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100+ Funding Opportunities

These opportunities can be found on the Western Carolina University homepage. Select “Academics” and then “Research” in the left column. You can find “100+ Places to Find Funding for your Research” under “Hot Topics” at the bottom right.

Strategies to Get Your Proposal Accepted!

Martin Teitel outlines six steps to getting your proposal past the first cut. First, write a compelling summary to gain the interest of the reviewer. List the specific outcomes you will attempt to achieve. Make sure to relate each step of work you outline to the outcomes and goals. Present a budget that is legible and fully explains the proposal narrative. Additionally, send your proposal in early! Early submissions stand out relative to the commonly late proposals. Offer to meet the funder once. A meeting shows commitment to the program. Arrange a meeting with the Research Administration at Western Carolina University to rid your proposal of errors and give it the look and content that meets funders’ standards.

Five Common Errors on Grant Applications

Martin Teitel also outlines five common mistakes to avoid in a grant proposal. Speak mainly about the solutions rather than problems. Make sure you do not write general solutions to the specific problems you do include. Be explicit about exactly what is going to be done if your proposal is funded. Use clear, simple language rather than jargon and buzzwords. Avoid mathematical and logical errors in your proposed budget. Do not copy and paste from the funder’s guidelines! Show how and why your proposal fits within the funders guidelines in your own words. Do not forget that the Research Administration’s experienced faculty is always here to help you!

Numbers in the News

	Month of October 2008		Year to Date (7/1/08 to Present)	
	Dollars	Number	Dollars	Number
Proposals received	\$1,923,614	6	\$4.7 Million	25
Awards received	\$456,730.45	7	\$2.6 Million	35
IRBs received	24		84	

NIH Director Steps Down

According to nih.gov, Elias Zerhouni, the director of the National Institutes of Health, announced that he will be leaving the position after the month of October. He told his friends and colleagues: “I have had the privilege of leading one of the greatest institutions in the world...the ‘Nation’s Medical Research Agency’.” Zerhouni and his secretary are working to insure a smooth transition.



Proposals

In October, the following researchers submitted proposals:

- Wendy Cagle
- Marilyn Chamberlin
- Christopher Cooper
- Scott Philyaw
- David Westling
- Bruce Yarrington

Thanks for your submissions and good luck!

Awards

In October, the following researchers received funding:

- Wendy Cagle
- Jim Costa
- David Cozzo
- Janice Holt
- Vincent Hall
- Beth Robinson

Congratulations and good luck with your research!

Latest funding news at: <http://research.wcu.edu/6788.asp>

REMEMBER: To ensure that the best possible proposal package is submitted for funding, it must be received by Research Administration **at least 5 days** before it is due to the sponsor. A special thanks goes to those researchers that met the deadline and helped us help them succeed! Proposals received by RA the day they are due to the sponsor run a **high risk of not being submitted**.

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Part of the President's 2002
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Grants.gov, was established as
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Funding Organizations in the Spotlight

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation is an institution that provides grants philanthropically from New York City. The Sloan Foundation awards grants throughout the year for original research in economic performance, engineering, mathematics, science, and technology. The Sloan Foundation has recently awarded \$5.9 million for 118 fellowships.
<http://www.sloan.org>

The Women's Health Research Coalition is a non-profit organization whose mission is the improvement of women's health through advocacy, education, and research. The Women's Health Research Coalition has had 15 years of advocacy achievements since its beginning in 1990 and offers research funding.

<http://www.womenshealthresearch.org/site/PageServer>

The American Psychological Foundation provides financial support for programs and research that attempt to further the field of psychology. In addition, the American Psychological Foundation provides funding opportunities for disaster relief and violence prevention.
<http://www.apa.org/apf/>

The Barbara Bush Foundation is a national grant program that offers funding to promote literacy. The focus of this funding is on family literacy efforts. The Barbara Bush Foundation awards a total of \$650,000 every year, with no grant exceeding \$65,000.

<http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com>

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