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, at 314/539-5354.

Grant Opportunities

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts - both new and established - bringing the arts to all Americans, and providing leadership in arts education.

The National Endowment for the Arts is interested in projects, regardless of the size or type of applicant organization, that are of national, regional, or field-wide significance; that tour in several states; or that provide an unusual or especially valuable contribution because of geographic location. This includes local projects that can have significant effects within communities or that are likely to serve as models for a field.

An organization may submit only one application under these FY 2005 Grants for Arts Projects guidelines. Assistance is available to eligible organizations of all sizes for projects in: Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literature, Local Arts Agencies, Media Arts: Film/Radio/Television, Multidisciplinary, Museums, Music, Musical Theater, Opera, Presenting, Theater, Visual Arts.

Within each field or discipline above, organizations may apply through one of the following categories:

- **Access to Artistic Excellence:** To foster and preserve excellence in the arts and provide access to the arts for all Americans. This category combines the *Artistic Creativity and Preservation* and *Challenge America: Access to the Arts* Standard Review Grant categories that appeared in the FY 2004 *Grants for Arts Projects* guidelines. An organization may request a grant amount from $5,000 - $150,000.

- **Challenge America Fast-Track Review Grants:** To support small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations. This category expands the support that was available previously for *Challenge America: Access to the Arts* Fast-Track Review Grants. Grants are for $10,000.

- **Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth:** To advance learning in the arts for children and youth. An organization may request a grant amount from $5,000 - $150,000.

**Deadlines** range from mid-March to mid-August of 2004, depending upon the particular field and program.

For more information about this grant program, contact the SLCC Office of Institutional Development at 539-5354.
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Fulbright Faculty Workshop

Location: St. Louis University
Busch Student Center
20 North Grand Blvd.

Date & Time: March 25, 2004
9:30 a.m. - noon

Gary Garrison, Assistant Director at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), will offer the above workshop on the Fulbright Program for Faculty and Professionals. Come to the session to:
• Learn about lecturing and research opportunities in 140 countries
• Get advice on which country to apply to and how to make contacts abroad
• Learn how to prepare the Fulbright application
• Explore how your campus can host visiting foreign Fulbright scholars

There is no charge for the workshop. Interested faculty and Fulbright campus representatives from schools in the region are encouraged to attend.

Please visit: http://fulbrightstl.slu.edu to RSVP; please RSVP by March 17.

Information regarding directions and parking can also be found on the above web site.

Faculty and Staff Kudos

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

Pam McIntyre, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $94,549. A grant to the Meramec campus to administer an Adult Education and Literacy Program for the Affton 101, Bayless, Kirkwood R-11, Lindbergh R-VIII, Mehlville R-IV, Valley Park, and Webster Groves school districts.

Barbara Holt, University of Missouri—Columbia/National Science Foundation, $6,420. A grant to provide assistance to St. Louis area minority high school students and minority students wishing to transfer from St. Louis Community College to one of the participating Missouri Alliance for Minority Participation institutions.

Congratulations!

Office Hours on the SLCC Campuses

No Appointment Necessary!

SLCC faculty and staff are welcome to drop by to consult with staff from the Office of Institutional Development at the following times/locations:

Florissant Valley: THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
2:30 – 4:00 in the Executive Dean’s Office

Forest Park: SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH,
2:30 – 4:00 in the President’s Conference Room

Meramec: FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
2:30 – 4:00 in BA 123J.

Bring your ideas for externally-funded projects and/or questions about the process for submitting grants at SLCC.