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, November 30. 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.

Proposals must be signed by the department chair and school/college dean to be considered. Late proposals will not be accepted. The original and 11 copies should be hand delivered to Plumb Hall 313F.

The 2006-07 program guidelines are available at www.emporia.edu/research/creativity.htm. The following links are intended to serve as resource tools for those who may be considering submitting a proposal.

www.emporia.edu/research/documents/frcg06.pdf contains a list of the grants awarded by the committee in FY 2006. The first link also contains lists of grants awarded prior to FY 2006.

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 contained in the first link above.

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If you or your students are conducting research involving human subjects, you must obtain approval from the Institutional Review Board for Treatment of Human Subjects. Guidelines and application materials are available at http://www.emporia.edu/research/irb.htm.

ESU receives two new federal grants

ESU is the recent recipient of two new federal grants:

The Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded $857,754 under the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program for “Emporia Diversity Initiative: Matching Recruitment with Retention Strategies,” under the direction of Dr. John Agada and Dr. Ann O’Neill, School of Library and Information Management. The Emporia Diversity Initiative is a multi-partner project designed to diversify the library workforce in Kansas, Colorado, and Oregon, and will run from August 2006 to July 2010.

The project will recruit, graduate and place 20 American ethnic minorities as librarians and library school faculty in the tri-state region and beyond. Partners of the project include: Oregon State Library, Multnomah County Public Library, Portland Community College Library, University of Colorado at Boulder Library, Denison Memorial Library-University of Colorado at Denver, University of Kansas Library, Kansas City Kansas Public Library, and Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded ESU $219,999 for year one of a four-year Talent Search grant. A member of the TRIO grant programs, Talent Search will have offices in Leavenworth and Emporia and will serve the Emporia area and northeast Kansas. Under the direction of Trudi Benjamin, TRIO Coordinator, Student Affairs, Talent Search will identify and assist approximately 600 individuals in middle and high school, as well as high school and college dropouts by encouraging them to complete their education and pursue postsecondary education. The Talent Search program joins three other TRIO programs under the direction of Ms. Benjamin: two Upward Bound programs, one serving the Emporia area and one serving northeast Kansas and southwest Missouri, and one Student Support Services program at ESU. Talent Search will run from September 2006 through August 2010.
**Financial assistance programs**

The Research and Grants Center offers the following financial assistance programs for faculty and students pursuing research or other scholarly activity:

**Travel assistance program** – for faculty presenting papers at out-of-state professional meetings or for other eligible activities, including poster presentations, performances, chairing panel discussions, or invitations to present creative work. A maximum of $300 for domestic travel or $600 for international travel, per fiscal year, will be funded. Partial support must be provided by the school, college, or department, but such support does not have to be an exact match. The complete guidelines and application form are available at [www.emporia.edu/research/travel.htm](http://www.emporia.edu/research/travel.htm).

**Financial assistance for scholarly exhibition and page charges** - for faculty whose scholarly and creative achievements require this type of funding. Partial support is provided for ESU faculty for purposes of exhibiting creative works, performances, and for publication of scholarly work requiring page charges. 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 complete guidelines and application form are available at [www.emporia.edu/research/pagecharges.htm](http://www.emporia.edu/research/pagecharges.htm).

**Student research grants** - support individual or collaborative research, not projects of entire classes. Grants will only pay for operating expenses, including but not limited to: paper, duplicating, mailing, special equipment, lab equipment, chemicals, software, and travel necessary to conduct research. Grants will not pay for thesis binding or salary stipends. To be eligible, the research must be submitted for publication in a state or national journal, or submitted for presentation at a state, regional or national conference. Undergraduate students may include conference travel in this application. Graduate students should submit requests for conference travel to the Graduate Office. Grant recipients are required to submit a final report at the conclusion of their research project. The guidelines and application form are available at [www.emporia.edu/research/docs/studentgrants.doc](http://www.emporia.edu/research/docs/studentgrants.doc). There is no deadline – applications will be considered as they are submitted.

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**Report from Terrie - GRA**

In the five months since starting work with the Research and Grants Center on June 5, 2006, I have worked for seventeen faculty members in some capacity on either grant funding searches, proposal editing or literature searches. Of these seventeen, seven projects have been completed. Currently I am working on nine searches and have one project scheduled for early in the spring semester.

One of the most gratifying experiences I have had with R&G was my work on editing and reformating the Research and Grants Center Policy and Procedures Manual. It is always a challenge to revamp a policy document so that it invites the reader without distorting the content. Under Pam Fillmore’s guidance and tutelage the new Policy and Procedures Manual received a textual face-lift and a new full-color cover. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the office. It is also available at [http://www.emporia.edu/research/documents/PoliciesandProceduresEntire.doc](http://www.emporia.edu/research/documents/PoliciesandProceduresEntire.doc).

Another project, started in August and still ongoing, is a search for funding for an ESU campus-wide faculty exchange program with Tula State Pedagogical University in Tula, Russia. This funding search has led me to hundreds of funding websites, across many national borders, to resources I would never have known existed.

I am most impressed by the number of faculty undertaking the grant proposal-writing process. It is always a period of intensive research, writing and, quite often, collaboration that offers no guarantee of success. This is rewarding, interesting work; I help faculty find resources and get to splash-play in large pools of information outside my field. Please remember to contact our office if you need assistance with a grant proposal or a research project.

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