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/.

Grant Opportunities
New! from the National Science Foundation—Proactive Recruitment in Introductory Science and Mathematics (PRISM)

The goal of the PRISM program is to strengthen the nation's scientific competitiveness by increasing the numbers of well-prepared, successful U.S. undergraduate majors and minors in science and mathematics. The program will fund innovative, potentially transformational partnerships between the mathematical sciences and other science or engineering disciplines that widen the cross section of the mathematical sciences to which freshman and sophomore students are exposed and that provide these students increased opportunities for research experiences involving the mathematical sciences.

PRISM seeks proposals to improve the lower undergraduate division (freshman and sophomore) experience in mathematics and statistics and so better prepare undergraduates to major in science, engineering, mathematics, and statistics. Of particular interest are activities that help students understand both the central role of the mathematical sciences in fostering progress in other scientific disciplines as well as the continuing active development of the mathematical sciences themselves. Careful attention to mentoring of students, thorough evaluation mechanisms, and plans for sustainability will be essential to successful projects.

Required elements of proposed activities include:
• Partnerships between the mathematical sciences and other science or engineering discipline(s)
• Proactive recruitment
• Early research experiences in the mathematical sciences and partner disciplines
• Mentoring and professional development
Please note that the lead Principal Investigator (PI) must be in the mathematical sciences.

Welcome
New & Returning Faculty

The Office of Institutional Development is here to assist and serve you!
If you would like more information about the opportunities listed in this publication, or about the grants process here at STLCC, please contact our office. We are located on the 6th floor of the Cosand Center, phone: 314/539-5354.
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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:

Sarah Perkins/Richard Norris, National Science Foundation, $679,487.
A grant for the STLCC Center for Plant and Life Sciences and the Florissant Valley Biotechnology program to relocate to a post-incubator on the campus of the Danforth Center for Plant Science, and provide expanded educational programming and internships in the life sciences.

A grant to implement the "Show-Me New Poll Workers" project to recruit 500 STLCC students to serve as poll workers in the November 2008 election. All four campuses are participating in the effort.

James Monahan, Community Colleges for International Development/U.S. Department of State, $360,290.
A grant for the Community Colleges for International Development to send fourteen students from Egypt, Pakistan and South Africa to study at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Congratulations!