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Research & Creativity Forum scheduled for April 10th

The Office of Graduate Studies and Research is accepting submissions from faculty and graduate students for the poster session scheduled for Thursday, April 10th. The poster session will be held from 1:30-3:00 followed by the award ceremony beginning at 3:15. Awards will be given for the best faculty poster, the best student poster, and the best collaborative poster (\$500 for individual poster awards and \$300 for each author of collaborative posters). If you would like to exhibit a poster, please contact Pam Fillmore or visit the following web link for additional information and poster criteria:

www.emporia.edu/research/documents/POSTER-INV.pdf

Judging will begin at 12:00 noon and the individual interviews will begin at 1:00. The award ceremony will include graduate student awards as well as various awards given to faculty during the year. The ceremony will conclude with the presentation of the President's Award for Research and Creativity. The recipient of the President's Award will be the keynote speaker. Please mark your calendars and plan on being there!

POSTER WORKSHOP MARCH 6

**3:30 p.m. Flint Hills Room,
Memorial Union**

Presented by Professor Rebecca Dobbs, Social Sciences, this workshop will provide poster "how to's" and other poster tips for those who are new to poster presentations or for those who are interested in brushing up their poster presentations skills.

2009-2010 Fulbright Scholar Program Competition Opens March 1.

The Council for the International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) has announced the opening of the 2009-2010 Fulbright Scholar Program competition. The Fulbright Scholar Program offers opportunities for scholars to teach or conduct research abroad in a wide variety of academic and professional fields.

The deadline for the traditional Scholar Program is August 1, although there are several different programs that carry deadlines throughout the year.

For additional information and application guidelines visit <http://www.cies.org/cies.htm>.

Grant Information – Please! By Danielle Dougherty, GRA

Have you ever thought of applying for a grant, but it seemed a bit more complicated than you had anticipated? The proposal writing process for grants can be overwhelming, but consider trying this to relieve the stress. Generally, it is a good idea to write a draft of the proposal before you look for a grant.

Why should you write a draft? You need to have a written idea that allows you to **focus**. You can always go back to adjust your proposal goals and objectives to suit the parameter of a specific grant. Government grants, in particular, will require more information and you will need to expand on your original proposal. However, writing a draft before searching for a grant saves time; it makes it easier to relay your project idea to others – especially if you're going to need help when searching for a grant.

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Nominations for President's Award for Research and Creativity due March 10

The Research and Grants Center is accepting nominations for the 2008 President's Award for Research and Creativity. This award is intended to honor an ESU individual who has been active in research, scholarly activity, or creative endeavors. The award includes \$1,000 which the recipient can choose to receive as a stipend or use for professional travel.

The complete announcement is available at: www.emporia.edu/research/documents/PresidentAward.pdf

Additional information and nomination guidelines are available at: www.emporia.edu/research/documents/PRESAWRD.pdf

Spring Deadlines and Dates

March 6 – Poster Workshop, 3:30 p.m., Flint Hills Room, Memorial Union

March 10 – Nominations due for President's Award for Research and Creativity - www.emporia.edu/research/documents/PRESAWRD.pdf

March 16 – Poster entries due for Research and Creativity Forum poster session - www.emporia.edu/research/documents/POSTER-INV.pdf

March 24 – National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Regional Workshop, University of Central Missouri. - www.emporia.edu/research/documents/NEHbrochure.pdf

April 10 – Annual Research and Creativity Forum - www.emporia.edu/research/documents/POSTER-INV.pdf

Contact the Research & Grants Center for more information or visit our web site at www.emporia.edu/research/index.htm.

Grant Information, continued

You will also want to keep in mind what information you will need to maintain your readiness to write, such as facts and statistics. Keeping track of your references and having an updated vita will also lessen your work load. Depending upon the type of grant, you may also need to make plans for the continuation of the project after the grant period.

Once you have organized this information, you are ready to search for grant opportunities; you have a draft of a reasonable proposal and your personal information has been collected. Contact the Research and Grants Center pfillmor@emporia.edu, or use a grant search engine such as Spin or GrantSearch (Grants Resource Center), available from our web site at <http://www.emporia.edu/research/resources.html>.

Once you have chosen which grant you will apply for, you will want to keep a checklist of things such as contact information, deadlines, proposal requirements, institutional (ESU) requirements and deadlines, and other information. This information can include items mentioned in the grant agency website, such as funding priorities, dollar range of awards, and information on previously awarded grants.

Perhaps it seems a bit backward to write a proposal without having a grant opportunity in hand first. If you so choose, you might glance through the grant search engine to see what is available, but you will still need to have a strongly framed proposal/project in mind. Without a clear picture of where you want to go and what it will cost, you may end up farther from your destination than you want to be.

Next issue: Finding the Right Fit

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