. Applications must be submitted by May 4, 2009 through grants.gov. Complete details are available at: <http://www.arl.army.mil/www/default.cfm?Action=6&Page=8>.

National Science Foundation: Graduate STEM Fellows in K-12 Education

This program provides funding for graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines to bring their leading research practice and findings into K-12 learning settings. The lead Principal Investigator (PI) must be a STEM discipline faculty member actively conducting STEM research. Through collaborations with other graduate fellows and faculty from STEM disciplines, teachers and students in K-12 environments, and community partners, graduate students can gain a deeper understanding of their own research and place it within a societal and global context. The GK-12 program provides an opportunity for graduate students to acquire value-added skills, such as communicating STEM subjects to technical and non-technical audiences, leadership, team building, and teaching while enriching STEM learning and instruction in K-12 settings. This unique experience will add value to the training of U.S. graduate students and will energize and prepare the students for a broad range of STEM careers in a competitive globalized marketplace. Furthermore, the GK-12 program provides institutions of higher education with an opportunity to transform the conventional graduate education by infusing and sustaining GK-12 like activities in their graduate programs. A letter of intent must be submitted by May 12, 2009, and a full proposal is due by June 29, 2009. Applicants may request up to \$600,000 per year for up to five years. Details are available online at http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503369&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund.

National Science Foundation: Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement

This program seeks to improve the quality of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education for all undergraduate students. The program supports efforts to create, adapt, and disseminate new learning materials and teaching strategies to reflect advances both in STEM disciplines and in what is known about teaching and learning. It funds projects that develop faculty expertise, implement educational innovations, assess learning and evaluate innovations, prepare K-12 teachers, or conduct research on STEM teaching and learning. The program supports projects representing different stages of development, ranging from small, exploratory investigations to large, comprehensive projects. The application deadline is May 21, 2009. Details are available online at http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgmsumm.jsp?pims_id=5741&org=NSF&sel org=NSF&from=fund.

Department of Defense: Autism Research Program Idea Award

This program supports high-impact innovative research that advances the understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and leads to improved quality of life for individuals with ASD. The Idea Award is designed to promote new ideas; therefore, proposals need not include preliminary data. While this award mechanism seeks applications from all areas of basic, translational, clinical, behavioral, and epidemiological ASD research, the FY09 program encourages applications that address critical needs of the autism community in the following areas: Co-morbidity: (e.g., manifestations such as disorders [gastrointestinal, sleep, behavioral, speech/language], psychiatric, seizures, immune dysfunction, motor and sensory deficits, metabolic dysfunction, and effects of ASD on intellectual ability); and Predictors for Treatment Outcome: Identification of biomarkers, clinical characteristics, or other phenotypic markers that predict outcomes of a treatment (traditional or complementary and alternative), or populations that will or will not respond to a treatment.

Applications must be submitted by July 2, 2009 through grants.gov. Details are available online at <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?sessionId=CFJJMYPHfsQJ7QBRM8dTLTGd8TBWbZL2TgGn8lsMpFjGv9mhmNH!1441071454?oppld=45103&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW>.

National Endowment for the Humanities: Humanities Collections and Reference Resources

This program supports projects that provide an essential foundation for scholarship, education, and public programming in the humanities. Applications may be submitted for projects that include or combine the following activities: arranging and describing archival and manuscript collections; cataloging collections of printed works, photographs, recorded sound, moving images, art, and material culture; implementing preservation measures, such as basic rehousing, reformatting, deacidification, or conservation treatment; digitizing collections, or preserving and improving access to born-digital resources; developing databases, virtual collections, or other electronic resources to codify information on a subject field or to provide integrated access to selected humanities materials; creating encyclopedias; preparing linguistic tools, such as historical and etymological dictionaries, corpora, and reference grammars; developing tools for spatial analysis and representation of humanities data, such as atlases and geographical information systems (GIS); and designing digital tools to facilitate use of humanities resources. In all cases, projects should be designed to facilitate sharing, exchange, and interoperability of humanities information and products. Applicants may request up to \$350,000 for a period of up to three years. Applications must be submitted by July 15, 2009 through grants.gov. Additional details are available online at <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HCRR.html>.

National Institutes of Health: Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program

This program supports projects that facilitate the transfer and graduation of students from diverse backgrounds from associate to baccalaureate degree-granting institutions. The purpose of the program is to increase the number of students from groups underrepresented in the nation's biomedical and behavioral research enterprise and populations disproportionately affected by health disparities who

successfully complete the baccalaureate degree in biomedical and behavioral sciences. This program promotes inter-institutional partnerships between community colleges and baccalaureate degree-granting institutions with the goal of developing well-integrated development activities to increase student preparation for advanced study. The NIH Research Education (R25) grant mechanism is used for this program. Applications must be submitted by September 18, 2009. Details are available online at <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-411.html>.

National Science Foundation Opportunities

To find funding opportunities available from the National Science Foundation, please visit the NSF funding page at <http://www.nsf.gov/funding/>.

National Institutes of Health Opportunities

For a list of funding opportunities available from the National Institutes of Health, please visit the NIH funding page at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html>.

Department of Education Opportunities

For a list of funding opportunities available from the U.S. Department of Education, please visit the department's funding page at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/find/title/index.html?src=fp>.

National Endowment for the Humanities Opportunities

For a list of funding opportunities available from the National Endowment for the Humanities, please visit the NEH funding page at <http://neh.gov/grants/grantsbydivision.html>.

Other Funding Opportunity Resources

Other resources for identifying funding opportunities are available from the Sponsored Programs website at www.sponsoredprograms.eku.edu/funding. The Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN) provides a search engine for quick searches as well as the opportunity to register for daily email alerts of funding opportunities through the GENIUS system.

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