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Federal Agencies Posting All Grant Announcements on Grants.gov

Ariel Herman, Program Advisor with the Grants Resource Center (GRC), reported to subscribers on the progress of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Grants.gov initiative.

The goals of the Grants.gov initiative are to give grantseekers a comprehensive website for locating all federal funding opportunities, and to make possible an electronic submission process that is unified across the Government. Effective November 7, 2003, all federal agencies are required to post all funding opportunities for discretionary grants and cooperative agreements to Grants.gov FIND, within three business days after full announcements have been released. Agencies are requested to include information within 27 data elements, such as funding opportunity number, estimated total funding, and applicant eligibility.

In addition to the FIND mechanism on its Website, Grants.gov offers an email notification service. ***Individuals can choose to receive notification for any announcement that has been issued by specifying an opportunity number, a specific agency, specific interests, or eligibility groups,*** or you can choose to receive notification of all grant opportunities as they become posted on the Grants.gov Website. The e-mail notification service currently includes a disclaimer: "This service is provided for convenience only and does not serve as a guarantee of notification. Subscribers to this list service are ultimately responsible for reviewing the [Federal Grant Opportunities](#) site for all information relevant to desired funding opportunities."

The second goal of establishing an electronic submission process that is unified across all 26 federal agencies is still in the building stages. Eleven agencies have chosen to implement this method of submission. Applicants to these agencies may download an application package (which is completed offline) and then submit it through the Grant.gov website, where it is immediately time-stamped and sent electronically to the appropriate applicant agency's electronic submission system. An email message is sent to

Faculty/graduate assistant partnership for proposal development

The Research and Grants Center is offering an opportunity for a faculty member to partner with the graduate research assistant in the R&G Center for the purpose of developing and writing a grant proposal. This is part of a pilot program being developed by the grants and sponsored program office at Montana State University-Billings.

As part of this program, the graduate assistant will participate in the on-line class *Successful Grant/Contract Proposal Preparation & Writing* through MSU-Billings during the spring 2004 semester. The faculty member chosen to participate will receive release time for one course during the fall 2004 semester, depending upon arrangements that best fit the department. The faculty partner must be committed to developing and writing an external grant proposal and will agree to work with the graduate assistant for one semester. The Research and Grants Center will offer financial support for the release time and technical assistance on the grant proposal.

The faculty partner does not need to have previous proposal writing experience, although it may be helpful. **Interested faculty members should submit a one-page summary of their proposal idea to the Research and Grants Center by January 23, 2004.** Department chairs may also recommend an individual for this opportunity. Please contact Pam Fillmore if you have any questions.

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each applicant, confirming that his or her application was received in the system.

GRC reports that OMB and HHS (the lead agency in the Grants.gov project) hope to have all 26 federal agencies on board with electronic submission by the end of FY 2006. Future enhancements of services include developing the mechanisms for grantees to submit progress reports on their projects via Grants.gov and a system-to-system interface that would enable institutions to download electronic applications from Grants.gov into their respective grants management systems.

Go to <http://www.grants.gov/> to search for funding opportunities and to follow the ongoing development of this initiative.

Speakers needed for Good Morning Discussions

The Office of Graduate Studies and Research is seeking volunteers to participate in the Good Morning Discussion lecture series for the spring semester. Good Morning Discussions are held from 7-8 a.m. once each month during the fall and spring semesters, excluding December, January, and May. They provide an excellent opportunity for faculty to share research, scholarly, or creative endeavors with the campus community. If you would like to participate, please contact Pam Fillmore in the Research and Grants Center.

Financial assistance for exhibition, page and publication charges

The office of Graduate Studies and Research is offering assistance with scholarly exhibition and page charges for faculty who's scholarly and creative achievements require this type of funding. One third of total costs can be awarded, up to a maximum of \$500 per fiscal year, and the award must be matched by the school, college, or department. Only original research, compositions, arrangements, productions or pieces qualify for this assistance. Repeat exhibitions, performances, or publications will not be considered.

The application form is available at O:\Common\Grants\pageapp.doc, and should be submitted to the Research and Grants Center at least 30 days prior to any journal or exhibition deadlines.

Three faculty members have received this assistance since the beginning of the fall semester for a total of \$610.

Short-Term Travel Grants

The International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) supports brief visits of up to two months for Ph.D. (and other terminal degree) scholars in the social sciences to engage in research focused on Europe and Eurasia. Activities funded by these grants include: postdoctoral research; presentations at conferences; invited lectures or consultations; collaborative projects; policy research; and joint publications. Applications should demonstrate how their research will make a substantive contribution to knowledge of the contemporary political, economic, historical, or cultural developments in the region and how such knowledge is relevant to US foreign policy. Grants will not exceed \$3,500. See <http://www.irex.org/programs/stg> for additional information or e-mail stg@irex.org.

The next deadline for applications is February 1, 2004.

Grant Information Resources

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has recently distributed a summary of grant information resources. The 16-page booklet includes an overview of grant funding, a summary of the grants process, principal granting agencies within HHS, grant information sources, and a list of HHS assistance programs. This booklet is available on the O drive at O:\Common\Grants\DHHS grants.doc.

Some of the granting agencies within DHHS that may be familiar to ESU faculty are:

Administration on Aging (AOA);
Center for Disease Control (CDC);
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA);
National Institutes of Health (NIH); and,
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

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