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Grant Opportunities

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH):

Humanities Focus Grants

This program provides grants to improve formal humanities education in the United States from kindergarten through college and university. The program supports projects that promise national significance by virtue of their content, approach and reach. Projects may:

- enable school teachers and college and university faculty to engage in collaborative study of important texts in the humanities and to explore how these may be taught effectively
- help schools, colleges, and universities develop, revise, and try out significant humanities programs, curricula, courses, and materials
- develop and apply technologies to provide excellent humanities teaching
- foster sustained study of second languages and their cultural contexts
- encourage the wide dissemination of educational programs and materials
- make the humanities integral to the education of future teachers at all levels
- address other educational issues of national importance to the humanities

Humanities Focus grants are typically one year in duration and enable educators to work together to consider significant humanities topics or to map institutional directions for teaching the humanities.

Grants typically range from $10,000 to $25,000. Funds may be used to pay for guest scholars and visiting consultants, for observation of model programs, for books and other materials, for logistical support and especially for released time so that participants have time to read, think, write, and deliberate.

A minimum cost-sharing of 15% of total project costs is expected.

DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2002
2002 Summer Seminars and Institutes for College and University Teachers

Each year NEH offers teachers opportunities to study humanities topics in a variety of Summer Seminars and Institutes. All teachers selected to participate in a seminar or institute will receive a stipend of $2,800—$3,700 (depending on the length of the seminar or institute) to cover the costs of travel, books and other expenses. Just a few of the topics for 2002 include: “Roman Religion in its Cultural Context,” “Sport, Society, and Modern American Culture,” and “Consciousness and Intentionality.” Applications are made to selection committees for each institute or seminar. Selection committees are directed to give first consideration to applicants who have not participated in an NEH-supported program in the last three years.

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2002

For detailed application information and descriptions of the 23 seminars and institutes offered in 2002, call the SLCC Office of 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:

Bill Mason—Southeast Missouri State University, $7,500. A grant to support the Joint degree completion program in Industrial Technology as established between St. Louis Community College, Southeast Missouri State University, and the University of Missouri.

Judy Koenig—The Alliance for Employee Growth and Development, $30,242. A grant to the St. Louis Community College Division of Workforce and Community Development to deliver computer software training classes.

Karen Reece—Area Resources for Community and Human Resources, $10,000. A contract to provide career assessment services to 250 –500 economically disadvantaged persons in the St. Louis area.

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