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Summary of FY 00 Activity

UIS grant and contract awards jumped dramatically in FY 2000. Awards totaled \$15.1 million, nearly double the \$8.0 million received in FY 1999. These awards resulted from over \$17.5 million dollars in proposed funding submitted to federal, state, and local government; not-for-profit organizations, and corporations by 43 UIS project directors from all four colleges, the Institute for Public Affairs, the Women's Center, Student Affairs, and Business and Administrative Affairs.

The state of Illinois remained the top funder for UIS projects, accounting for nearly 73% of the total received. Other funding sources included federal government (20.2%), corporations (1.5%), and not-for-profit organizations (5.3%).

The Office of Policy and Administrative Studies was the highest grossing unit on campus with \$5.6 million in awards. Other units grossing over \$1 million were the Institute for Public Affairs Central Office (\$2.7 million), the Center for Legal Studies (\$1.2 million), the GPSI office (\$1.3 million), and the College of Education and Human Services (\$1.3 million).

Student intern programs and education awards continued to receive strong support. The following programs received funding equal to or above that of the previous year:

- Graduate Public Service Internships, Gia Simmons
- Illinois State Legislative Internships, Kent Redfield
- Project STP and Project MSS, Loretta Meeks
- Secondary Chemistry Instruction Laboratory, Gary Trammell

The Cooperative Work Study Program received a \$30,000 increase over last year's funding. This funding will substantially increase the number of AST positions offered during the 2000-2001 academic year. The program is managed by Elaine Rundle-Schwark & Barbara Jensen

Many individual awards, especially major awards, were highlighted during the fiscal year in issues of The Bulletin. One award that was finalized during the last quarter is highlighted here.

Ted Mims continues to operate the Cisco Regional Networking Academy. Under this academy, training on Cisco Systems is provided to local school districts. To date, eight area schools have

signed on to receive training and become Local Cisco Academies.

Congratulations to all FY 2000 applicants and awardees. Watch for highlights of FY 2001 grant and contract activity in the December issue of the Bulletin.

Fulbright Faculty Awards

Fulbright faculty applications are due August 1 each year. While the official deadline for the 2001-2002 awards is past, it's never too early to think about next year's competition, especially if you are considering a sabbatical in the future. Also, opportunities for the current application cycle may still be available later in the year. You can get application materials and keep posted on new opportunities at the IIE website, <http://www.iie.org/cies/>

Changes in Federal Management of Human Subjects in Research

The Office for Protection from Research Risks (OPRR), located within the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS), has changed its name to the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP). In conjunction with this name change, a new OHRP Web site has been established at

<http://ohrp.osophs.dhhs.gov/ind ex.htm>.

Moreover, beginning on October 1, 2000, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will require education on the protection of human research participants for all investigators submitting NIH applications for grants or proposals for contracts or receiving new or non-competing awards for research involving human subjects. This requirement will entail a number of important activities.

* Before funds are awarded for competing applications or contract proposals involving human subjects, investigators must provide a description of education completed in the protection of human subjects for each individual identified as "key personnel" in the proposed research.

* The description of education will be submitted in a cover letter that accompanies the description of Other Support, IRB approval, and other information in accordance with Just-in-Time procedures.

* After October 1, 2000, investigators submitting non-competing renewal applications for grants or annual reports for research and development contracts that involves human subjects research must also include a description of such education in their annual progress reports.

* The Office of Research Integrity (ORI) is developing a policy to implement an extension of the training requirement on the responsible conduct of research to all persons supported by PHS research. The draft will be available in the near future at <http://ori.dhhs.gov/>.

UIS investigators considering submissions to NIH should contact Harry Berman, the UIS Human Subjects Review Officer, to discuss compliance with the new training requirement.

While all investigators need education in the basics of human subjects research, some may elect to pursue more intensive study if their work involves especially difficult topics or special populations. Many institutions already have developed educational programs on the protection of research participants and have made participation in such programs a requirement for their investigators. NIH does not plan to issue a list of "endorsed" programs. Rather, NIH points out that a number of curricula are readily available to investigators and institutions. For example, all NIH intramural investigators and research administrators who oversee clinical projects are required to complete the on-line tutorial, entitled "Protection of Human Research Subjects: Computer-Based Training for Researchers" (see <http://helix.nih.gov:8001/ohsr/n ewcbt> for access to electronic information). While this training module was developed for NIH staff, it can be downloaded at no

cost and modified for use in other institutions, if desired.

To facilitate education and the development of curricula, NIH launched a Website on bioethics in 1999 (go to <http://www.nih.gov/sigs/bioethics> for access to electronic information). This site is replete with resources (with over 4500 references) on a broad range of relevant topics, including human subjects in research, medical and healthcare ethics, and the implications of genetics and biotechnology. This Website also contains a broad set of annotated Web links, including some attached to training programs. In addition, the University of Rochester has made available its training program for individual investigators. Their manual can be obtained electronically through CenterWatch, Inc. (at <http://www.centerwatch.com>).

Fringe Benefit and Indirect Cost Rates

Fringe benefit and indirect cost rates have been updated for FY01. The current fringe benefit rate is 23.21% of salaries. This rate must be applied to all faculty and staff salaries that appear in grant and contract budgets. Student salaries and wages should be charged .30% for workmen's compensation only.

All proposals to federal agencies should include an indirect cost calculation. For FY 2001, the campus' rate is 62.8% of salaries and wages.

Many state agencies and not-for-profit organizations have their own restrictions on indirect cost rates. Please contact the Grants and Contracts Office for assistance in applying the correct rate to your proposal.

Illinois Research Information Service (IRIS)

IRIS is a comprehensive, web-based search mechanism to which all UIS faculty and staff have access. Funding opportunities are updated frequently, and notices can be forwarded to you automatically by signing up for IRIS' Alert Service.

IRIS is continuously adding features and making improvements to existing features. IRIS recently updated its search screen, making it easier to read. IRIS is also working on changes to its Alert Service, which automatically notifies researchers of opportunities in their fields on a regular basis. IRIS is located at

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/iris/>

Please contact the Grants and Contracts Office if you need assistance with IRIS or encounter any problems accessing the system.

NSF FastLane Reminder

Effective October 1, 2000, the National Science Foundation will require the submission of **all** proposals via FastLane. FastLane is an electronic research administration tool that provides for online development and submission of proposals. Use of FastLane requires pre-registration through the Grants and Contracts Office. Now is the time to become

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familiar with FastLane. Call the Grants and Contracts Office for a tutorial.

If you have used FastLane in the past, please be advised that they have switched from a PIN to a password system. If you previously logged on with a PIN, you will be asked to establish a password the next time you enter FastLane. You will need to maintain your password and change it on a prescribed schedule. Contact Grants and Contracts if you need assistance.

Also, please note that effective August 1, 2000, all NSF phone numbers in area code 703 have changed. Please check the NSF web page at www.nsf.gov for the correct phone number of the office you are calling, or call the NSF Information Center at 703-292-5111.

Grants and Contracts Office Staffing

Deb Koua, Grants and Contracts Coordinator, will be on maternity leave beginning in late August. During her absence you can contact the following VCAA staff members for assistance:

- Human Subjects – Julie Low x7412
- Proposal Budgets – Janet Mazrim x7405
- Proposal and Contract Routing – Carolyn Thomas x7413
- All other questions – Harry Berman x7411

Deb will return to the office by mid-November.

Funding Opportunities

The items listed below are a selection of funding opportunities relevant to faculty and staff at UIS. For a more extensive and up to date listing, please visit the Grants and Contracts home page at www.uis.edu/~grants/gc.htm. Also, the Grants and Contracts Office can conduct specific searches in your field of interest; contact 206-7409 for assistance.

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Grant Programs

Deadlines September 15 and October 15, 2000

Contact 703/903-7460, or the foundation's homepage at <http://www.cckf.org/>

These grant programs support the study of Chinese culture and society with varying application deadlines under several programs, including travel grants, subsidies for publication, conference grants, research grants, senior scholar grants, dissertation fellowships and postdoctoral research. Priority goes to collaborative projects with counterparts in the Republic of China.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends

Deadline October 1, 2000

Contact 202/606-8551, stipends@neh.gov, or the NEH homepage at <http://www.neh.gov/>

These stipends provide \$4,000 for two consecutive months of full-time, independent study by college and university faculty and other humanists. Faculty must be nominated by their institutions. Up

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to two faculty may be nominated per institution, with at least one of the nominees being junior faculty (rank of instructor or assistant professor). Under certain circumstances, applicants need not be nominated. Summer Stipends normally support work carried out during the summer months, but arrangements can be made for other times of the year.

Beckman Foundation Young Investigators Program

Deadline October 1, 2000

Contact 714/721-2222, or the foundation's home page at <http://www.beckman-foundation.com>

This program provides research support in chemistry and the life sciences to investigators who have not completed more than three full years in their tenure-track research appointments. Preferred projects foster the invention of methods, instruments, and materials that will open up new avenues of research in science. Proposed research that cuts across traditional boundaries of scientific disciplines is encouraged. Projects are normally funded for three years at a level of \$200,000 over the term of the award.

Deer Creek Foundation

Deadline October 1, 2000

Contact Mary Stake Hawker, Director, (314)241-3228

The Deer Creek Foundation is a private philanthropy interested primarily in the advancement and preservation of the governance of society by rule of the majority, with protection of basic rights as provided by the United States

Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and in education in its relation to this concept. The Foundation gives priority to projects and programs that show promise of having significant regional and national impact. No specific application form is required. Applicants should submit a proposal stating the objectives of the project, the specific activities planned to achieve those objectives, the qualifications of the organization and individuals concerned, the mechanism for evaluating the results, a project and organizational budget, the latest annual report or audited financial statement (if available), a copy of the applicant's tax-exempt status determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service, a list of the organizations' Board of Directors, and a list of current organization and project funders which includes each contribution amount.

American Council of Learned Societies International and Area Studies Fellowships

Deadline October 2, 2000

Contact 212/697-1505, or the ACLS home page at <http://www.acls.org/jshome.htm>

The Fellowship stipend is set at three levels based on academic rank: up to \$30,000 for Assistant Professor and career equivalent; up to \$40,000 for Associate Professor and career equivalent; and up to \$50,000 for Full Professor and career equivalent, for 6 to 12 months of humanities research in area studies. Research and writing should be on the societies and cultures of Asia, Africa, the Near and Middle East, Latin America

and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Union.

National Humanities Center Fellowships Program

Deadline October 15, 2000

Contact 919/549-0661, or the center's home page at <http://www.nhc.rtp.nc.us:8080/fellowships/fellshipainfo.htm>

Approximately 40 fellowships are awarded annually to individuals in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, the arts, and the professions for residencies at the National Humanities Center in North Carolina. Fellowships are normally for the academic year. Fellowships offer between \$30,000 and \$50,000 and round-trip travel for applicant and immediate family. Final decisions on fellowships are announced in March. Requests for applications may be e-mailed to nch@ga.unc.edu.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Endowment for the Business of Government

Deadline November 1, 2000

Contact 703/741-1077, or the endowment's homepage at <http://www.endowment.pwcglobal.com/main.asp>

These awards aim to increase knowledge to improve the effectiveness of government at the local, state, federal, and international levels. Research Grants provide \$15,000 for academics, journalists, and other professionals to write a 20-40 page report in 1 of 5 areas related to the operation of government.