

- NEH Summer Stipends 1
- NSF Grant Conference 2
- Funding Opportunities 2-3

Volume 9, Issue 1

August, 2004

Deb Koua, editor

UIS Grants and Contracts Bulletin

Summary of FY 04 Activity

Grant and Contract activity at UIS in FY04 remained level at \$6.9 million. UIS submitted 74 applications for funding and received awards for 60 of those projects.

While support from the state of Illinois was down compared to previous years, it was still the top source of outside funding at 66.9%. Other funding sources included the federal government (8.3%), local government (.1%), corporations (2.5%), and not-for-profit organizations (22.2%). The most significant change in these figures is the not-for-profit tally, which has increased steadily over the past several years.

The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies remained the top grossing unit, garnering over \$2 million in support.

Individual awards, as well as a summary of award activity by unit, are listed on the interior pages of this Bulletin.

FY 05 Activity & Awards

A number of FY 05 proposals have been submitted to date; they will be reported in detail in the next issue of the Grants & Contracts Bulletin.

Chemistry Department Lands NSF Award

Under the direction of Dr. Keenan Dungey, the UIS chemistry department has been awarded \$92,000 for a project called "Collaborative Project Gemini XRD: Powder X-ray Diffraction in Undergraduate Chemistry Courses." The funding will allow for the purchase of an X-ray diffractometer and supports undergraduate research. Co-Principal Investigators on the project are Drs. Harshavardhan Bapat, Wayne Gade and Gary Trammell, along with Dr. Eric Voss of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Support for Student Research

The Office of Student Life will once again offer financial support for graduate and undergraduate students conducting research. For more information, contact Student Life at 206-6665.

Illinois Researchers Information Service (IRIS)

IRIS is a comprehensive, web-based search mechanism for sponsored project funding sources. All UIS faculty and staff have access to this service from their office computers. 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. It is located at 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.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends

The NEH announces competition for its annual summer stipends program. Applicants must be endorsed by their institutions, and the maximum number of nominations from an institution is two. Please contact Grants and Contracts if you are interested in applying for this fellowship. These stipends provide \$5,000 for two consecutive months of full-time, independent study by college and university faculty and other humanists. Guidelines for the program can be found at www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html. The application deadline is October 1, 2004.

NSF Grant Conference

The National Science Foundation is holding a Regional Grants Conference at Washington University in St. Louis on October 4-5, 2004. According to information on the NSF website, "This two-day conference is a must, especially for new faculty, researchers and administrators who want to gain key insight into a wide range of current issues at NSF including the state of current funding; new and current policies and procedures; and pertinent administrative issues. NSF program officers representing each NSF directorate will be on hand to provide up-to-date information about specific funding opportunities and answer your questions."

The conference fee is \$230 for registration by September 3. Also, conference rate hotel rooms must be booked by September 3. Please see <http://cme.wustl.edu/NSF> for more information.

Fringe Benefit and Indirect Cost Rates

The FY05 fringe benefit rate for faculty and staff salaries is still being calculated. The correct rate will be posted to the Grants and Contracts website as soon as it is known. Please contact Deb Koua if you need an estimated rate. Student salaries and wages should be charged .30% for workmen's compensation only.

Grants and Contracts Office
PAC 519, UIS
Springfield, IL 62703

All proposals to federal agencies should include an indirect cost calculation of 64% 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.

Changes in rates are posted to the Grants and Contracts website at www.uis.edu/grants. As a reminder, most forms and instructions used by the Grants and Contracts Office can also be found on this page.

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. Also, the Grants and Contracts Office can assist you with specific searches, contact 206-7409.

American Educational Research Association

Deadline September 3, 2004

Contact (805)964-5264, jmurdock@aera.net, or the AERA website at www.aera.net

Each AERA Fellow will be expected to undertake an independent research project related to the agency's mission. The AERA Fellows program has two main objectives:
(1) to provide an opportunity for

scholars to conduct research on the policy issues and practical problems that shape the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and National Science Foundation (NSF) missions and (2) to foster communication and productive relationships among the educational research, statistical, and scientific communities with staff at NCES and NSF through collaborative efforts to understand problems of education policy and practice. Selected scholars will be placed for up to one year, but more typically four to nine months, at NCES or NSF to serve as a resource for agency planning and staff development (including the provision of seminars) while conducting independent research related to the agency's mission. AERA Fellows are expected to relocate to Washington, DC and will work on a daily basis at either NCES or NSF for the duration of their fellowships.

AT&T Foundation Grants Program Education: AT&T Learning Network Grants

No specific deadlines

Contact (212)387-5352, rdabney@attmail.com or www.att.com/foundation

The AT&T Foundation supports education programs that focus on the use of technology to enhance teaching and learning. Through the AT&T Learning Network Grants Program, the AT&T Foundation concentrates on the role of technology in education and its capacity to connect students, teachers, classrooms, institutions, and communities.

217-206-7409
koua.deb@uis.edu
www.uis.edu/grants

The AT&T Learning Network Grants Program provides funding to projects that demonstrate effective and innovative uses of technology in supporting families, schools and communities to accomplish the following: provide family involvement in education; provide professional development opportunities for educators and assist in the preparation of future teachers; and develop and implement plans to promote lifelong learning and community collaboration. The program is open to all accredited public and private elementary and secondary schools as well as accredited public and private two- and four-year institutions of higher education and educational nonprofit organizations in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and all U.S. territories. Special consideration will be given to projects that involve collaboration among families, schools, colleges, universities, educational organizations, and/or community-based organizations.

United States Institute of Peace
Unsolicited Grants

Deadlines October 1, 2004 and March 1, 2005

Contact (202)429-3842,
grants@usip.org or www.usip.org

This program offers grants across a broad range of relevant disciplines, skills, and approaches. Topic areas of interest to the Institute include, but are not restricted to, international conflict resolution; diplomacy; negotiation theory; functionalism and "track

II" diplomacy; methods of third-party dispute settlement; international law; international organizations and collective security; deterrence and balance of power; arms control; psychological theories about international conflict; the role of nonviolence and nonviolent sanctions; moral and ethical thought about conflict and conflict resolution; and theories about relationships among political institutions, human rights, and conflict. The Institute sets no disciplinary restrictions. It welcomes proposals of an interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary nature. Priority is accorded projects that have practical application and that may be useful for policy makers. Most awards fall in the range of \$25,000-\$45,000, and most are one to two years in duration. The program does not provide support for degree work. Grants are generally not given for institutional support or development. Applicants are advised to eliminate indirect costs in their budget submissions.

Charles Stewart Mott Civil Society
Program

No specific deadline

Contact 810/238-5651,
nfocenter@mott.org or their web
site www.mott.org

The goal of the Foundation's Civil Society grantmaking in the United States is to support a strong, independent and inclusive nonprofit and philanthropic sector where organizations excel in governance, management and

public accountability; partner with the public and private sectors; work to improve race relations and racial equity; and build community assets to address community needs. They seek to accomplish this goal through two objectives.

Nonprofit Sector and

Philanthropy: 1) Enhance the ability of U.S. nonprofit and philanthropic membership associations to better represent their members at the public policy level; to increase their members' effectiveness and accountability; to raise the public's knowledge of the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors; and to reflect the diversity of the country's population; and 2) extend the community foundation model as a means of community asset building by increasing the ability of community foundations to respond more effectively to donor interests and community needs.

Race and Ethnic Relations: 1) Promote increased coordination and collaboration between leading race relations organizations to strengthen overall field coherence, efficacy and influence in diverse local, regional and national policymaking forums; and 2) enhance the organizational capacity and impact of leading nonprofits in the antiracism and race relations field.