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1. NSF Broader Impacts Criterion

The National Science Foundation employs two criteria in the merit review of proposals: What is the intellectual merit of the proposed activity? What are the broader impacts of the proposed activity? While most researchers know what is meant by Intellectual Merit, experience shows that many researchers have a less than clear understanding of the meaning of Broader Impacts.

The *NSF Grant Proposal Guide* (http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=gpg) uses a series of questions to illustrate the Broader Impacts criterion: "How well does the activity advance discovery and understanding while promoting teaching, training, and learning? How well does the proposed activity broaden the participation of underrepresented groups (e.g., gender, ethnicity, disability, geographic, etc.)? To what extent will it enhance the infrastructure for research and education, such as facilities, instrumentation, networks, and partnerships? Will the results be disseminated broadly to enhance scientific and technological understanding? What may be the benefits of the proposed activity to society? "

It may be helpful to illustrate the kinds of activity that are appropriate to each of the questions above:

- *Advance discovery and understanding while promoting teaching, training, and learning,
- *Broaden participation of under-represented groups,
- *Enhance infrastructure for research and education,
- *Broaden dissemination to enhance scientific and technological understanding,
- *Benefits to society.

Not every proposal must demonstrate impact in each of these pre-defined areas. Rather, activities with significant broader impact will emerge from the nature of the proposal and the authentic interests of the proposer.

Further examples of broader impacts can be found in the NSF document *Merit Review Broader Impacts Criterion: Representative Activities*, accessible at: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/gpg/broaderimpacts.pdf>

2. Grant Application Deadlines

Have you visited the SJSURF website lately? Our URL is: <http://www.sjsufoundation.org/>. On the front page, in "Latest News," is a link to Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines. This link is updated several times throughout the year. Program guidelines, including deadlines, may be accessed directly from this link.

3. Signature Deadlines

Speaking of deadlines... When planning your proposal submittal, please keep in mind that before each proposal can be submitted it is routed on campus for review and signature by authorized signers such as your chair, dean, SJSU AVP Graduate Studies and Research, and the SJSU Fiscal Office. Your Sponsored Programs Manager will work with you to have your budget and proposal ready for review at least seven days before the sponsor deadline. As we move into fall, please also keep in mind that holidays bring the challenge of tighter schedules. Please allow plenty of time before the sponsor deadline to route your proposal for signatures.

4. Fellowships

In addition to grant opportunities that SJSURF receives, a number of fellowship opportunities for faculty (and students) come through our office. A sampling of these follows:

AAUW Fellowships for Women

http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm

USDE Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-17362.pdf>

USDE Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index.html>

NSF East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes Program

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07584/nsf07584.htm>

ACLS American Research in the Humanities in China

<http://www.acls.org/cscguid.htm>

ACLS Postdoctoral Fellowships in Southeast European Studies

<http://www.acls.org/seguide.htm>

Metropolitan Museum of Art: Art History & Conservation Fellowships

http://www.metmuseum.org/education/er_fellow.asp

Institute for Advanced Study School of Social Science

<http://www.sss.ias.edu/about/>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Health Policy Fellowships

<http://www.healthpolicyfellows.org/home.php>

5. Fall 2007 Grant Proposal Workshops

The San José State University Research Foundation is offering the following grant proposal workshops to SJSU faculty and staff. Workshops will be held from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **(MLK) Library, Room 229**. Topics are listed below. Please contact Jerri Carmo at 924-1429 or jcarmo@foundation.sjsu.edu for more information or to RSVP.

Date: September 21, 2007 (NEW date)

Topic: "Proposal Budgets 101"

Date: October 19, 2007

Topic: "Online Tools Workshop"

Date: November 9, 2007

Topic: "National Institutes of Health Funding Opportunities"

Date: December 14, 2007

Topic: "U.S. Department of Education Funding Opportunities"

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