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Opportunities

Fulbright Offers Lecturing/Research Grants In 140 Countries

The Fulbright Scholar Program (U. S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs) is offering lecturing/research awards in some 140 countries for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Opportunities are available not only for college and university faculty and administrators, but also for professionals from business and government, as well as artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and others. There are awards in 37 different disciplines and professional fields, as well as in a variety of subdisciplines such as gender studies and peace studies.

Traditional Fulbright awards are available from two months to an academic year or longer. A new short-term grants program—the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program—offers two-to-six-week grants in a variety of disciplines and fields.

While foreign language skills are needed in some countries, most Fulbright lecturing assignments are in English. Some 80 percent of the awards are for lecturing.

Application deadlines for 2003-2004 awards are:

- **May 1** for Fulbright Distinguished Chair awards in Europe, Canada and Russia
- **August 1** for Fulbright traditional lecturing and research grants worldwide
- **November 1** for the summer German Studies Seminar and for spring/summer seminars in Germany, Korea and Japan for academic and international education administrators
- **Fulbright Senior Specialists Program** – rolling deadline

In addition, the Fulbright Visiting Scholar **Occasional Lecturer Program** may be of interest to SLCC faculty. This program provides support for scholars and professionals from other countries who are already in the United States on Fulbright grants to visit other campuses for the purpose of guest lecturing. An institution like SLCC may contact a scholar directly and invite him or her to visit our campus; the scholar’s expenses are paid by the Fulbright program.

If you would like assistance in exploring or arranging a Fulbright Occasional Lecturer visit, or additional information on any of the Fulbright programs, please contact the Office of Development at 539-5354.
Grant Opportunities from the National Science Foundation (NSF):

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP)
The NSF STEP program seeks to increase the number of students pursuing and receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees in established or emerging fields within science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). A wide variety of approaches are allowable, with the goal of increasing the total number of students at the institution receiving degrees in the STEM fields. This is a new program, and there is limited funding for FY2002, thus proposals are being solicited for planning and pilot efforts at academic institutions, including community colleges.

Available Funds: Approximately $5 million in FY2002.
Estimated Number of Awards: 10-15

Bridges for Engineering Education (BEE)
The NSF is seeking proposals for planning grants to improve the engineering content in K-12 education, and the pedagogy of undergraduate engineering and engineering technology programs. Areas of funding include collaborations to improve learning for pre-service teachers, general education majors, and engineering students through increased interaction of students and faculty.

Available Funds: $3 million in FY 2002
Estimated Number of Awards: 30 planning grants
DEADLINE: June 4, 2002

Planning Grants for the Department-Level Reform of Undergraduate Engineering
The NSF is inviting applications for planning grants to assist departmental and larger units in:
- Developing comprehensive plans to reformulate, streamline and update engineering & engineering technology programs
- Developing new curricula for emerging engineering disciplines, and
- Meeting the emerging workforce and educational needs of U.S. Industry
These efforts should increase both the relevance of undergraduate engineering curricula and increase the number of students that enroll and complete engineering degree programs.

Available Funds: $3 million in FY 2002
Estimated Number of Awards: 30 one-year planning grants of $100,000 each
DEADLINE: June 4, 2002
Advanced Technological Education (ATE)

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. The program also promotes articulation between programs at two-year colleges and four-year colleges and universities--in particular, articulation between two-year and four-year programs for prospective teachers and between two-year and four-year programs in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology (with a focus on disciplines that have a strong technological foundation).

Available Funds: $39 million in FY 2003
Estimated Number of Awards: 70
DEADLINES: April 24, 2002 for Optional Preliminary Proposals; October 16, 2002 for full proposals.

Instructional Materials Development (IMD)

The IMD program grants are distributed under one of four categories:

- Instructional Materials for Students
- Dissemination and Implementation Sites
- Assessment
- Applied Research

These grants fund the development and revision of comprehensive curricula and supplemental classroom materials for preK-12. Proposals can be submitted for projects in any field of science, technology or math typically supported by the NSF. Projects may span a two– to five– year period.

Available Funds: $10 million
Estimated Number of Awards: 10-15
DEADLINES: May 1, 2002 for required preliminary proposals; August 26, 2002 for full proposals.

Other Opportunities from the NSF

NSF Chautauqua Short Courses for College Teachers

Chautauqua Short Courses are an annual series of forums in which scholars at the frontiers of various sciences meet intensively for several days with undergraduate college teachers of science. The courses are held at campuses throughout the United States as well as at selected special sites. More than 100 courses will be offered May through August 2002. These forums provide an opportunity for invited scholars to communicate new knowledge, concepts, and techniques directly to college teachers in ways that immediately benefit their teaching. Newer faculty are particularly invited to participate. Participants earn CEU credits. There is an application fee of $50.00 ($40.00 for Web applications). Participants or their institutions pay the cost of lodging, meals and travel. There are no specific deadlines, but application should be made as early as possible. For
information about the courses and how to apply, contact the Office of Development at 539-5354 or check the Web at www.chautauqua.pitt.edu.

**Grant Opportunity from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)**

**Public Programs Consultation Grants**

The NEH is inviting applications to enable organizations that are in the early stages of program planning to seek the advice of scholars and/or experienced public humanities programmers. A Consultation Grant can “help you imagine a new project or to chart a new direction for your institution” in the humanities. Projects should focus on humanities programming for the general public.

Awards may be used to cover reasonable costs associated with consultation activities.

**Grant size:** Grants of up to $10,000 will be awarded.

**DEADLINES:** April 16, 2002 and September 16, 2002.

**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:

**Carolyn Jackson**—*US. Department of Education, $84,959*

A grant to provide additional funds for the existing Upward Bound program on the Forest Park campus.

**John Newsham**—*SMARTer Kids Foundation, $1,800.*

A grant for the discounted pricing on the purchase of two smartboards and two floor stands to enhance the distance learning programs at St. Louis Community College.

*Congratulations!*