



Western Carolina University

Research Administration

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New Support for Research

Dr. Tom Ford, Psychology department, and Dr. Mike Smith, Management and International Business Department will provide consultation assistance to faculty for designing research projects & writing for publication.

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Grant Opportunities!!!

200 grant programs are administered by the U.S. Department of Education. The descriptions, guidelines, and applications for these programs can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/funding.html>. This site includes explanations of the grant process, the funded programs by subject, title, and eligibility, forecasts of upcoming grant openings, and student aid. Also, a publication on the site provides information about financial assistance.

Staying Ahead in the Grant Search

Grants.gov is offering a daily email subscription that will automatically send you notifications of new grant postings and updates. This email will send you renewed information about critical issues, new tips for users, and other time sensitive updates as information becomes available. You can filter notifications by specific criteria such as funding instrument type, eligibility, or sub-agency. You can even select an option to receive notifications based on the Funding Opportunity Number (FON) which is a number that a federal agency assigns to its grant announcements.

NSF FastLane News!

Beginning on September 6, 2008, you will be required to use your NSF ID, in conjunction with your FastLane password, to log into FastLane. If you need to find your NSF ID, use the [NSF ID lookup](#) link located on FastLane login pages. You will still be required to use you SSN to receive payments and reimbursements. Questions? Call 1-800-673-6188 (Mon-Fri. 7am-9pm EST) or email fastlane@nsf.gov.

Numbers in the News

| | Month of August 2008 | | Year to Date (7/1/08 to Present) | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| | Dollars | Number | Dollars | Number |
| Proposals received | \$1,017,630 | 4 | \$4.2 Million | 18 |
| Awards received | \$1,001,441.50 | 11 | \$1.8 Million | 20 |
| IRBs received | 20 | | 43 | |

Funding for the Fine and Performing Arts

National and State funding for the Humanities can be directly utilized by the Department of Stage and Screen, the School of Art and Design, and the School of Music. These opportunities are easily accessible and the procedures for applying are clearly delineated. Here are a few of the sites with multiple opportunities available: <http://midatlanticarts.org/funding/index.html>, <http://www.ncarts.org>, and <http://www.nea.gov/Grants/apply/Music.html>.

Proposals

In August, the following researchers submitted proposals:

Bruce W. Yarrington

Janice Holt

Karrie Joseph

Patrick Gardner

Thanks for your submission and good luck!

Awards

In August, the following researchers received funding:

Arledge Armenake

Carol M. Mellen

Joni Bugden-Storie

Joseph Pechmann

Kefyn Catley

Patricia Bailey

Robert S. Young

Roseanna Belt

Sharon Jacques

Victoria Clement

Vincent Hall

Congratulations and good luck with your research!

Find the 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!

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Meet the Team

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Don't know where to begin? Reggie can help you find funding, develop your budget, prepare your proposal, and a whole lot more. Bring your research ideas to him and he'll

help you get started. If you're thinking about research, he should be your first stop!

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To paraphrase Isaac Asimov and John King, the most exciting thing to hear in research is not "Eureka!" it's "Your project has been funded." When that happens, Wanda is the one to guide you through the maze of setting up your budgets, reconciling your funds, getting a subcontract signed, and providing the guidance and training you need to stay out of hot water with auditors.

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John is the point man for the Institutional Review Board, so if your project will involve human subjects he's the one to see. If you're wondering about what other kind of research has been proposed or funded here at WCU, or on any UNC campus, he can access the state database to provide an answer. He can also help you get your "interest profile" loaded into funding search engines so you'll be informed automatically about new funding opportunities.

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Grant Resource Center

A new National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) grant program will aid in the fight to increase awareness of the humanities at undergraduate institutions. The American Psychiatric Association (APA) provides \$45,000 for research and personal scholarship. The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression is accepting applications for a research award of \$250,000. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)'s semi-annual deadline for various programs falls on Dec. 1, 2008.

Increase in General R&D Funding

A budget authority of \$143 billion has been proposed by the Bush administration for federally funded research and development in fiscal year (FY) 2009. This is an increase of 3.4% from the FY 2008 sum of \$138 billion. Defense R&D is appointed to rise by 3.8% and nondefense R&D by 2.8%.

Decrease in Science and Engineering R&D Funding

Universities record decrease in federal R&D funding for Science and Engineering Fields. This funding has failed to outpace inflation for the second year in a row, according to recently released FY 2007 data from the National Science Foundation (NSF). A two-year decline in federal funding in constant dollars is unprecedented for this 35 year data series.

NIH Financial Conflict of Interests

Proper stewardship of Federal funds includes ensuring objectivity of results by protecting Federally-funded research from compromise by FCOI. A web-based tutorial which reviews whether the Institutional and Investigator responsibilities are in compliance with the requirements and regulations is available at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/coi/index.htm>.

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