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.

Grant Opportunities

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Comprehensive Program (U.S. Department of Education)

The FIPSE Comprehensive program provides grants to support innovative reform projects of national significance. Funded programs should show promise as models for the solution of problems in postsecondary education. Although there is no mandated matching requirement, the Department expects grantees and their partners to “share substantially” in the cost of funded projects. Invitational priorities include:
- Projects to improve the quality of K-12 teaching through new models of teaching preparation
- Projects to support new ways to ensure equal access to postsecondary education and to improve retention and completion
- Projects to promote innovative reforms in the curriculum
- Projects designing more cost effective ways of improving postsecondary instruction and operations

The program expects to award approximately $12.7 million for 60 new grant projects.


Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program (U.S. Department of Education)

Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, known informally as Title VI A, provides funds to institutions of higher education to plan, develop, and carry out program to strengthen and improve undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages. Each program funded must primarily enhance the international academic program of the institution. Examples of eligible activities include:
- Development of a new language program
- Development of an interdisciplinary global studies program
- Creation of innovative curricula which combines the teaching of international studies with professional or pre-professional studies

Matching funds are required. Approximately 29 grants will be awarded, ranging in size from $50,000 to $140,000.

DEADLINE: November 9, 2004

For more information, contact the SLCC Office of Institutional Development at 539-5354.
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News and Notes from the SLCC Office of Institutional Development

Office of Institutional Development Office Hours on the Campuses

No Appointment Necessary!

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

**Florissant Valley:** THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
2:30 – 4:00 in Training Center Room 111

**Forest Park:** SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH,  
2:30 – 4:00 in the President’s Conference Room

**Meramec:** FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
2:30 – 4:00 in BA 123J.

*Bring your ideas for externally-funded projects and/or questions about the process for submitting grants at SLCC.*

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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:

**Jane Boyle**, St. Louis County Department of Human Services, $1,400,000. A contract to provide Workforce Investment Act services to adults and dislocated workers.

**Jeanne Edwards**, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $35,000. A districtwide grant for St. Louis Community College to provide the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential to childcare professionals in the St. Louis area.

**Karl Steenberg**, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $112,685 and $6,080. Two grants to support Meramec campus’ Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program at the Affton 101, Bayless, Kirkwood R-II, Lindbergh R-III, Mehlville R-IX, Valley Park, and Webster Groves school districts.

*Congratulations!*

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

The Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) Program focuses on IT enrichment experiences for middle and high school students, and professional development opportunities for 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.

ITEST has two components: (a) youth-based projects with strong emphases on career and educational paths; and (b) comprehensive projects for students and teachers. Both programs require informal out-of-school activities in information technology during the summer and the academic year.

**DEADLINE:** November 1, 2004 for preliminary proposals; full proposals due February 9, 2005.