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Grant Opportunities

Cooperative Grants Program (NAFSA: Association of International Educators)

The Cooperative Grants Program (COOP) of NAFSA provides seed funds of up to $10,000, as well as programming and grant writing resources, for projects that creatively involve post-secondary international and U.S. study abroad students in U.S. campuses and communities. COOP invites proposals for innovative projects that:

- Encourage international students and scholars attending U.S. colleges and universities to become involved in and knowledgeable about U.S. culture and society apart from their study/research programs,
- Enhance the experience of U.S. Students involved in study abroad prior to their departure, or upon their return, or
- Stimulate and strengthen interaction among international students, their U.S. peers, faculty and communities.

COOP Incentive Grants are awards in the range of $2,001—$10,000.

Deadline: January 10, 2003

COOP Mini-Grants are awards of up to $2,000.

Deadline: March 3, 2003

For more information or guidelines contact the SLCC Office of Institutional Development.

SMARTer Kids PREP Grants

The SMARTer Kids Foundation is offering grants towards the purchase of SMART roomware products for institutions involved in pre– or in-service teacher training or education leading to a professional teacher certification or education degree for a minimum of 100 teachers per year.

Available products include the SMART Board, an interactive whiteboard; SMART Expression, a mobile multimedia cabinet; and SynchronEyes, a computer lab instruction
software. Funds are applied to the suggested list price of the products. The grants cover 60–70% of the purchase price.
500 grants will be awarded this year.
**DEADLINE:** December 1, 2002

For more information or application guidelines, contact the SLCC Office of Institutional Development.

**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:

**Ann Brand and Brian Corpening, U.S. Department of Education, $2,520,050 over five years.** A grant for the Florissant Valley campus to participate in the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP).

**Cecelia Luecking, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), $9,902.** A grant for the Florissant Valley Child Development Laboratory Center to participate in the School Age Care grant program.

**Randy Malta, SP Controls, $3,254.** An equipment grant to the Forest Park campus Media Services department to assist with the purchase of a SmartPanel Control System.

**Bill Mason, Southeast Missouri State University, $8,000.** A grant for the Florissant Valley campus to carry out a 2+2 program in Industrial Technology with Southeast Missouri State.

**Earline Powell, Missouri DESE, $5,000.** A grant for the Meramec Child Care Center to participate in the Early Childhood Child Care Program.

**Karen Reece, SBC Foundation, $19,000.** A grant for the Division of Workforce and Community Development to participate in a collaborative technology workforce development pilot at the Metropolitan Education and Training (MET) Center.

**Congratulations!**

**St. Louis Community College Receives a $ 2.5 Million GEAR UP Grant**

September 17, 2002 marked an important moment in the history of St. Louis Community College. The College received it’s largest-ever federal competitive grant from the United States Department of Education.

The Florissant Valley campus received a GEAR UP grant in the amount of $504,010 per year over five years—a total of $2,520,050! GEAR UP—the acronym for “Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs”—funds partnership projects across the nation that provide comprehensive educational, cultural, and support services to middle- and high school students, helping them improve academic achievement and move toward enrollment in postsecondary education.
The SLCC collaborative partnership includes the Ferguson-Florissant School District (Berkeley Middle School and Ferguson Middle School), Jennings School District (Jennings Middle School), the University of Missouri-St. Louis, North County CARES, Black Alcohol and Drug Services Information Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the YWCA, and Vision for Children at Risk. Three site-based GEAR UP teams of educational and social services professionals will work with the same group of 850 students at three schools over the five years. GEAR UP programming will include tutoring, academic coaching, integrated social services, and mentoring. Intensive summer experiences will be provided, as well as after-school activities throughout the year. Students and their parents will become familiar with college campuses, and learn that higher education is financially feasible and culturally within reach.

SLCC-FV’s GEAR UP program will have a powerful impact on the young people it serves, and will strengthen our community partnerships, further establishing SLCC as a community leader. Congratulations to the team who worked hard to plan the project and pull together a winning proposal.