Focus on Funding is a newsletter published by the St. Louis Community College Office of Institutional Development (OID). It features external funding opportunities available from federal, state, local and private funding sources, as well as other news. For more information about the OID and services provided by our staff, please contact Castella Henderson, Director, at 314/539-5354, or visit the OID web page at: http://www.stlcc.edu/odweb/.

Opportunities
Fulbright Job-ShADOWing Exchange Opportunities for Administrators

The Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program is currently seeking applications from elementary/secondary school or district administrators, two-year college administrators, and teacher training institution administrators to participate in a job shadowing experience with their international counterpart from the following countries: Argentina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Mexico, Romania, Thailand, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

FOCUS/PURPOSE:
U.S. administrator will work together with the foreign administrator as a team, shadowing and sharing administrative duties. Exchanges may be in the areas of personnel administration, curriculum development, student affairs, or educational policy and methodology.

DATES:
Two six-week periods during the 2006-2007 academic year. Reciprocal visits of six weeks will be made to each administrator's home institution. Specific dates to be determined by mutual agreement of the participating institutions.

ELIGIBILITY:
- U.S. citizenship
- Fluency in English (Spanish is required for Mexico, and recommended for Argentina)
- Bachelor’s degree or higher
- At least three years of full-time teaching or administrative experience

MARK YOUR CALENDAR-
The Office of Institutional Development will hold monthly CAMPUS OFFICE HOURS in February as follows:

Meramec: 1st Wednesday
February 1, 2:30 – 4:00
BA 123J

Forest Park: 2nd Thursday
February 9, 2:30 – 4:00
Executive Dean’s Conference Room F-234

Florissant Valley: 3rd Tuesday
February 21, 2:30 – 4:00
Room E-151F (Engineering Offices)

If you have questions about funding opportunities or the grants process, please stop by!
Faculty and Staff Kudos

SLCC receives external funding for a variety of projects and programs. Project directors, sources, grant amounts, and descriptions for some of the recent awards are as follows:

Cecelia Luecking, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $20,000. A grant to expand and enhance the early childhood child care services at the Florissant Valley Child Development Laboratory Center.

Earline Powell, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $20,000. A grant to expand and enhance the early childhood child care services at the Meramec Child Care Center.

Michael Holmes, Kirkwood Community College/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, $106,675. A grant awarded to the Harrison Education Center, Forest Park campus, for the first year of a Brownfields Minority Worker Training program. Over five years, the project will recruit and train a total of 75 youth for employment in the environmental field, including skills in hazardous materials handling, site assessment, site health and safety, and lead and asbestos removal.

CONGRATULATIONS!

SMARTer Kids Foundation

The SMARTer Kids Foundation provides the following grants and programs to eligible higher education institutions.

SMARTer Kids Grant for SMART Products is an education award that helps educators purchase SMART products for their classrooms. The grant has helped tens of thousands of higher education facilities and technical institutions acquire interactive technology by increasing its affordability. Grant amounts are 15–70 percent of the suggested list price for the purchase of qualifying SMART products.

Deadline: September 30, 2006

SMARTer Kids Grant for NEC Visual Presentation Products is an education award that assists educators in the purchase of NEC visual presentation products for their classrooms. Grant amounts are 12–57 percent of the suggested list price for the purchase of eligible NEC visual presentation products.

Deadline: September 30, 2006

The Professional Development (PD) Grant helps North American schools and school districts ensure teachers get the maximum value from their SMART Board products. The PD Grant assists teachers who wish to attend SMART Master's Programs – in-depth, instructor-led sessions that will help them master the board's features and use them effectively in the classroom. No deadline.