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 of Institutional Development at 314/539-5354.

Grant Opportunities

Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (National Science Foundation)

Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) is designed to increase the opportunities for students and teachers to learn about, experience, and use information technologies within the context of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), including Information Technology (IT) courses. This program is in direct response to the concern about shortages of technology workers in the United States and builds on the earlier NSF program for youth entitled After School Centers for Exploration and New Discovery (ASCEND). Supported projects are intended to provide opportunities for both school-age children and for teachers to build the skills and knowledge needed to advance their study, and to function and contribute in a technologically rich society.

ITEST has three components: (a) youth-based projects with strong emphases on career and educational paths; (b) comprehensive projects for students and teachers; and (c) Resource Center(s) that engage in research related to funded projects, provide technical support and have responsibilities for national dissemination of project models, instructional materials, and best practices.

Colleges and universities are eligible to apply.


For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Development.

Summer Stipends (National Endowment for the Humanities)

NEH Summer Stipends support two months of full-time work on projects that will make a significant contribution to the Humanities (defined as the study of language, linguistics, literature, history, jurisprudence, philosophy, archaeology, comparative religion, ethics, and the history, criticism and theory of the arts). In most cases, faculty must be nominated by their institutions, and each institution may nominate two applicants. The stipend amount for summer 2003 is $5,000.
Deadline: October 1, 2002. For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Development.

Fulbright Teacher and Administrator Exchange (U.S. Department of State)
The Fulbright Teacher and Administrator Exchange program supports both foreign teachers in the United States and Americans teaching abroad. Since 1946, the Fulbright Teacher and Administrator Exchange has helped teachers and administrators contribute to mutual understanding between the United States and countries around the world. More than 200 teachers are paired with foreign teachers from nearly 30 countries annually. Community college faculty members are encouraged to apply.
Deadline: October 15, 2002

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New SLCC Faculty and Staff
If you have ideas for programs or projects that may need external grant funding, give us a call. We can explore appropriate funding sources with you, and help you develop a “winning” proposal for submission to a funding agency. As a resource for you, “Focus on Funding” appears once per month in your campus newsletter; back issues of “Focus on Funding” can be found on the web at www.stlcc.cc.mo.us/odweb/odwebpublications.htm. Also, watch for our booklet “Federal Funding Opportunities” in your campus mail. You can reach the Office of Institutional Development at 314/539-5354. We look forward to working with you!

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:

Ashok Agrawal—National Science Foundation, $672,880 over three years. A grant to implement the Gateway to Manufacturing Excellence project on the Florissant Valley campus.

Jeanne Edwards with Gwen Pennington, Lovedy Magagnos, and Karen Olson—Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $47,616. A grant for St. Louis Community College to participate in the Improving the Quality of Childcare and Education program.

Judy Larson—U.S. Congressional Appropriation, $200,000. A grant to implement the Captioner Training program based on the Meramec campus.

Earlene Powell—Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $8,468. A grant for the Meramec campus Child Care Center to participate in the School Age Child Care program.

Congratulations!