

## Office of Sponsored Programs Bulletin January 2008

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### 1. 'Science and Engineering Indicators 2008'

This month, the National Science Board delivered its biennial report, *Science and Engineering Indicators 2008* (SEI'08), to the President and Congress. The report compiles information on research and development performed by universities, the federal government, industry, and the international science and engineering enterprise. According to the National Science Foundation (NSF) Press Release 08-005, the Board made three recommendations in response to the trends outlined by SEI'08:

1. *The federal government should take action to enhance the level of funding for, and the transformational nature of, basic research;*
2. *Industry, government, the academic sector and professional organizations should take action to encourage greater intellectual interchange or synergy between industry and academia, with industry researchers encouraged to also participate as authors and reviewers for articles in open, peer-reviewed publications.*
3. *New data are critically needed, and this need should be expeditiously addressed by relevant federal agencies to track the implications for the U.S. economy of the globalization of manufacturing and services in high technology industry.*

To read the full National Science Foundation Press Release 08-005, go to [http://www.nsf.gov/news/news\\_summ.jsp?cntn\\_id=110984&govDel=USNSF\\_51](http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=110984&govDel=USNSF_51).

### 2. Revised Policy on Public Access to Publications Resulting from NIH-Funded Research

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) released its "Revised Policy on Enhancing Public Access to Archived Publications Resulting from NIH-Funded Research", effective April 7, 2008. This policy, which can be viewed at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-033.html>, requires:

*"...all NIH-funded investigators to submit or have submitted for them to the National Library of Medicine's PubMed Central an electronic version of their final, peer-reviewed manuscripts*

*upon acceptance for publication, to be made publicly available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication."*

The policy has generated criticism from the Association of American Publishers (AAP) as journal publishers say the policy will have a "negative impact on science publishing and the protection of related intellectual property rights." Allan Adler, AAP's Vice President for Legal and Government Affairs, considers the policy "unprecedented and inconsistent with important U.S. laws and policies regarding the conduct of scientific research and the protection of intellectual property rights." To read the AAP press release, go to <http://www.publishers.org/main/PressCenter/NIHMandatoryPolicy.htm>.

### **3. Community Colleges May Have Reason to Seek Four-Year Partners\***

Non-traditional students are making headlines again, alerting higher education institutions to a need that's ripe for funding. As The Chronicle of Higher Education reports, the retraining of individuals belonging to the baby-boomer generation is falling to the nation's community colleges, which in turn must adapt to the influx. Curriculum development, accessibility, and counseling activities are some of the initiatives the two-year campuses will be expected to undertake. If the shift in student population is as significant as The Chronicle predicts, the time is right for four-year institutions to establish and strengthen linkages with community college partners, to join them in re-educating this sizeable population.

\*This article was published by the Grants Resource Center in *Grant Week* on January 14, 2008.

### **4. NEH Digital Humanities Challenge Grants Web Conference: February 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

To prepare educators for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Digital Humanities Challenge Grant May 1, 2008 deadline, SJSURF will host a Grant Resource Center (GRC) web conference on February 14, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. GRC partners with many of the CSU campuses as a source of funding opportunity information. Please see the following description of the web conference:

Have a humanities project that utilizes or studies the impact of digital technology? Then make a point of attending the Grant Resource Center's web conference on the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Digital Humanities Challenge Grants hosted by Fred Winter, Senior Program Officer, Office of Challenge Grants. Digital technologies offer humanists new methods of conducting research, conceptualizing relationships, and presenting scholarship. Digital humanities projects deploy these technologies and methods to enhance our understanding of a topic or issue. NEH is also interested in projects that study the impact of digital technology on the humanities—exploring the ways in which it changes how we read, write, think, and learn. Learn about the difference between the regular challenge grant program and its digital equivalent. In particular, application restrictions and matching requirements will be discussed. May 1, 2008 is the next deadline for this important opportunity for your campus digital humanities program; make sure you are prepared to submit the best application possible by being present February 14<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in attending this web conference, please contact Erin Autio at 924-1437 or [eautio@foundation.sjsu.edu](mailto:eautio@foundation.sjsu.edu).

## **5. California Cultural Data Project Launched January 2008**

Launched January 4, 2008, the California Cultural Data Project (California CDP) is a statewide collaboration that will collect comprehensive information about the cultural sector in California. The Project is dedicated to strengthening the arts in California. It will streamline the grant application process by providing cultural organizations the technology to organize financial data that can be matched to each participating funder's requirements. For more information, visit <http://www.caculturaldata.org/home.aspx>.

Many of the arts and humanities sponsors that SJSURF has submitted to in the past, will now use the California CDP. Therefore, we highly recommend faculty to participate in one of the several Bay Area training sessions held March 10 – 14. To register for the training sessions, please see <http://www.caculturaldata.org/news.aspx>. If you have any questions about proposal submittals surrounding the arts and humanities, please contact Michele Vaccaro at [mvaccaro@foundation.sjsu.edu](mailto:mvaccaro@foundation.sjsu.edu) or 924-1430.

## **6. NIH Released Fiscal Policy for Grant Awards – FY 2008**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) released its FY 2008 fiscal policy reflecting the \$29.2 billion NIH appropriation for FY 2008. This is a 1% increase over the FY 2007 funding level. Highlights of policy include:

- 1) Non-Competing Awards. Non-competing awards will be funded, on average, at approximately a 98% level of the previously established commitments.
- 2) Competing Awards. The average cost of competing awards will be allowed to increase by 1% over FY2007. It is estimated this will allow the Institutes and Centers (IC) to support the NIH investigator pool with approximately 9,700 new and competing RPGs, and will allow the number of new investigators to be comparable to the average of the most recent five years.
- 3) Career Awards, SBIR/STTRs. These programs will generally be funded at the committed levels.
- 4) Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA). Funds for stipends, tuition and training-related expenses are held at the FY2007 levels.

Each IC will be required to manage its portfolio in compliance with the 1% NIH appropriation increase. However, the FY 2008 fiscal policy does allow each IC more flexibility than was provided in FY 2006 and FY 2007 (both years also experienced sub-inflation appropriation increases). For example, individual Non-Competing Awards may be funded at higher level, or a lower level, as long as the IC (in total) remains in compliance with its funding target (i.e., 1% increase).

Specific funding strategies for each IC will be available on February 6, 2008. In addition, institutions can contact an NIH Grants Management Specialist on questions related to specific awards.

To read the NIH fiscal policy, see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-036.html>.

## 7. Recent Awards for Sponsored Programs Research

We congratulate the following Principal Investigators who have recently received awards for their sponsored programs research:

Dr. Karen Singmaster, Chemistry

The National Institutes of Health has awarded Dr. Singmaster first-year funding in the amount of \$325,162 for the *San José State University Undergraduate MBRS RISE Program*. The total amount of funding over the life of the award is anticipated to be \$1,516,454.

Dr. Cleber Ouverney, Biology

The National Institutes of Health has awarded Dr. Ouverney first-year funding in the amount of \$111,150 for the MBRS program entitled, *Environmental Uncultivable Bacteria Model for Understanding Human Periodontitis*. The total amount of funding over the life of the award is anticipated to be \$444,600.

Dr. Soma Sen, Social Work

The Santa Clara County Department of Health has awarded Dr. Sen funding in the amount of \$11,000 for the program entitled, *Evaluation of HIV Education and Prevention Programs*.

## 8. Fellowships

SJSURF receives notification of several fellowship opportunities for faculty and students. This month's highlights include:

Program: Literature Fellowships: Creative Writing

Agency: National Endowment for the Arts

Next Deadline: Mar 03, 2008

<http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/Lit/index.html>

Program: Humanities and Social Sciences Fellowship Program

Agency: Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study

Next Deadline: Mar 01, 2008

<http://www.nias.knaw.nl/en/fellowships/>

Program: Visiting Scientists Fellowship Program

Agency: Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics (JILA)

Next Deadline: Apr 30, 2008

<http://jilawww.colorado.edu/employ/vf.html>

Program: Academic Fellowship Program

Agency: Open Society Institute

Next Deadline: Mar 15, 2008 (tentative)

<http://www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp/focus/afp>

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