

## Office of Sponsored Programs Bulletin February 2009

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1. **SJSURF Workshop: Dr. Rivera, Distinguished Visitor from NSF, March 9<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**  
Come meet Dr. Ferdinand Rivera, SJSU Associate Professor of Mathematics and expert in mathematics education, who is currently serving as Program Director in the Education Directorate of the National Science Foundation. Dr. Rivera recently received the prestigious NSF Career Grant in the amount of \$509,000.

The first part of Dr. Rivera's presentation will focus on the program solicitations offered by NSF's Division of Research on Learning. Part two of this session will focus on proposal writing: what to write, and how to write a competitive NSF proposal. Attendees will also learn about NSF's proposal review process.

The workshop will be held on March 9, 2009 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in MLK Library Room 255/257. Lunch will be provided to those who RSVP by March 4th. Please RSVP to Nancy Riley at [nriley@foundation.sjsu.edu](mailto:nriley@foundation.sjsu.edu) or contact Jerri Carmo at [jcarmo@foundation.sjsu.edu](mailto:jcarmo@foundation.sjsu.edu) or 924-1429 for more information.

### 2. 2009 NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Administration

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) would like to inform you of an exciting opportunity to participate in the 2009 NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Administration. These seminars are held only twice a year and are intended to help demystify the application and review process, clarify federal regulations and policies, and highlight current areas of special interest or concern. Approximately 25 leading policy, program, and grants management officials from NIH and HHS will share their expertise and guidance on topics such as:

- Fundamentals of the NIH Grants Process
- How to apply for and manage an NIH grant
- What's new in NIH peer review
- Latest grant policies
- Grant writing for success

- Compliance
- Humans and animal policies/resources
- NIH's Loan Repayment Payment Program
- And so much more!

In conjunction with the 2-day seminar, the NIH is offering attendees the option of participating in eRA Computer Workshops designed to provide hands-on experience in utilizing the eRA Commons for administrators and investigators. The workshops are geared towards administrators, principal investigators and assistants with little or no eSubmission or eRA Commons experience and focus on how to use the electronic systems to facilitate application/grant administration.

The regional seminar in Las Vegas, NV will be held on June 24-26. For registration information, please see <http://www.nihregionalseminar.com/site/index.html>.

### **3. NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedure Guide effective April 4, 2009**

In February 2009, the National Science Foundation (NSF) released an updated version of its Proposal and Award Policies and Procedure Guide (PAPP), effective April 4, 2009. Part I is comprised of NSF's proposal preparation and submission guidelines -- the NSF Grant Proposal Guide and the NSF Grants.gov Application Guide. Both the Grant Proposal Guide (GPG) and Grants.gov Application Guide provide guidance for the preparation and submission of proposals to NSF, whether by the NSF Fastlane System or Grants.gov.

Part II is comprised of the documents used to guide, manage, and monitor the award and administration of grants and cooperative agreements made by the Foundation. Coverage includes the NSF award process, from issuance and administration of an NSF award through closeout. Guidance regarding other grant requirements or considerations that either is not universally applicable or which do not follow the award cycle also is provided. To download the PDF version of the PAPP, please go to: [http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf09\\_29/index.jsp?govDel=USNSF\\_109](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf09_29/index.jsp?govDel=USNSF_109).

### **4. Economic Stimulus Roundup**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law on February 17, 2009. The funds authorized by the act will be administered via several mechanisms: formula grants, state discretionary funds, and competitive grants... The \$787 billion bill includes \$463 billion for transportation and infrastructure upgrades and construction, health care programs, education, housing assistance, and energy efficiency upgrades. A Congressional Quarterly summary includes these highlights:

- \$13 billion for Title I grants for programs serving disadvantaged children. Title I grants provide funding in high-poverty areas for programs that provide academic support to poor children who are struggling to meet state education requirements.
- \$2 billion for the Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, which awards grants to states for use by state and local governments for criminal justice programs, such as drug task forces, community crime prevention efforts, substance abuse treatment programs, and prosecutorial initiatives, with an emphasis on combating violent crimes.
- \$1.5 billion for discretionary grants for a wide variety of road, bridge, and rail projects.

- \$280 million for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service resource management and construction projects.
- \$3.1 billion for the Energy Department's State Energy Program, which provides grants to states to fund state government energy technology research and development programs.
- \$2.5 billion for Energy Department energy efficiency and renewable energy research, development, demonstration, and deployment projects. Of that amount, \$800 million would be used for biomass energy technology development, and \$400 million would be used for geothermal projects.
- \$5.6 billion for various science programs, including economic, environmental, weather, and construction research and development programs-this amount includes \$3 billion for the National Science Foundation (\$2.5 billion for research on social, economic, and environmental issues; \$400 million of construction of research facilities, and \$100 million for education and human resources programs); \$836 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; \$1 billion for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (\$150 million for aeronautics research and development); and \$780 million for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (\$360 million for research and development facility construction grants and \$240 million for research grants).
- \$8.2 billion to the Office of the Director at the National Institutes of Health, including \$800 million in grants for projects that can be completed within two years.
- \$100 billion in education funding, including \$54 billion for states to direct toward education.

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#### **5. 5th Annual College of Science Student Research Day (SRD): May 1, 2009**

The 5th Annual College of Science Student Research Day (SRD) will be held Friday, May 1, 2009. Undergraduate and graduate students working with College of Science faculty on original research projects are strongly encouraged to present their work in this poster session. Please begin thinking about submission ideas. If you have a recently presented poster that was used at a professional conference, show it again at the SRD! Posters on "work in progress" are also very welcome.

The SRD offers students the chance to present their research efforts to their peers and faculty. In addition, students will be able to learn about research projects other students are participating in. Faculty may attend with their classes. New faculty are especially encouraged to present!

The call for titles / author(s) will be requested by Dr. Roy Okuda just before Spring Break. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Dr. Okuda at 924-2525.

#### **6. SJSU Professor of Chemistry to present at Pittcon 2009**

SJSU Professor of Chemistry Joe Pesek will be available at the MicroSolv Technology booth No. 1974 during Pittcon 2009 – the 60th Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy. Informally discuss with the inventor of Cogent TYPE-C silica how Aqueous Normal Phase works in advanced separations with LCMS or bring your own separation goals to talk about. Learn how to retain and analyze hydrophilic compounds without using a HILIC column. For conference registration information, please see <http://www.pittcon.org/>.

## 7. Reports to Read Now

[AASCU 2009 Public Policy Agenda](#) -This annual report names STEM education, veterans, and study abroad; partnerships for campus safety, emergency preparedness, and disaster preparedness; and the U.S. Department of Education's Title III and Title V programs as priorities for the year ahead.

[The Role of Life Sciences in Transforming America's Future: Summary of a Workshop](#)-"...We need to move quickly to create the conditions that will allow human ingenuity to flourish," says this report, which recaps a December 2008 National Academies Biology Summit. Participants in the summit assert that the world is poised for "the most profound shift in the scientific enterprise since the professionalization of science in the second half of the 19th century."

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## 8. Fellowships

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

Program: Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards  
Agency: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
Next Deadline: Apr 08, 2009  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-409.html>

Program: Kirschstein-NRSA Predoctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity  
Agency: National Institutes of Health  
Next Deadline: Apr 13, 2009  
<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-106.html>

Program: Visiting Scientists Fellowship Program  
Agency: Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics (JILA)  
Next Deadline: Apr 30, 2009  
<http://jilawww.colorado.edu/employ/vf.html>

Program: American Competitiveness in Chemistry-Fellowship (ACC-F)  
Agency: National Science Foundation (NSF)  
Next Deadline: April 1, 2009  
<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08541/nsf08541.htm>

Program: NEA Literature Fellowships: Creative Writing, FY2010  
Agency: National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)  
Next Deadline: March 5, 2009  
<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Lit/index.html>

Program: Earth Sciences Postdoctoral Fellowships (EAR-PF)  
Agency: National Science Foundation (NSF); Directorate for Geosciences; Division of Earth Sciences  
Next Deadline: July 1, 2009  
<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09526/nsf09526.html>

Program: Office of Postsecondary Ed; Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN)

Agency: U.S. Department of Education (ED); Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Next Deadline: March 16, 2009.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-3163.pdf>

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