The word research often conjures up work done by a relatively few number of people in relatively few places on campus. However, ESU has such a rich environment of research, creative and scholarly activity that it is very difficult to keep up with all students and faculty do on this campus. Here are just some examples of the research opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students:

4. Art Exhibitions – Dates and times can be found at [http://www.emporia.edu/art/gallery.html](http://www.emporia.edu/art/gallery.html)
5. Music Events – Calendar of events can be found at [http://www.emporia.edu/music/](http://www.emporia.edu/music/)
6. Mathematics Outreach Programs – list of events can be found at [http://www.emporia.edu/mathcsecon/outreach/](http://www.emporia.edu/mathcsecon/outreach/)

This is only the tip of the iceberg of opportunities available for research on this campus. I hope students and faculty alike begin to explore the rich experiences available at ESU. Please remember the highlight of the year will be Research & Creativity Day, April 30, 2015. Please encourage all your students to participate this year.

Kathy Ermler
Proposals due for Faculty Research & Creativity Committee

Grant proposals for the ESU Faculty Research and Creativity Committee must be submitted to the Research and Grants Center by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 4. This grant program is intended to facilitate research, scholarly and artistic productivity by faculty, and provides seed money for projects that have potential for external funding.

Full-time faculty employed at the rank of instructor or above are eligible to apply. Non-teaching faculty may apply in collaboration with teaching faculty who are principal investigators. Funding is only available for graduate assistants this year. No funds are available for other operating expenditures (OOE), so proposals should only request funds for a graduate assistant.

The 2014-2015 grant program guidelines are available at http://www.emporia.edu/research/creativity.html. The following links are intended to serve as resource tools for those who may be considering submitting a proposal.

http://www.emporia.edu/research/grant-awards.html - contains a list of grants previously awarded by the committee.

www.emporia.edu/research/documents/FAQs.pdf - contains a list of frequently asked questions about the grant program.

You are encouraged to contact a member of the Faculty Research and Creativity Committee if you have questions. A list of members is included at http://www.emporia.edu/research/creativity.html.

Updated policies for applying to grants from private foundations

ESU faculty are encouraged to seek external funding from private foundations. However, you need to coordinate your efforts with the ESU Foundation. The ESU Foundation regularly approaches local and community foundations. It is important that there be a coordinated effort and approval of visits and proposals to local and regional private foundations. Often these grantors may only accept one proposal from an institution; therefore the ESU Foundation needs to be aware of all proposals and contacts to these entities. The ESU Foundation can also be of assistance to you in your efforts to seek external funding from these agencies. If the decision is made to go ahead with an individual proposal, ESU Foundation staff is in an excellent position to give you advice and suggestions for a successful proposal. In order to coordinate all requests to private foundations, the following procedures will be followed:

Level 1 Foundations – Certain foundations may only be approached by the President or the ESU Foundation. These currently include The Walter S. & Evan C. Jones Foundation and the Kansas Health Foundation. If you have a project idea for either of these foundations, you will need to contact the ESU Foundation.

Level 2 Foundations – The Provost’s office will issue an announcement each year soliciting concept papers for project ideas to selected local/regional foundations, such as the E.L. & Z. Irene Hopkins Foundation, Trusler Foundation, Emporia Community Foundation, or Loretta Langley Trust. These Foundations are only mentioned to provide examples. There will be an annual deadline for concept papers, and the Provost’s office, with assistance from the Research & Grants Center and representatives from academic and non-academic areas, will select the project/s that will be submitted to selected foundations.

Other Foundations – Faculty members are free to locate other private foundations to support individual projects. However, contact must be made with the ESU Foundation prior to proposal development. If you are encouraged to proceed, you will work with the ESU Foundation as well as with the Research and Grants Center. As mentioned above, staff at the ESU Foundation can provide guidance and valuable proposal development assistance for foundation proposals. When the proposal is ready to be submitted, you will continue to use the Digital Proposal Transmittal Form to obtain institutional approval. This form has been revised to include a signature line for the ESU Foundation.

This policy is not intended to discourage anyone from requesting funds from a private foundation. Rather it is intended to coordinate our efforts so our proposals are stronger and have a better chance of success. If you have any questions about this information, please contact us in the Research and Grants Center.

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Proposal and Grant Activity
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Developing Competitive Proposals

The Grants Resource Center has developed a booklet designed to help principal investigators understand the process by which government and private funders support research and service activities at institutions of higher education. In addition to explaining the conditions under which agencies and foundations make grants, this booklet outlines an easy-to-use process for transforming project ideas into successful grant proposals. Contents include steps in proposal development, developing a project outline, identifying potential sponsors, preparing a full proposal, and tips for effective proposal writing. This booklet is available from the Grants Resource Center website. Contact the Research & Grants Center for the username and password.

The Grants Resource Center

ESU is a member institution of the Grants Resource Center (GRC), a unit of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. GRC offers member institutions a comprehensive collection of tools, services, and staff expertise to assist us in our efforts to pursue external funding.

Faculty and staff have access to GRC’s web site, which contains electronic publications such as GRC Deadlines, GRC Bulletin, and GrantWeek, Federal Register announcements, a proposal development handbook, and a searchable grant database called GrantSearch. The web site also contains many articles on grant program announcements and information on granting agencies.

GRC Deadlines is distributed once a month and provides 90 days’ notice of federal and private grant opportunities, including program descriptions, priorities, contact information, and web links. Faculty may subscribe to an individual faculty alert system which delivers relevant Deadlines funding opportunity announcements via email.

GRC Bulletin is a twice-weekly digest of the Grant.gov, Federal Register, and FedBizOpps notices that are relevant to higher education institutions.

GrantWeek features in-depth articles with editorial commentary on strategies for grant competitiveness, program analysis, regulatory issues, and the impact of legislative initiatives on discretionary funding.

The web page also includes an extensive library of funded proposals, and GRC staff is always willing to obtain samples of funded proposals that are not included in their proposal library. GRC staff members also attend many grant workshops and conferences in the D.C. area and share that information with member institutions.

The GrantSearch funding opportunity database includes 2,000 private and federal funding opportunities screened for recurrence and for higher education eligibility. Search results provide a high proportion of viable opportunities because the database excludes solicitations that are limited to a specific region, that make fewer than three awards annually, and for which higher education institutions are not eligible to apply or partner. If we are unable to locate funding sources, GRC staff is available to conduct funding searches for us.

GRC’s web site is http://www.aascu.org/grc/default.htm, and requires a username and password. Please contact the Research & Grants Center for that information. We are happy to assist you in using GRC’s GrantSearch database and will also conduct funding searches for you. We strongly encourage you to visit GRC’s web site if you are interested in pursuing external funding.

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Counselor Education receives new Department of Education grant

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded a new grant to ESU entitled “Get the Heartland Working! Training Highly Competent Rehabilitation Counselors.” The five-year grant addresses a critical shortage of qualified personnel in rural Kansas and Nebraska by making rehabilitation education accessible online, reaching out to working human services paraprofessionals who want to advance in the field. The project will implement a 48-credit hour, CORE-accredited, online master’s degree in Rehabilitation Counseling by recruiting 20 academically excellent scholars from rural Kansas and Nebraska, culminating in the placement of highly competent rehabilitation counselors into state, federal, and community-based vocational rehabilitation counselor positions into the Heartland workforce. Selected applicants will receive tuition and related supports throughout the course of study. The Heartland proposal was developed by a cross-disciplinary team of faculty, coordinated by Dr. Katrina Miller with co-author Dr. Damara Paris, who will be joining the department of Counselor Education and serving as grant director in January 2015, Dr. Marj Bock, Special Education & Adaptive, and Dr. Jim Costello, Chair, Counselor Education. Year one of the grant award is $184,548, with annual renewals through September 30, 2019. The total grant award will bring $918,730 to the university.

New Financial Conflict of Interests policy

In order to comply with federal regulations related to federal grants, a financial conflict of interests policy (FCOI) and training module has been developed. Principal investigators applying for grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF) or the Public Health Service (i.e. NIH) are required to view the FCOI training module, complete the applicable federal online tutorials, and submit a disclosure statement at the time of proposal submission. Co-PI’s and key personnel involved with the grant project are also required to comply with this policy. The training module and information on the federal online tutorials are available on the Research & Grants Center’s Federal Compliance page. The Disclosure Statement is available from that module as well as on the Forms page. Contact the Research and Grants Center if you have any questions.

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http://www.facebook.com/ESUResearchCenter

We welcome any comments or suggestions to make this a useful resource for you. We are happy to highlight research accomplishments of students and faculty – just send them to us.

Fall Dates and Deadlines

October 7 – Human Subject Research Workshop, noon-1:30, Miller Room


December 4 – Faculty Research & Creativity Proposals due in Research & Grants Center http://www.emporia.edu/research/creativity.html

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