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**ARTS AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

**FRANKLIN RESEARCH GRANTS • AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY**
Supports travel to libraries and archives for research purposes, the purchase of microfilm, the cost of photocopies or equivalent research materials, and the costs associated with fieldwork and laboratory research expenses in a wide range of fields. Applicants must hold a doctorate or have published work of doctoral character and quality. Awards are up to $6,000 each. Deadlines are 10/1 and 12/1 depending on proposed start date. See [http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/](http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/) for details.

*Application Deadline: October 01, 2012*

**CHINA STUDIES PROGRAM • AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES**
Supports two programs: American Research in the Humanities in China supports Ph.D. scholars in the humanities to do research in China for up to 12 months for up to $50,400. U.S. citizens and permanent residents are eligible; and Comparative Perspectives on Chinese Culture and Society supports projects that compare aspects of Chinese history and culture with those of other nations and civilizations. Awards up to $25,000. See [http://www.acls.org/grants/Single.aspx?id=352](http://www.acls.org/grants/Single.aspx?id=352) for details.

*Application Deadline: October 02, 2012*

**FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM • COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS**
Supports proposals to bring scholars and professionals from abroad to U.S. colleges and universities that infrequently or never have the opportunity to host visiting scholars. In addition to teaching courses, scholars give campus-wide and community lectures, help initiate international programs, and contribute to curriculum development. Program is especially appropriate for small liberal arts colleges, minority-serving institutions, and community colleges. Scholars can also receive awards through the Occasional Lecturer Program which will fund short visits to other IHEs while in the U.S. See [http://www.cies.org/sir/](http://www.cies.org/sir/) for details.

*Application Deadline: October 15, 2012*

**ARTSLINK EXCHANGE PROGRAMS • CEC ARTSLINK**
Supports exchanges between artists and arts organizations in the U.S. and Central/Eastern Europe, Russia, and Eurasia through four programs: ArtsLink Residencies (10/15) place artists at U.S. arts organizations for five weeks; Independent Projects (12/3) support artists/arts managers who have been invited to carry out a project at a U.S. nonprofit organization; ArtsLink Projects (1/15) support U.S. arts professionals to carry out projects; and ArtsLink Residencies Hosts (6/1) provides funding to host artists. See [http://www.cecartslink.org](http://www.cecartslink.org) for details.

*Application Deadline: October 15, 2012*

**VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS • CALGARY INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES**
Supports residential study and research fellowships at the University of Calgary to explore human reality and experience in a variety of disciplines guided by literature, history, and philosophical analysis and reflection. Awards are for four months to one year and are primarily intended for established scholars on sabbatical or release-time leave to provide the opportunity for a research visit to the institute. Less established scholars are eligible if they hold a Ph.D. or equivalent qualification at least two years prior to the fellowship. See [http://www.ucalgary.ca/cih/node/35](http://www.ucalgary.ca/cih/node/35) for details.

*Application Deadline: October 26, 2012*
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BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

ECONOMICS LITERACY GRANTS PROGRAM • CALVIN K. KAZANJIAN ECONOMICS FOUNDATION, INC.
Supports a wide range of projects that aim to increase economic literacy, especially the best way to teach the subject (research, curriculum development); the impact of economic education (policy studies, measurement of economic understanding); and encouragement of youth/young adults to participate in the economic system after finishing school (research, conferences, outreach programs). Preference for projects that have a national scope. Proposals judged on significance, plan of operation, technical soundness and budget. Deadlines are 2/15 and 9/15 annually. See http://www.kazanjian.org for details.

Application Deadline: September 15, 2012

SCIENCE OF ORGANIZATIONS (SOS) • NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Supports basic research yielding a scientific evidence base for improving the design, development, deployment, management and effectiveness of organizations of all kinds. Research may involve organizational theory, behavior, sociology or economics, business policy and strategy, communication sciences, entrepreneurship, human resource management, information sciences, managerial and organizational cognition, operations management, public administration, social or industrial psychology, and technology and innovation management. Target dates are 2/2 and 9/3 annually. See http://tinyurl.com/7o53xq3 for details.

Application Deadline: September 03, 2012

GRANT PROGRAM • ALEX C. WALKER FOUNDATION
The Alex C. Walker Educational and Charitable Foundation's mission is to investigate the causes of economic imbalances, seek market-based solutions, protect the free enterprise system, investigate the effect of the financial system in fostering a sustainable economy, and inform the public of the results. The Foundation seeks market-based approaches for addressing economic imbalances and protecting our environment. The Foundation awards grants to 1) investigate the causes of economic imbalances, particularly in relation to ecosystem services, climate change, energy security, food production, and other environmental matters; 2) investigate the effects of the global financial system and monetary policy in fostering a sustainable economy; 3) investigate causes tending to destroy or impair the free-enterprise system; 4) explore and develop market-based solutions; and 5) disseminate information on the results and findings. See http://walker-foundaion.org/grant-guidelines for details.

Application Deadline: October 01, 2012

HARVARD-NEWCOMEN POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN BUSINESS HISTORY • HARVARD UNIVERSITY
The Harvard-Newcomen Postdoctoral Fellowship in Business History is awarded for twelve months' residence, study, and research at Harvard Business School, July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014. The fellowship has two purposes: The first is to enable scholars to engage in research that will benefit from the resources of Harvard Business School and the larger Boston scholarly community. About two-thirds of the fellow's time will be available for research of his or her own choosing. A travel fund and a book fund will be provided. The second purpose is to provide an opportunity for the fellow to participate in the activities of Harvard Business School. Approximately one-third of the fellow's time will be devoted to school activities, including attendance of the Business History Seminar, and working with faculty teaching the business history courses offered in the MBA curriculum. The fellow is required to research and write a case, under the direction of a senior faculty member, to be used in one of the business history courses. Finally, the fellow is encouraged to submit an article to "Business History Review" during his or her year at the School. See http://www.hbs.edu/businesshistory/fellowships.html for details.

Application Deadline: October 15, 2012
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E D U C A T I O N

AERA GRANTS PROGRAM • AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION
Supports the development of U.S. education researchers using NCES and NSF data sets for basic, policy and applied research. Programs include: Research Grants (up to $20,000 for one-year projects, or up to $35,000 for two-year projects) and Dissertation Grants (up to $20,000 for one-year projects). Education Research Conference Program and Undergraduate Student Education Research Training Workshop also may be available. See http://tinyurl.com/7u2aelq for updates.

Application Deadline: September 05, 2012

AWARDS AND GRANTS PROGRAM • INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION
The Association's awards and grants program ($1,000-$8,000 usually) 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 for details.

Application Deadline: October 2012

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 (preliminary proposals accepted any time) 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 for details.

Application Deadline: October 01, 2012

NEA FOUNDATION GRANTS • NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION
Provides grants to improve academic achievement of students in U.S. public schools and public higher education institutions in any subject areas. Student Achievement Grants (up to $5,000) support initiatives to improve academic achievement. Learning and Leadership Grants support high-quality professional development--$2,000 for individuals and $5,000 for groups. Higher education faculty and staff may apply. See http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application/ for details.

Application Deadline: October 15, 2012

GRANTS PROGRAM • VERIZON FOUNDATION
Supports a variety of programs that focus on one or more of the following priority areas: Education, Literacy, Domestic Violence Prevention, Health Care and Accessibility, and Internet Safety. Most grants awarded are up to $10,000. Foundation reviews unsolicited proposals on a continuous calendar year basis from January 1 through October 14. See http://www.verizonfoundation.org/grants/ for details.

Application Deadline: October 15, 2012
RESEARCH GRANTS (ALZHEIMER’S, GLAUCOMA, MACULAR DEGENERATION) • AMERICAN HEALTH ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION
Supports research on age-related and degenerative diseases (glaucoma, Alzheimer's, and macular degeneration). Separate applications required in each area: Alzheimer's Disease fellowships, standard and pilot projects (deadline: 10/12-exact date to be determined); National Glaucoma Research Grants (10/12-exact date to be determined); and Macular Degeneration Grants (deadline: 11/12-exact date to be determined). More details will be available soon. See http://www.ahaf.org/research/ for updates.
Application Deadline: October 2012

VIRTUAL REALITY TECHNOLOGIES FOR RESEARCH & EDUCATION IN OBESITY AND DIABETES • NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
NIH (NHLBI, NICHD, OBSSR) & DOD (TATRC) support research (R01; R21; R43/44) that capitalize on the unique capabilities of Virtual Reality (VR) technologies to visualize outcomes, teach, motivate and to extend the health care and learning environments, in order to foster desirable eating, physical activity, self-care and other health-related behaviors necessary to prevent and manage obesity and diabetes. Expires 5/8/14. See http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-211.html for R01 details.
Application Deadline: October 05, 2012

RESEARCH, TRAINING AND PROFESSORSHIP GRANTS • AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
Supports over 20 programs to provide funds to all levels of investigators in cancer research and an enhanced commitment to issues in cancer health disparities, psychosocial and behavioral, health services, health policy, epidemiological, clinical and cancer control research. Also sponsors training grants for health professionals as well as other special initiatives and international programs. Most grants have deadlines of 4/1 and/or 10/15; however, others have varying deadlines. See http://tinyurl.com/29kmqql for details.
Application Deadline: October 05, 2012

SMALL RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM • AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY
Supports small grants (R03) for different types of health services research projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and, development of new research technology. AHRQ is interested in research involving collaborative efforts between researchers and medical and public health or healthcare providers, purchasers or payer organizations. Awards offer up to $100,000 for 24 months. Expires 3/17/14. See http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-168.html for details.
Application Deadline: October 15, 2012

ACADEMIC RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT AWARD (AREA) • NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
Supports renewable awards (R15) up to $300,000/three years for projects in biomedical and behavioral sciences conducted by faculty and students in health professional schools, and other academic components that have not been major recipients of NIH funds. Goal is to strengthen institutional research environment and support active involvement of undergraduate (preferred) and graduate students in research. Students may be paid full time during summer and/or part-time during the semester. PA expires 1/8/15. See http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-006.html for details.
Application Deadline: October 25, 2012
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**SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**

**DEFENSE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTRUMENTATION PROGRAM (DURIP) • U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

Purpose is to provide equipment to enhance research-related education. Supports research in robotics pertaining to unmanned ground, air, sea and undersea vehicles and autonomous systems for enhanced situational awareness and execution of military missions. U.S. IHEs with degree granting programs in science, math, and/or engineering are eligible. Announcement covers the Army Research Office, Office of Naval Research and Air Force Office of Scientific Research. See Grants.gov or http://www.onr.navy.mil/en/Contracts-Grants/Funding-Opportunities/Broad-Agency-Announcements.aspx for updates.

*Application Deadline: September 28, 2012*

**MECHANICS OF MATERIALS • NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

Supports fundamental research on solid mechanics, including theoretical, experimental, and computational approaches; model-based simulation; and development of constitutive models. Emphasis on fundamental understanding of existing and emerging material and structural systems behavior across time and length scales, including experimental and analytical research on deformation, fatigue, and fracture. Annual proposal windows are 1/15-2/15 and 9/1-10/1. See http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13355 for details.

*Application Deadline: October 01, 2012*

**OPERATIONS RESEARCH • NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

Supports fundamental research leading to the creation of innovative mathematical models, analysis, and algorithms for optimal or near optimal decision-making, applicable to the design and operation of manufacturing, service, and other complex systems. Includes discrete and continuous optimization, stochastic modeling and analysis, simulation optimization, and self-optimizing systems that can observe, learn, and adapt to changing environments. Proposal windows are 1/15-2/15 and 9/1-10/1 annually. See http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13341 for details.

*Application Deadline: October 01, 2012*

**SENSORS AND SENSING SYSTEMS (SSS) • NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

Supports research on methods to acquire and use sensor data on civil, mechanical, and manufacturing systems, including advanced actuators, sensors, wireless sensor networks, new materials and concepts for sensing applications, power generation, and energy supply for sensors and sensing systems. Also funds research on incorporation of sensors into natural and engineered systems to achieve effective data acquisition and on processing and transmitting sensor data. Annual proposal windows are 1/15-2/15 and 9/1-10/1. See http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13349 for details.

*Application Deadline: October 01, 2012*

**ALGEBRA AND NUMBER THEORY • NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

Supports research in algebra, algebraic and arithmetic geometry, number theory, and representation theory. Annual target date is the first Tuesday in October. See http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5431 for details.

*Application Deadline: October 02, 2012*
Dissemination Notices

Step-Up Workshops • FY 09
Monica Reyes, Associate Director Center for Business and Economic Development, was awarded $23,750 from the Thumb Area MI Works! to support Step-Up Workshops. The purpose of this project was to enhance the leadership skills of both supervisors and employees, focusing on job skill and professional development. The workshops ranged in topic from changing your career, building a personal network for your job search, job skills that secure employment, positive job search attitudes, and resume, cover letter, and interviewing tutorials.

The Softness of Iron Exhibition • FY 09
Marilyn Wheaton, Director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, was awarded $5,000 from Consumer’s Energy, and $960 from the Michigan Humanities Council for The Softness of Iron Exhibition hosted by the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum on campus. The museum hosted the exhibit by the internationally renowned Israeli sculptor Orna Ben-Ami for thirteen weeks, from June 12 through September 19, 2009. The purpose of the exhibit was to increase access to quality arts and cultural resources in mid-Michigan, and serve to develop and sustain an enriched cultural environment in the Great Lakes region. Other sources of funding for the project included the Saginaw Community Foundation, the Doan Foundation, and the Fredericks Family Foundation.

2009-2010 Mathematics and Science Center • FY 10
The Regional Mathematics and Science Center received $57,864 from the Michigan Department of Education for the 2009-2010 Mathematics and Science Center grant. The SVSU Regional Mathematics and Science Center serves students, teachers, and administrators of districts in Arenac, Bay, Midland, Saginaw, and Tuscola Counties and their Intermediate School Districts’ mathematics and science initiatives. Six service areas are addressed by the Center: Leadership, Professional Development, Student Services, Curriculum Support, Community Involvement, and Resource Clearinghouse. Programs that the Center held during the 2009-2010 year include a continued partnership with the SVSU School and University Partnership Office (SUPO) to provide professional development to the sponsored charter schools, a High School Mathematics and Science Success (HSMASS-IV) programs for 24 science teachers, serving as a “host” site for Algebra for All training, as well as continued support for the Michigan Mathematics Leadership Academy (MMLA) team and Michigan Science Leadership Academy (MSLA).

Upcoming Workshops

Call SP at extension 4295, or register, http://www.svsu.edu/workshops

Collaborative Research—Register for Grant Forward (Formerly Iris)
Grant Forward maintains a database of federal and private funding opportunities in the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities. Create a profile to receive email alerts and learn how to conduct grant searches.

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Responsible Conduct of Research
Responsible conduct of research based on Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Human Research Protections. OHRP videos and dialogue with colleagues about responsible conduct of research - federally funded or not.

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CONGRATULATIONS JANET RENTSCH AND JULIE DECKER
CERTIFIED RESEARCH ADMINISTRATOR (CRA)

Janet and Julie recently earned their CRA certification. Receiving this certification means that an individual has met the requirements of the Research Administrators Certification Council's eligibility requirements and has demonstrated a level of knowledge necessary for a person to be a professional research or sponsored programs administrator.

The certification is valid for a five-year period, then recertification will be required in order to continue to use the CRA designation. Recertification requires continued participation/employment in the field, a list of educational activities either taken or taught, and 3 questions for use on a future certification examination.

Sponsored Programs is proud of Janet and Julie's accomplishment and their continued education in research administration.

Welcome Cara Whitney

Please welcome Cara Whitney to Saginaw Valley State University. She is a new grant accountant with the Controller’s Office. Cara grew up in Ypsilanti and graduated from SVSU in 2008 with a Bachelor of Professional Accountancy and a minor in Finance. Following graduation, Cara worked as an auditor at a public accounting firm in Saginaw for 3.5 years which sparked her interest in working with grants. She currently lives in Caro and enjoys playing tennis, cooking, and traveling. We are happy to have her working with us and please give her a warm welcome when you meet her.

Six lessons learned as a grant writer
by Deborah Ward
(lessons 4-6 continued in August newsletter)

Over the years, I have been fortunate to serve as a reviewer for several grant competitions at the local, state, and federal level. Each time I complete my assignment as a reviewer, I find that I have learned more information that makes me a better grant writer. Here are just a few of the things I've learned from serving as a reviewer:

1) Reviewing grants helps you express projects in more clear, concise language.

When the funding decisions rest on your own shoulders, it provides a completely different perspective than the one you have when you're trying to prepare a document that will convince others you are worthy of funding! During the review process, each proposal is reviewed on its own merits. However, there is no denying that a proposal that makes sense, and is easy to follow and understand, is more likely to score higher than one that is convoluted, riddled with spelling and grammatical errors, and is difficult to understand.

2) Reviewing grants gives you an opportunity to learn how the budget form relates to both program and budget narratives.

Reviewers really do scrutinize budgets and carefully match line items in the budget with what is outlined in the activities or methodology section. I have sat on review panels where questions have been raised about the number of staff that are included in the project (especially when it looks like there are too many staff listed or conversely, not enough staff for the work that is projected to be done), as well as the percentage of effort that is listed for everyone, the amount of equipment that is going to be purchased, and the amount of travel that is included.

3) Seeing hard copies of proposals drives home the recommendation that I often see in federal RFPs: “Be sure to make a hard copy of your proposal before you submit it electronically.”

This not only allows you to see just exactly how many pages you will have (thus meeting the page limitation requirements), but also what those pages look like. I have seen my fair share of maps in proposals that are totally unreadable, probably because they were developed in color, but as a reviewer, I am provided with a black-and-white copy. If you have important information described on a map but not included in the narrative, it can be lost in the copying process. The same goes for tables and charts. Make sure that what you have created is clearly readable when it's copied.