Grant Opportunities

National Education Association (NEA) Foundation Grants

Faculty and staff at public higher education institutions are eligible for two types of small grants from the NEA Foundation.

1) Learning & Leadership Grants support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of the following purposes:

- Grants to **individuals** ($2,000) fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research.

- Grants to **groups** ($5,000) fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment.

All professional development must improve practice, curriculum, and student achievement. Content of the professional growth activities must be based upon assessment of student work undertaken with colleagues, and integrated into the institutional planning process. Preference will be given to members of the National Education Association.

2) **Student Achievement Grants** aim to improve student achievement in U.S. public schools and public institutions of higher education. The proposed project should engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The grant amount is $5,000. Funds may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, software or scholars-in-residence. Applicants may **not** receive salaries or stipends from the grant funds, nor can funds be used for afterschool, weekend or summer programs, indirect costs, administration fees, or conference fees. Preference will be given to NEA members.

Both types of grants have the same competition schedule, with notification of grant award three months after the submission deadline.

**DEADLINES:** June 6, 2008 and October 15, 2008

For more information on any of the opportunities listed, please call the Office of Institutional Development at 539-5354
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News and Notes from the SLCC Office of Institutional Development

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:

Ashok Agrawal, Saddleback College/National Science Foundation, $24,194. A grant for the Florissant Valley campus to participate in a project with the National Center for Rapid Technologies at Saddleback College.

Jane Boyle, St. Louis County Department of Human Services, $266,781. A contract for Workforce and Community Development to provide WIA employment services to dislocated workers from the Ford Motor Company and related businesses affected by the plant closure.

David Hanlon, St. Louis ArtWorks, $11,000. A grant for the Meramec campus to serve as a teaching institution for the ArtWorks summer apprenticeship program.

Susan McKnight, Youth for Understanding USA, Inc., $10,902. A contract for the Florissant Valley campus to provide an international academic experience for two students participating in the Youth for Understanding Community College program.

Barbara Wachal, National Endowment for the Humanities, $500. A stipend to attend a Landmarks of American History and Culture workshop at the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library in Fremont, Ohio.

Congratulations!

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Fulbright Scholar Program (Council for International Exchange of Scholars)

The traditional Fulbright Scholar Program sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals abroad each year. Grantees lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. Grants are three months to one year in length. Lecturing and/or conducting research in another country brings international experiences to faculty and the institution by infusing cross-cultural perspectives into an existing curriculum, revitalizing teaching methods, and providing lasting professional contacts with those from other countries.

Eligibility: Applicants must meet all of the following requirements—unless specific exemptions are stated in individual country or award descriptions.

- **U.S. citizenship** at the time of application. Permanent resident status is not sufficient.
- **A Ph.D. or equivalent professional/terminal degree** (including a master's depending on the field) as appropriate at the time of application. For professionals and artists outside academia, recognized professional standing and substantial professional accomplishments.
- **College or university teaching experience** at the level and in the field of the proposed lecturing activity as specified in the award description at the time of application.
- **Foreign language proficiency** as specified in the award description or as required for the completion of the proposed project. (Note: Except in certain world areas and countries, lecturing is in English.)
- **Sound physical and mental health**

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

**Deadline:** August 1, 2008 (for the 2009-2010 academic year)