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Summary of FY 06 Activity

Funding from outside grants and contracts grew slightly in FY06 over the previous year. UIS submitted 70 applications for funding, requesting a total of \$12.6 million. The campus received awards for 52 of those projects, for total funding of \$6.1 million.

Support from the state of Illinois remained UIS' top source of outside funding at 89%. Other funding sources included the federal government (5.3%), corporations (.4%), local government (.4%) and not-for-profit organizations (4.9%).

The largest gain in outside awards came from Graduate Public Service Internship Program, which supported 141 students and brought in over \$2.1 million from state agencies. This is a gain of 40 students over FY05. Under-graduate students were also well supported. The Cooperative Work Study Program, which is managed by the Applied Study office and provides paid internships, maintained its level of outside funding at \$93,000. The campus also received a 3-year, \$60,000 award from the Merck Foundation to support under-graduate researchers in biology and chemistry.

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

Review of Services Provided by Grants and Contracts Office

The Grants and Contracts Office at the University of Illinois at Springfield resides in the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Grants and Contracts has primary responsibility for:

- Internal approval of proposals submitted to external sponsors
- Implementation of University of Illinois research-related policies, including
 - Conflict of Commitment and Interest
 - Patents and Copyrights
 - Academic Integrity in Research and Publications
- Review of projects involving human subjects in research
- Review of projects involving animal subjects in research

Grants and Contracts provides various services for UIS faculty, staff and students. These services include:

- Identification of external funding sources
- Interpretation of sponsor guidelines and requirements
- Assistance with all stages of proposal development, including budget preparation
- Maintenance of a homepage, complete with links to relevant information and downloadable forms
- Classroom presentations on topics such as proposal writing and human subjects in research
- Assistance in finalizing protocols before submission to the Institutional Review Board for Protection of Human Subjects

Deb Koua, the Grants and Contracts Coordinator, is available for individual consultation or group presentations. Please contact her with any questions related to proposals or to research administration in general.

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, or visit the Student Life web page.

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.

Fringe Benefit and Indirect Cost Rates

The FY07 fringe benefit rates are posted to the Grants and Contracts website. The rate for faculty and staff salaries is 40.77%. Student salaries and wages should be charged .20% for workmen's compensation only.

A new indirect cost rate has been negotiated with the federal government, effective as of July 1. The rate is 41.7% of Modified Total Direct Costs. UIS also has a rate for off-campus projects of 15.5%.

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.

Donor's Forum Membership

Brookens Library has purchased a membership in the Donors Forum of Chicago, which is a premier resource for leadership, education, research and action on behalf of philanthropy and nonprofits in Illinois. This membership offers a variety of benefits, including:

- access to the Illinois Funding Source, an online database of Illinois grantmakers. This service is available from any UIS computer at ifs.donorsforum.org/welcome.asp
- discounts on all Donors Forum workshops and materials (see www.donorsforum.org)
- research assistance from Donor's Forum librarians

Some services are password protected. For assistance please contact one of the following individuals:

- Pamela Salela, Brookens Library, 206-6783
- Deb Koua, Grants and Contracts, 260-7409
- Stacey Willenborg, Development, 206-7389

Fulbright Awards

The traditional **Fulbright Scholar Program** sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals abroad each year to over 140 countries. Grantees lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. Awards range from two months to an academic year. While foreign language skills are needed in some countries, most lecturing assignments are in English. The official deadline was August 1, but some opportunities for the 2007-2008 academic year are still available. Please check the CIES webpage for available grants and consult the program officer before applying.

A relatively new initiative, the **Senior Specialists Program**, offers grants from two to six weeks. They provide an opportunity to collaborate with overseas counterparts on projects such as needs assessments, training programs, and curriculum development. Interested faculty can enroll online, and Fulbright staff will attempt to match you with an overseas host institution seeking an expert in your field. This program has a rolling deadline.

See www.cies.org for award descriptions and application materials.