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.

Opportunities

MetLife Foundation Awards to Honor Innovative Community Colleges

MetLife Foundation and Jobs for the Future are collaborating on an awards program to recognize community colleges that promote educational and career advancement for traditionally underserved youth and adults. This month, community colleges will be invited to apply for the second MetLife Foundation Community College Excellence Awards, and the winners will be announced in spring 2004. The first MetLife Foundation Community College Excellence Awards were made in 2002. Jobs for the Future, a national organization that specializes in building career pathways that link work and learning, administers the program on behalf of MetLife Foundation.

"Community colleges open the doors to education to millions of Americans," said Sibyl Jacobson, president and CEO of MetLife Foundation. "We are pleased to make possible these awards that recognize outstanding community colleges for providing the tools and pathways that overcome barriers and set students on the road to economic and educational empowerment."

The first MetLife Foundation Community College Excellence Awards, announced in 2002, went to West Hills Community College of California's San Joaquin Valley and Sinclair Community College of Dayton, Ohio. Each institution received $30,000 in recognition of its leadership in demonstrating a college-wide focus on achieving high levels of service for all students.

The MetLife Foundation Community College Excellence Awards celebrate and highlight the contributions of community colleges to helping underserved youth and adults succeed and advance in college and beyond. The awards recognize community colleges that, in different ways and in very different communities, make significant institutional commitments to helping first-time college-goers, new immigrants, working adults, welfare recipients, high school dropouts, and other populations with limited college experience and success prepare for further education or for a family-supporting career.

Applications for MetLife Foundation Community College Excellence Awards are available.

DEADLINE: August 1, 2003

For more information, contact the SLCC Office of Institutional Development at 539-5354.
Application deadlines for 2004-2005 grants are:

• **May 1, 2003**—Fulbright distinguished chairs in Europe, Canada and Russia

• **August 1, 2003**—Fulbright lecturing and research grants worldwide.

• **November 1, 2003**—spring/summer seminars in Germany, Korea and Japan for international education and academic administrators as well as for the summer German studies seminar.

• **Rolling deadline**—Fulbright Senior Specialists Program applications may be submitted online for review throughout the year.

And don’t forget the **Occasional Lecturers Program** under the Fulbright Visiting Scholars Program. The 800 foreign Fulbright Scholars who come the U.S. each year offer a rich resource for campuses. Funds are available for any of visiting scholars (already in the U.S.) to travel to campuses for short-term guest lectures. A directory of visiting scholars currently in the country is available. All arrangements must be made at least one month in advance of the visit.

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...about the grant opportunities listed in this publication, contact the SLCC Office of Institutional Development located on the 6th floor of the Cosand Center:

**539-5354**

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**http://www.stlcc.edu/odweb/**

There you will find back issues of *Focus on Funding*, the 2003-2004 Scholarship brochure, the Federal Funding Opportunities booklet, Grant Management Manual, important forms and policies for project directors, and more!