Focus on Funding

News and Notes from the SLCC Office of Institutional Development

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Focus on Funding is a newsletter published by the St. Louis Community College Office of Institutional Development. It features external funding opportunities available from federal, state, local and private funding sources, as well as other news. For more information about the Office of Institutional Development and services provided by staff, please contact Castella Henderson, Director of Institutional Development at 314/539-5354.

Grant Opportunities

Advanced Technological Education (National Science Foundation)

The Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Program promotes improvement in technological education at the undergraduate and secondary school levels by supporting curriculum development; the preparation and professional development of college faculty and secondary school teachers; internships and field experiences for faculty, teachers, and students; and other activities. With an emphasis on two year colleges, the program focuses on the education of technicians for the high technology fields that drive our nation’s economy, including but not limited to agricultural technology, biotechnology, chemical technology, civil and construction technology, computer and information technology, electronics, manufacturing and engineering technology, multimedia technology, and transportation technology.

In the 2004 program year, $40 million will be available for 70 awards.


Instructional Materials Development (National Science Foundation)

The Instructional Materials Development (IMD) program supports the development of preK-12 instructional materials, and includes three components:

Instructional Materials for Students—supports the creation and substantial revision of comprehensive curricula and supplemental instructional materials that are research-based; enhance preK-12 classroom instruction; and reflect standards for science, mathematics, and technology education developed by national professional organizations.

Assessment—supports the creation of tools for assessing student learning that are tied to nationally developed standards and reflect the most current thinking on how students learn mathematics and science.
Applied Research—supports research for development of the IMD program and projects; provides evidence for the effectiveness of materials and feedback for strengthening the portfolio; and identifies possible new directions in instructional materials and assessment.

Two- and four-year colleges (including community colleges) are eligible to apply. **Deadlines:** May 1, 2003 for mandatory preliminary proposals

**Initiative for Minority Students: Bridges to the Baccalaureate (US Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health)**

Bridges to the Baccalaureate aims to increase the number of underrepresented minority biomedical research scientists. The program seeks to improve the ability of educational institutions to train and graduate promising underrepresented minority students in the biomedical sciences, including the relevant behavioral, physical, and quantitative sciences.

Bridges grants are institutional and must reflect the plans and priorities of the participating institutions as well as the collective plans and priorities of the partnership between the institutions. Collaborative agreements should be designed to best fit the needs and situations of the institutions involved. The challenge for the participating partners is to create a partnership program, or to enhance an existing program, that will focus attention and adequate resources on the institution granting associate degrees and enhance the academic competitiveness of its science graduates.

**DEADLINE:** May 14, 2003

For more information about grant opportunities please contact the SLCC Office of Institutional Development: 539-5354

**Faculty and Staff Kudos**

A number of faculty and staff members have been awarded grants and contracts over the past few months. Project Directors for recent awards include:

**Jeanne Edwards,** *Project Construct National Center,* $16,800. A contract with St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley to provide on-site technical assistance visits to Missouri Pre-School Project Programs.

**Lorna Finch,** *St. Louis Public Schools,* $1,220 and $12,200. Two contracts to provide oversight and training for the Manufacturing Prep Program that the Metropolitan Education and Training (MET) Center in Wellston.

**Michael Holmes,** *Kirkwood Community College,* $50,000. A grant to St. Louis Community College to participate in a National Mass Fatalities Training and Response Center grant received by Kirkwood Community College.
Earline Powell, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $9,967. A grant to St. Louis Community College for the Meramec Child Care Center to participate in the School Age Care Program.

Congratulations!