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Posters still being accepted for 2002 Research and Creativity Forum

The annual research and creativity forum is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 10**, beginning at 1:30 pm in the Colonial Ballroom, and begins with a poster session showcasing research and scholarly activities of faculty and graduate students. This year the posters will be judged by a subcommittee of the Faculty Research and Creativity Committee. Awards, in the form of travel funds, will be given for the best faculty poster and the best student poster (\$500 for the faculty award and \$300 for the student award). If the winning poster has multiple authors, the individuals will share the travel award. Posters will be judged on a scale of 1-5 for each of these components.

- 1) Poor 2) Fair 3) Good
4) Very Good 5) Excellent

Scholarly merit – Is the research or scholarly/ creative work original? Does it convey the project's significance to others in the field and to the general public?

Presentation – Does the poster present the work clearly? Does it invite the viewer to look at it and ask about it? How interesting is the manner of presentation? How neatly is the poster designed?

Comprehension – How knowledgeable and conversant is the author with the material presented in the poster?

If you would like to exhibit a poster, please send the following information, along with a brief abstract, to Pam Fillmore, Box 4003, or email fillmorep@emporia.edu. The abstracts will appear in the printed program: Name, phone, academic rank, department, (if there is more than one author, list rank/titles for each individual), title of poster, equipment needed, i.e., room divider, easel, VCR/monitor, other. Room dividers are carpeted and

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GRC Summer Fellow position open

The Grants Resource Center in Washington, DC is accepting applications for a GRC Summer Fellow position. The Fellow selected will meet with and, thus, build professional relationships with program directors and officers across the federal agencies; will attend agencies' technical assistance workshops, Congressional briefings, and other Government meetings; and will work closely with GRC's professional staff by helping GRC locate the most appropriate funding sources, spanning the entire federal Government, and by participating with GRC staff in all their activities.

The Fellow will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Superior research, writing, and communications skills;
- Strong interest in higher education funding and policy issues;
- Facility with Internet-based research and a host of computer applications.

The Fellowship can begin as early as May 15 or as late as June 1, and will conclude August 31. (Longer tenures lasting until September 30 are possible). GRC will provide a stipend of \$1,200 per month to cover living expenses in Washington and will assist the Fellow in finding living accommodations. The following application materials must be submitted by **Friday, March 29, 2002**:

- 1) Letter, indicating why she or he seeks this opportunity;
- 2) Letter of support from ESU's Research and Grants Center attesting to the individual's readiness for a GRC Summer Fellow position;
- 3) A bio-sketch (no more than one page).

Those items should be faxed to 202-296-5819, and addressed to the attention of Mimi Tangum, Ph.D., Director, Grants Resource Center, American Association of State Colleges and Universities. Please contact the Research and Grants Center if you have any questions.

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can be used as bulletin boards. There are a limited number of room dividers, so they will be assigned as requests are received. A limited number of display boards will be reserved for graduate students. A table and a sign will be provided to all participants.

Department of Education Amends EDGAR to Favor New Applicants

As reported by Megan Queen Cantwell, Program Associate, Grants Resource Center

Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), which govern U.S. Department of Education discretionary grant programs, was amended December 31, 2001 to implement new options for the application review process. It is expected that these changes will improve the quality of the review process by providing greater opportunities for new applicants to receive discretionary funding.

The portion of the final rule addressing procedures for novice applicants was developed in response to the public perception that the barriers to receiving a grant are highest for those who have never received a grant before. One of the goals of the reengineered grants process is to broaden the range of grant applicants and recipients who participate in ED programs. The department believes that instituting special procedures for novice applicants is one way to achieve this goal and to address the perception that the ED grants process is unfairly weighted toward larger institutions with greater resources. In addition, this new protocol standardizes the procedures for programs that choose to open up a competition for novices, ensuring greater fairness in the process.

Under the new rule, an applicant can not have received discretionary grant funding from any federal agency during the previous five years in order to qualify as a novice applicant and receive either special consideration--in the form of bonus points--under a general competition or eligibility under a competition held especially for novice applicants. In addition, when a group submits a novice application, each member of the group must meet this novice applicant definition. The rule goes on to clarify that any individual or group that receives funding as a novice applicant under a certain program may not qualify as a novice in any future competition of that program. For additional information on this new rule, go to <http://www.aascu.org/grc/programnews/>.

FULBRIGHT OFFERS LECTURING/ RESEARCH GRANTS IN 140 COUNTRIES

The Fulbright Scholar Program is offering lecturing/research awards in some 140 countries for the 2003-2004 academic year. Opportunities are available not only for college and university faculty and administrators, but also for professionals from business and government, as well as artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others. There are awards in 37 different disciplines and professional fields, as well as in a variety of sub disciplines such as gender studies and peace studies.

Traditional Fulbright awards are available from two months to an academic year or longer. A new short-term grants program—the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program—offers two-to-six-week grants in a variety of disciplines and fields.

While foreign language skills are needed in some countries, most Fulbright lecturing assignments are in English. Some 80 percent of the awards are for lecturing.

Application deadlines for 2003-2004 awards are:

- **May 1** for Fulbright Distinguished Chair awards in Europe, Canada and Russia
- **August 1** for Fulbright traditional lecturing and research grants worldwide
- **November 1** for the summer German Studies Seminar and for spring/summer seminars in Germany, Korea and Japan for academic and international education administrators
- Fulbright Senior Specialists Program – **rolling deadline**

For information, contact the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) at 202.686.7877; E-mail: <mailto:apprequest@cies.iie.org>. Additional information and an online application are also available on the Web at <http://www.cies.org/>.

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