FOCUS ON FUNDING

News and Notes from the SLCC Office of Institutional Development

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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

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. The program is a 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. Projects are expected to last three years. ITEST has four components:

(a) youth-based projects with strong emphasis on career and educational pathways;
(b) comprehensive projects for students and teachers;
(c) renewals of existing projects; and
(d) an ITEST Resource Center that engages in research related to funded projects, provides technical support and has responsibilities for national dissemination of project models, instructional materials, and best practices.


Hewlett-Packard Technology for Teaching Grant
The HP Technology for Teaching Higher Education Grant aims to be a catalyst for education innovation, supporting the development of mobile technology environments that will:

• expand access to high-quality higher education opportunities;
• redesign the higher education environment, enhancing teaching and increasing student success;
• be a catalyst for larger campus initiatives in integrating technology into the learning environment;
• engage a large number of faculty in adopting and implementing these models in their classrooms;
• foster publication, demonstration and presentation opportunities for academic leaders on the application of technology in higher education learning environments; and

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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:

**Janie Bedwell/Paul Roberts, Missouri Department of Conservation, $9,945.**
A grant to assist with removal of damaged and hazardous trees, and planting of replacement trees on the Meramec campus.

**Jeanne Edwards/Irene Kalmer, Area Resources for Community and Human Services, $79,460.**
A grant for the Florissant Valley campus to provide technical assistance and support to early childhood care and education programs selected for the Accreditation Program.

**Donna Halsband, American Association of Community Colleges, $2,000.**
A grant to host a two-day Service Learning Workshop at the Meramec campus for community colleges in Missouri and Illinois.

**James Monahan and Michael Holmes, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services $149,886.**
A grant for the Forest Park campus to provide higher education courses leading to associate's and bachelor's degrees for teachers in Head Start and Early Head Start centers that serve Hispanic/Latino children.

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- contribute to the worldwide “community of practice,” faculty who are using technology in innovative and effective ways.

In 2008, HP will select 44 campuses to participate, including two-year colleges. The award is valued at $77,000 and includes a $57,000 product bundle for one faculty member and a classroom, and a $20,000 cash grant to support the work of the project. Funding can be used for faculty time, materials, a related campus event, and travel expenses to attend an HP conference.

**DEADLINE:** Feb. 14, 2008
For more information, contact the SLCC office of Institutional Development at 539-5354.

New Office Hours Schedule

Upcoming OID Office Hours:

**Meramec Campus**
Wednesday, November 7
2:30–4:00 p.m.
BA 123J

**Forest Park Campus**
Thursday, November 8
2:30–4:00 p.m.
F-234

**Florissant Valley Campus**
Tuesday, November 20
2:30–4:00 p.m.
Engineering Offices (E-151)

**Wildwood Campus**
Tuesday, November 27
2:30–4:00 p.m.
220-A

Drop by to discuss the grants process or your ideas for a grant project.