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## Summary of FY 98 Activity

UIS grant and contract awards totaled \$5.7 million in FY 98, an increase of more than \$300,000 over FY 97. These awards resulted from \$9.0 million dollars in proposed funding submitted to federal, state, and local government; not-for-profit organizations, and corporations by 53 UIS project directors from all four colleges, the library, Institute for Public Affairs, Continuing Education, Student Services, and Business and Administrative Services.

The number of applications to and awards from the federal government marks the biggest change in FY98 grant and contract activity at UIS. Six of the fifteen proposals to federal agencies received funding, accounting for 20.7% of the total dollars awarded. Other funding sources included state government (69.9%), corporations (5.4%), not-for-profit organizations (3.5%), and local government (.5%).

The Center for Legal Studies remained the highest grossing unit on campus, followed closely by the GPSI program and the Institute for Public Affairs Central Office. These three units' combined awards totaled over \$3.2 million.

A large contributor to the Institute's awards was the Regional Institute for Community Policing. This project, operated in conjunction with the Illinois State Police, provides training, education, and technical assistance to policing agencies and community organizations. Instruction focuses on understanding and guiding the organizational and community dynamics surrounding the implementation of community policing. Funding for this program is provided by the U.S. Department of Justice.

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, Nancy Ayers
- Cooperative Work Study Program, Barbara Jensen & Elaine Rundle-Schwark
- Illinois State Legislative Internships, Kent Redfield
- Project STP and Project MSS, Loretta Meeks
- Secondary Chemistry Instruction Laboratory, Gary Trammell

Many individual awards were highlighted during the fiscal year in issues of The Bulletin. Listed below are awards that were received during the last quarter.

Patti Faughn, director of the Cox Children's Center, received two awards from the Illinois Department of Human Services. One grant provides financial support that allows families to pay for child care on a sliding scale. The other grant provides funds for quality enhancements at the Center, such as playground equipment, computers, and other learning devices. You can see the new tricycle path and assorted equipment as you pass the Cox Center. Both of these awards will continue into FY 1999.

Scott Grissom, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, received an award from the National Science Foundation to equip an Undergraduate Human Computer Laboratory. The lab will contain twelve Pentium machines with two operating systems, Windows NT and Linux. Students will develop graphical user interface applications, along with animations and distributed rendering algorithms.

Ojong Kwon, Associate Professor, Management Information Systems, secured a network and a software license from Parasoft and Microsoft respectively. The value of these licenses exceeds \$100,000.

The Office of Business & Management Development, in conjunction with the Institute for Public Affairs, received funding from the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs for Economic Development Certification Training. Advanced curriculum in economic development is offered to select employees and other individuals identified by DCCA. Participants have the option of receiving UIS academic credit if they choose to perform added work assignments. This project, led by Michael Ayers, Professor of Economics, will continue through FY 99.

Congratulations to all FY 1998 applicants and awardees. Watch for early highlights of FY 1999 grant and contract activity in the next issue of the Bulletin.

### **University Research-Related Policies**

This article continues the informational series on University of Illinois research-related policies. The Bulletin will address these policies on a continuing basis.

The Grants and Contracts Office is currently developing Intellectual Property Agreements with various faculty who have received grants through the UI-Online program.

These agreements place in writing a mutual understanding regarding copyright ownership, license rights, distribution restrictions (if any), derivative works, income sharing (if any), and other relevant issues. Items that determine the content of these individualized agreements include the type of work, the impetus for creating the materials, the provision of University resources, and the role of staff other than the principal creator.

A sample the questionnaire used to develop the agreements is located at [www.vpaa.uillinois.edu/policies/courseware.htm](http://www.vpaa.uillinois.edu/policies/courseware.htm)

For more information on this and other policies, please refer to [www.uillinois.edu/UIgenrules.html](http://www.uillinois.edu/UIgenrules.html) Also, a Powerpoint presentation on research policies is available on the Grants and Contracts home page, [www.uis.edu/~russell/policies/index.htm](http://www.uis.edu/~russell/policies/index.htm)

### **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. The latest feature is the ability to load keywords from the IRIS thesaurus directly into the search statement. IRIS is located at <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/iris/>

Please contact the Grants and Contracts Office if you need assistance with IRIS.

### **Fringe Benefit and Indirect Cost Rates**

Fringe benefit and indirect cost rates have been updated for FY99. The current fringe benefit rate is 21.31% 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.

The Office of Business and Administrative Affairs successfully negotiated an indirect cost rate with the federal government effective for FY 99. The rate is 63% of all direct costs and should be applied to all federal proposals. 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.

### **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/~russell/gc.htm](http://www.uis.edu/~russell/gc.htm). Also, the Grants and Contracts Office can conduct specific searches in your field of interest; contact 206-7409 for assistance.

IBHE Eisenhower Professional Development Program

*Deadline September 8, 1998*

Contact the Grants and Contracts Office, 206-7409

The Illinois Board of Higher Education invites proposals on an annual basis through the Dwight D. Eisenhower Program. The program's goals include the improvement of the preparation of elementary and secondary teachers, the provision of professional development for teachers, and the improvement of school curricula and instruction. Traditionally, the program has focused on science activities, but this year the program will also fund *reading literacy* activities. Please note that the deadline is one month earlier than in previous years.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends

*Deadline October 1, 1998*

Contact 202/606-8551 or [www.neh.fed.us/html/forms.html](http://www.neh.fed.us/html/forms.html)

Applicants for these awards must be nominated by their institution. Awards provide \$4,000 for a two-month tenure. Research within any humanities field is eligible for support. Please contact Grants and Contracts by September 11 if you are interested in applying.

Beckman Foundation Young Investigators Program

*Deadline October 1, 1998*

Contact Arnold Beckman, 714/721-2222, or [www.beckman-foundation.com](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 two years at a level of \$200,000 over the term of the award.

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowships

*Deadline October 2, 1998*

Contact Ruth Waters, 212/697-1505, [grants@acsls.org](mailto:grants@acsls.org), or the Society's home page at <http://www.acsls.org>

Senior Faculty Fellowships provide up to \$35,000 & Junior Faculty Fellowships provide up to \$25,000 for research in the humanities, including philosophy; languages, literature and linguistics; law; archaeology; art history and musicology; history; anthropology; and religion. Proposals with a predominantly humanistic emphasis in economics, geography, political science, psychology, sociology, and the natural sciences

will also be considered. Fellows must devote a minimum of six & a maximum of twelve months to their research.

Central Illinois Higher Education Consortium (CIHEC) Special Project Awards

*Deadline October 15, 1998*

Contact 309/677-2861

CIHEC annually sponsors awards for faculty at member institutions. This year, projects that focus on the integration of technologies into instructional practice, or that enhance the uses of distance learning technologies will be given priority. Please contact the Grants and Contracts Office for application materials.

American Council on Education Fellows Awards

*Deadline November 2, 1998*

Contact Marlene Ross 202/939-9420, or the council's home page at <http://ACENET.du/home.html>.

This fellowship requires an institutional nomination. A notice of the internal UIS deadline will be distributed to the campus shortly.

This award provides a year-long internship for administrators (at another or home institution) dealing with fundraising, planning, budgeting, personnel management, and legal strategies in higher education. Candidates with a minimum of five years experience as faculty members or administrators must be nominated by the president or senior officer of their institution. The Fellowship provides a professional development budget of up to

\$10,000.

National Institute of Justice Data Resources Program

*Deadline December 15, 1998*

Contact 202/616-9487, leiterj@ojp.usdoj.gov, or the NIJ home page at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/)

NIJ is soliciting applications to conduct original research using data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice. NIJ is interested in research using data from previously funded research for the following projects: 1) studies that will replicate findings from previously supported NIJ research; 2) studies using archived data sets containing information collected at different times or from different sites; 3) applications of alternative or emerging statistical techniques and methodologies to archived data sets that extend the understanding of criminal justice processes and criminal behavior; and 4) research on archived data sets that explore the development of applications of direct benefit to practitioners. Particular consideration goes to proposals that provide direct applications to criminal justice policy or practice or that suggest innovative applications or emerging statistical techniques and analytic methodologies. Awards of up to \$35,000 will be made to support research within a nine-month period.

National Institute of Justice Investigator-Initiated Research Program

*Deadline December 15, 1998*

Contact 800/421-6770, or the NIJ home page at [www.ncjrs.org/fedgrant.htm#NIJ](http://www.ncjrs.org/fedgrant.htm#NIJ)

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) solicits applications for the Investigator-Initiated Research program to support research and technology development projects that explore any topic relevant to state or local criminal justice policy or practice. Applicants may devise their own themes for research or pursue one of the following:

*Rethinking Justice* -- NIJ encourages applicants to propose and execute studies that improve the delivery of justice and public safety by building upon the existing base of research technology knowledge and by testing key hypotheses;

*Understanding the Nexus* -- NIJ challenges researchers from the social and behavioral sciences to explore and develop further theoretical linkages between criminal activity and other social phenomenon and to verify the correlation through empirical observation and analysis;

*Breaking the Cycle* -- NIJ encourages researchers, possibly in conjunction with one or more operational agencies, to test interventions to remedy recurring problems and report on the outcome of those interventions;

*Creating the Tools* -- NIJ seeks to help develop, test and evaluate technologies, practices and techniques for the criminal justice systems;

*Expanding the Horizons* -- NIJ seeks to move beyond the traditional definitions of crime and criminal relationships and consider

how better to describe and classify new criminal events, develop methods of deterrence that will improve the public's sense of well-being, and identify new threats to public safety.

PwC Endowment for the Business of Government

*Deadline December 31, 1998*

Contact Mark Abramson,  
703/741-1077,

[endowment@us.pwcglobal.com](mailto:endowment@us.pwcglobal.com)

The PricewaterhouseCoopers Endowment supports efforts to improve public sector effective-ness. Awards are given in three areas: Research, Conferences, and Sabbaticals. During 1998-99, grants will focus on increasing knowledge in the following three areas:

- *Outstanding Leaders*--the characteristics, behavior and styles of effective leaders
- *New Tools, Techniques, and Delivery of Services*--approaches and methods the public sector uses or could use to improve how it does business
- *Changing Organizations, People, and Culture*--how the public sector manages or could manage the transformation of its organizations, work force, and culture.

Additional funding cycles during the 98-99 academic year have deadlines of March 31 and June 30, 1999.