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 staff, please contact Castella Henderson, Director, at 314/539-5354, or visit the OID web page at: http://www.stlcc.edu/odweb/.

Grant Opportunities

Fulbright Scholar Program (Council for International Exchange of Scholars, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational And Cultural Affairs)

The Fulbright Scholar Program’s annual competition opened on March 1 for lecturing and research grants in some 140 countries (for the 2006-2007 program year). Each year 800 American scholars go abroad under the Fulbright Scholar Program. Faculty and administrators from two-year, four-year and graduate institutions are invited to apply.

Traditional Fulbright awards vary from two months to an academic year or longer. While foreign language skills are needed in some countries, most lecturing assignments are in English. Community college faculty may want to take note of the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program, a short-term grant program offering two- to six-week grants.

Under the Senior Specialists Program, faculty may collaborate with counterparts in other countries on curriculum and faculty development, assist in institutional planning, deliver a series of lectures, or provide other expertise, depending on a host institution’s interests and needs.

Application deadlines for 2004-2005 grants are:

- May 1, 2005—Fulbright distinguished chairs in Europe, Canada and Russia
- August 1, 2005—Fulbright lecturing and research grants worldwide.
- November 1, 2005—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.

Internationalize Your Campus

The Fulbright Visiting Scholars Program, encompasses several opportunities including the Occasional Lecturers 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 the 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. For a longer term visiting scholar, CIES offers the Scholar-In-Residence program. Community colleges, liberal arts colleges and institutions that serve minority student

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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:

**Lorna Finch**, Rancho Santiago Community College/U.S. Department of Labor, $46,567. A grant to participate in "A Model for Connecting the Geospatial Technology Industry to Community College Workforce Development" under the President’s High Growth Job Training Initiative.

**Michael Holmes**, University of Missouri-St. Louis/U.S. Department of Education, $48,532. A grant for the Forest Park campus to continue participation in a GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) project with the University of Missouri. The five year project was extended to a sixth year.

**Kathleen Swyers**, American Association of Colleges and Universities, $2,000. A minigrant under Program on Health and Higher Education to support a team of one faculty and two students to attend the 2005 National HIV Prevention Conference in June 2005.

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populations or have few international students or study abroad programs are especially urged to apply.

The Office of Institutional Development has extensive information on file for all of the Fulbright programs. Please call us at 539-5354 for more information.

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**Do you have QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GRANT PROCESS AT SLCC? LOOKING FOR FUNDING FOR A SPECIAL PROJECT?**

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

**Meramec: 1st Wednesday**
Next Date: May 4
2:30 – 4:00
BA 123J

**Forest Park: 2nd Thursday**
Next Date: April 14
2:30 – 4:00
New Location: Executive Dean’s Office

**Florissant Valley: 3rd Tuesday**
Next Date: April 19
2:30 – 4:00
Training Center Room 109