

## Office of Sponsored Programs Bulletin December 2008

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### 1. **SJSURF Holiday Closure Schedule**

The Foundation (and the campus) will be closed, Wednesday, December 24, 2008 – through Thursday, January 1, 2009. No proposals will be processed during this time. The Foundation will re-open Friday, January 2, 2009.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to working with you in the new year.

### 2. **CSU Chancellor's Office Environmental Sustainability Workshop**

The CSU Chancellor's Office will be hosting a workshop that will focus on grant and contract opportunities for federal, state, and private foundations in the general theme area of environmental sustainability:

Sustainability Grant Writing Workshop

CSU Chancellor's Office

Thursday, January 29, 2009

Fee: \$0

Please register early so that the workshop host can gather your level of experience, comfort, and skill in writing grants. This information will allow them to develop a comprehensive and interactive grant writing session that meets your expectations and needs.

You may register at [http://calstate.edu/cpdc/workshops/09\\_grant\\_writing.shtml](http://calstate.edu/cpdc/workshops/09_grant_writing.shtml). There is no fee to attend the workshop, but please register early due to limited capacity.

Portions of the workshop will be offered via webinar to support workshop participants who cannot travel to the Chancellor's Office. Webinar attendees will receive additional information prior to the workshop.

### 3. AAAS Web-Analyses of Federal Government Support of R&D

Since 1976, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) R&D Budget and Policy Program has sponsored studies on funding and policy issues affecting federal government support of research and development (R&D). The Program's purpose is "to contribute to informed public discussion regarding federal support for R&D by providing timely, objective, and accurate information on federal R&D support." In addition to their annual printed report, *AAAS Report XXXIII: Research and Development FY 2009*, the Program provides several web-based analyses. Please view their Status of FY 2009 Appropriations [table](#), which is continually updated. Also you may view their [online tutorial](#) designed to introduce audiences to the U.S. federal budget process, especially as it relates to federal R&D funding.

### 4. USDA Proposes Rules on Research Misconduct

On November 24, 2008, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released a series of [proposed regulations](#) regarding misconduct in extramural research sponsored by the agency. The proposed rulemaking would implement the provisions of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) Federal Policy on Research Misconduct, which standardized the definition of and response to research misconduct across all federal agencies. USDA's proposed rules set out definitions for misconduct and related terms and outline the agency's requirements for investigations of alleged infractions. Although USDA proposes agency administrative actions when misconduct is found, the burdens of integrity and oversight still fall on the sponsored university or institution.

Comments on the proposed rulemaking are due by December 24, 2008 and may be submitted through the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#) or by contacting Peter Laub at [peter.laub@usda.gov](mailto:peter.laub@usda.gov) or by fax at 202/690-1529. For further information, contact Sara Mazie at 202/720-5923 or [researchintegrity@usda.gov](mailto:researchintegrity@usda.gov).

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### 5. Reports to Read Now: Education Research

On November 20, 2008, Inside Higher Ed published "[New Model for Education Research](#)," an article discussing a speech by Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching president Anthony Bryk. Bryk believes education research is under-funded (with only .25 percent of education funding going to research), conducted in the wrong environment (at universities rather than in K-12 classrooms), and disconnected from real life (seen as "intended for other researchers").

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### 6. Neuroscience Has Changed the Pursuit of Psychology Research Funding

Psychology departments are changing, reports the Chronicle of Higher Education, as research psychologists are increasingly challenged to achieve "cross-disciplinary coherence." While traditionally trained psychologists are voluntarily initiating more collaborations with neuroscientists, they also are finding that federal funding for straight psychology research has become scarce. Their success in grantseeking depends not just on the natural interdisciplinary connections they make, but also, in some cases, on the constant overlay of biological components to their central behavioral research themes.

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## 7. NSF FY 2008 Budget, Performance, and Financial Snapshot

The mission of the National Science Foundation is "to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense." In FY 2008, NSF received over 44,400 grant proposals, conducted 248,000 proposal reviews, and granted 11,162 new awards.

To stay focused on the frontiers of science and engineering in FY 2009, NSF will address the following challenges:

- Establish new funding mechanisms and provide additional guidance for the merit review process to enhance its ability to identify and support research that is potentially transformative;
- Invest in technology to support program oversight and management; and
- Address increased proposal pressure while continuing to encourage the free flow of ideas to NSF.

For more information on NSF's performance in FY 2008, please see the NSF [FY 2008 Budget, Performance, and Financial Snapshot](#).

## 8. Fellowships

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

Program: Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) in science and engineering

Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce

Next Deadline: Feb 16, 2009

<http://www.surf.nist.gov/app.htm>

Program: NOAA Climate and Global Change Postdoctoral Fellowship

Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce

Next Deadline: Feb 15, 2009

<http://www.vsp.ucar.edu/>

Program: White House Fellowships

Agency: President's Commission on White House Fellowships

Next Deadline: Feb 01, 2009

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/fellows/index.html>

Program: Research Fellowships in Early American Economy and Society

Agency: Library Company of Philadelphia

Next Deadline: Mar 02, 2009

<http://www.librarycompany.org/Economics/Efellowships.htm>

Program: Fellowship Programs  
Agency: Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the humanities and social sciences  
Next Deadline: Mar 01, 2009  
[http://www.nias.knaw.nl/en/fellowships/regular\\_fellowships/#a4](http://www.nias.knaw.nl/en/fellowships/regular_fellowships/#a4)

Program: Mary Switzer Research Fellowships to promote solutions to problems related to disability  
Agency: U.S. Department of Education  
Next Deadline: Jan 27, 2009  
<http://www.ed.gov/programs/resfel/index.html>

Program: Literature Fellowships: Creative Writing and Poetry  
Agency: National Endowment for the Arts  
Next Deadline: Mar 01, 2009 (tentative)  
<http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/Lit/index.html>

Program: FY 09 W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program to study crime, justice, & culture in various societal contexts  
Agency: U.S. Department of Justice; Office of Justice Programs; National Institute of Justice  
Next Deadline: January 21, 2009.  
<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/SL000838.pdf>

Program: Minority Fellowships Program in Nursing  
Agency: American Nurses Association  
Next Deadline: Mar 01, 2009  
<http://www.emfp.org/MainMenuCategory/Fellowships.aspx>

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