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/.

Funding Opportunities
Grants for Teaching and Learning Resources and Curriculum Development (National Endowment for the Humanities)

Grants for Teaching and Learning Resources and Curriculum Development support projects that improve specific areas of humanities education and serve as national models of excellence. Projects must draw upon scholarship in the humanities and use scholars and teachers as advisers.

Projects may:
• help schools, colleges, and universities develop (or revise) and implement significant humanities programs, curricula, courses, and materials for teaching and learning; or
• develop materials and tools for classrooms that enhance the acquisition of advanced knowledge and understanding of the humanities, especially materials that apply digital technologies.

Support is available for two types of projects: curriculum development and materials development. Since they have different goals and products, applicants should choose carefully the type of grant most appropriate for their proposed project.

Curriculum Development Projects can be funded to a maximum of $100,000 and may span a period of 12 to 18 months. Materials Development Projects can be funded to a maximum of $200,000 and may span a period of up to three years.

Applicants may request any amount up to the maximum. Applicant institutions must contribute a minimum of 20% of project costs as cost sharing.

DEADLINE: October 1, 2007

Welcome Back
New & Returning Faculty

The Office of Institutional Development is here to assist and serve you! If you’d like more information about the opportunities listed in this publication, or about the grants process at SLCC, please contact our office, located on the 6th floor of the Cosand Center, at: 314/539-5354

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Faculty and Student Teams (FaST) Program (U.S. Department of Energy)

The Faculty and Student Teams (FaST) Program is a cooperative effort between the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science and the National Science Foundation (NSF). Faculty from colleges and universities with limited research facilities and those institutions serving populations, women, and minorities underrepresented in the fields of science, engineering, and technology are encouraged to apply for the FaST program. The FaST program will support a team comprised of one faculty member and 2–3 undergraduate students. The program provides hands-on research opportunities in DOE national laboratories during the summer. The faculty member identifies a mutually beneficial research area amenable to collaboration by the faculty member and the laboratory scientist. The amounts targeted for the student stipends are $4,500 for each student (allocated as ten weekly stipends of $400, and up to $500 for travel), and faculty stipends up to 2/9 academic year salary (up to $12,000) for faculty team members. Both faculty and student team members will receive funding assistance with travel. Student team members will receive funding assistance with housing.

DEADLINE: Applications will be accepted beginning October 1, 2007; applications will be reviewed between February 1, 2008 and April 1, 2008. Applications submitted after February 1 may not be reviewed.

Informal Science Education (National Science Foundation)

The Informal Science Education (ISE) program promotes public interest, understanding, and engagement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through voluntary, self-directed, and lifelong learning opportunities. The ISE program supports a variety of projects, including: television programs, films, and radio shows, exhibits and educational programs at museums, science and technology centers, aquaria, nature centers, zoos, and libraries, educational programs and activities through community and youth-based programs. This funding program places emphasis on projects that demonstrate strategic impact, innovation, and collaboration. Project grants may range in size from $100,000 to $3 million for up to five years. Planning grants with a maximum award of $75,000 for up to two years are also available.


Fulbright Teacher and Administrator Exchange Program (U.S. Department of State)

The Fulbright Teacher and Administrator Exchange Program provides opportunities for qualified educators (elementary, secondary and college teachers) to participate in direct exchanges of positions with colleagues from other countries for six weeks, a semester, or a full academic year. The purpose of the program is to promote mutual understanding between the
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:

**Flossie Henderson, U.S. Department of Education, $588,529.** A grant for the Florissant Valley campus to implement the sixth year of a collaborative partnership to provide intensive academic and social support for a cohort of students, from 7th grade through graduation in two north county school districts.

**Michael Holmes and Mark Weber, Regional Arts Commission, $1,800.** A grant for the Forest Park campus to implement "On the Hill: Young Artists Institute" for 20 fifth grade children. The program is a partnership with Shaw Elementary School that will provide 22 weeks of workshops that integrate learning in the visual arts with study of the historic Italian "Hill" neighborhood.

**Mark Manteuffel, University of Missouri—Columbia/National Science Foundation, $22,445.** A two-year professional development grant for faculty to facilitate the integration of inquiry into the undergraduate science curriculum on the Florissant Valley campus.

**Karen Mayes, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, $280,992.** A grant to enhance the diversity and cultural competence of the nursing workforce in the St. Louis region by increasing the success rate of the minority and international students who enroll in the St. Louis Community College nursing program.

**Karl Steenberg, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $111,015.** A grant for the Meramec campus to operate a comprehensive Adult Education and Literacy program for the Affton, Bayless, Kirkwood, Lindbergh, Mehlville, Webster Groves, and Valley Park School Districts.

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people of the United States and the peoples of other countries through educational exchange. In exchanging positions with foreign teachers or administrators, program participants have the opportunity to live and work in the cultures of their host countries, an experience which has benefits for the teachers, their schools, and their communities.

More than 200 teachers are paired with foreign teachers from nearly 30 countries annually. **Community college faculty members are encouraged to apply for the appropriate opportunities.** Countries with exchange opportunities for two-year college teachers (disciplines and language requirements vary) include Argentina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Peru, Romania, Slovak Republic, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. **DEADLINE:** October 15, 2007

New Office Hours Schedule

Starting this fall, the Office of Institutional Development (OID) will hold Office Hours on the campuses twice per semester. In the fall, office hours will be held on selected dates in September and November; in the spring, office hours will be conducted in February and April. Please watch for paper and email notifications, as well as announcements in your campus newsletters for the exact dates.

For the last few years, OID has offered office hours on the campuses to allow time for faculty and staff to drop in for informal discussion about funding opportunities and the grants process at SLCC. This is your chance to share with us your ideas for possible grant-funded projects, and learn how to go about pursuing external funding.

We look forwarding to seeing you!
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American Masterpieces: Presenting (National Endowment for the Arts)

*American Masterpieces: Three Centuries of Artistic Genius* is a major initiative to acquaint Americans with the best of their cultural and artistic legacy. Through *American Masterpieces*, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) will sponsor performances, exhibitions, tours, and educational programs across all art forms that will reach large and small communities in all 50 states.

This component of *American Masterpieces* will celebrate the extraordinary and rich contribution that presenters make in American communities. Through *American Masterpieces: Presenting*, presentations of the performing, visual, media, design, and literary arts of the highest quality -- that otherwise would not be available -- will be experienced by Americans in communities across the nation.

Presenting organizations of all sizes, genres, and aesthetics are encouraged to apply. College or university presenters are eligible.

Presenters may define master artists or masterworks within their own context, community vision, or goals, however, commissions and new works are not eligible.

Activity may consist of a single multidisciplinary project or a multidisciplinary series comprised of several different single-discipline presentations.

Projects or series may focus on, but are not limited to:

- Masterpieces from the American classical cannon
- Revivals, reconstructions or restagings
- Masterworks of historical or cultural significance
- Masterworks representing newer works or art forms
- Lesser known masterworks or works by master artists unique to the nation, region or community

The NEA anticipates awarding up to 40 grants, generally ranging from $10,000 to $100,000. All grants require a non-federal match of at least 1 to 1. The earliest start date is May 1, 2008.

DEADLINE: October 1, 2007