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Summary of FY 07 Activity

Funding from outside grants and contracts grew by over \$1.4 million in FY07. UIS submitted 79 applications for funding, requesting a total of \$9.8 million. The campus received awards for 63 of those projects, for total funding of \$7.56 million.

There were increases across many units that resulted in an overall increase in funding of \$1,425,000 compared to FY06. The three units that posted the largest gains were the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies, the Graduate Public Service Internship Program, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Support from the state of Illinois remained UIS' top source of outside funding at 82.5%. Other funding sources included the federal government (6.6%), corporations (2.4%), local government (.4%) and not-for-profit organizations (8.1%).

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 the Grants and Contracts Office

The Preaward 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

Preaward 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.

Website Update

The website for the Office of Grants, Contracts and Research Administration is undergoing some major revisions. The current page still contains valuable information, but is no longer being updated. Please check with the Grants and Contracts Office if you have questions regarding any of the information on the current site. Thank you for your patience, and we hope you will enjoy the new look that is coming soon!

Fringe Benefit and Indirect Cost Rates

The FY08 fringe benefit rate for faculty and staff salaries is 37.83%. Student salaries and wages should be charged .23% for workmen's compensation only.

The campus has federally negotiated indirect cost rates for both on and off campus projects. Those rates are 41.7% and 15.5% of Modified Total Direct Costs respectively.

The typical indirect cost rate applied to proposals to state agencies and not-for-profit organizations is 10%. However, some of these organizations have restrictions on the rates that are allowed. Proposal budgets are expected to include the maximum indirect cost rate allowed by the sponsor. Any budget that does not include the full recovery allowed must be accompanied by a written request to waive indirect cost recovery. Only the Provost can approve the waiver of indirect cost recovery.

Please contact the Grants and Contracts Office for assistance in applying the correct rate to your proposal.

Fulbright Awards

Congratulations to Brent Never, Assistant Professor of Public Administration, for his successful Fulbright application. Anyone interested in applying for a Fulbright should visit www.cies.org for award descriptions and application materials.

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 2008-2009 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.

NEH Summer Stipends

The National Endowment for the Humanities has set a deadline of October 2, 2007 for the Summer Stipends competition. The UIS campus may submit no more than two applications for this program: one from a tenured faculty member and one from a non-tenured faculty member. If you are interested in applying, please contact Deb Koua no later than **August 31**. If needed, the Research Board will review faculty proposals and determine which to nominate.

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.