Office of Sponsored Programs
Weekly Funding Opportunity Announcement

The Office of Sponsored Programs is pleased to announce the following funding opportunities for the week of November 14, 2011. This list of opportunities will be provided weekly. The organization of the announcements will be internal, arts and humanities, sciences and social sciences.

To receive customized announcements please visit http://www.infoed.org/GeniusSearch/genius.asp or http://www.cos.com/to set up profiles that will match your chosen criteria to opportunities and then alert you via email.

To provide feedback on the listserv you can contact us at osp@american.edu.

Don’t know who your OSP staffer is? Click Find my OSP Staffer to find out.

Please remember that funding opportunities are dynamic. All information posted by OSP is accurate at the time of distribution. Before beginning any work on a proposal you should always check the full announcement for potential sponsor modifications to due date and/or other requirements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE AU COMMUNITY

Last chance for this semester: Interested in learning more about electronic funding search sources that can send information to your email address as new funding opportunities become available?

OSP will conduct a workshop on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., in Anderson Computing Complex, Rm. B-11. The workshop will provide brief
overviews of both databases and a hands-on demonstration. Please RSVP to osp@american.edu. For more info, visit Upcoming Events at www.american.edu/osp.

Check out the new NSF program for Interdisciplinary Awards (CREATIV) below!

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Witter Bynner Foundation for Poetry

Organizations may apply for grant support from $1,000 to $10,000 for a maximum of three years. The foundation does not support indirect costs for grant administration, endowment funds, capital improvements, or general operating expenses. Foundation interests include: developing the poetry audience and uses of poetry.

http://www.bynnerfoundation.org/grants/index.htm

Deadline: December 31, 2011 Letter of Intent

Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation

Humanities Program

The Foundation intends to further the humanities along a broad front, supporting projects which address the concerns of the historical studia humanitatis: a humanistic education rooted in the great traditions of the past; the formation of human beings according to cultural, moral, and aesthetic ideals derived from that past; and the ongoing debate over how these ideals may best be conceived and realized.

Programs in the following areas are eligible: history; archaeology; literature; languages, both classical and modern; philosophy; ethics; comparative religion; the history, criticism, and theory of the arts; and those aspects of the social sciences which share the content and methods of humanistic disciplines. The Foundation welcomes projects that cross the boundaries between humanistic disciplines and explore the connection between the humanities and other areas of scholarship.

http://www.delmas.org/past_grants/humanities.html

Deadline: Rolling
SOCIAL SCIENCES AND SCIENCES

The Retirement Research Foundation

Funding for RRF’s general program of grantmaking is given to efforts that support the Foundation’s funding interests:

Improve the availability and quality of community-based and long-term services and supports.

Provide new and expanded opportunities for older adults to engage in meaningful roles in society.

Seek causes and solutions to significant problems of older adults.

Increase the number of professionals and paraprofessionals adequately prepared to serve the elder population.

http://www.rrf.org/grants-programs/grants

Deadline: February 1, 2012 (other deadlines also please see announcement)

Social Science Research Council

Postdoctoral Fellowship for Transregional Research: Inter-Asian Contexts and Connections

The SSRC is pleased to announce a pilot postdoctoral fellowship program that will support transregional research under the rubric Inter-Asian Contexts and Connections. Its purpose is to strengthen the understanding of issues and geographies that don’t fit neatly into existing divisions of academia or the world and to develop new approaches, practices, and opportunities in international, regional, and area studies in the United States. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, these fellowships will help junior scholars (those at the postdoctoral stage, one to seven years out of the PhD) complete first books and/or undertake second projects. In addition to funding research, the program will create networks and shared resources that will support Fellows well beyond the grant period.

http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/transregional-research-fellowship/

Deadline: Cycle 2 February 1, 2012 (pre-proposal)
Higher Education for Development

Tunisia: Job Opportunities for Business Scale-Up (JOBS) 2011

Higher Education for Development (HED) anticipates making two (2) awards of up to $500,000 each for three-year higher education partnerships. The first award will be for a partnership with the Institut Supérieur des Etudes Technologiques de Sidi Bouzid (ISET Sidi Bouzid). The second award will be for a partnership with the Institut Supérieur des Etudes Technologiques de Médenine (ISET Médenine) and the Institut Supérieur des Etudes Technologiques de Tataouine (Tataouine). The two partnerships will focus on improving higher education and workforce development programs at these Tunisian institutions to produce a workforce with the relevant skills to support the country development goals.

http://www.hedprogram.org/

Deadline: February 12, 2012 (register for Information Session on Dec 6th by Dec 1st see announcement)

Department of State

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor

Promoting democracy and human rights in East Asia and the Pacific.

Regional: Community Participation to Improve Government Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) (approximately $300,000 available). DRL’s objective is to increase the organizational capacities of disabled persons’ organizations (DPOs) to broaden civil society participation in, and support to, government efforts to implement the CRPD. DRL seeks proposals to increase the ability of DPOs to play a greater role in advocating for their rights. Proposals will be viewed favorably if program outcomes include: increased organizational capacity of DPOs in countries of Southeast Asia; increased advocacy by community and labor organizations on behalf of disability rights issues; greater civil and political participation by individuals with disabilities; and increased government action to implement the CRPD as a result of DPO advocacy and support in target countries. Competitive proposals will include a detailed description of how DPO capacity to advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities will be increased, and how the program and DPOs will influence government implementation of the CRPD. DRL seeks to fund a multi-country regional program and proposals should include a minimum of two countries in Southeast Asia

http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=130253
**Deadline:** December 13, 2011

**Center for Disease Control**

**The ORISE Research Participation Programs**

The ORISE Research Participation Programs at the CDC are designed to provide a flow of scientists and engineers into the CDC to participate in current research and development activities and studies, and related technical projects. In addition, the program will link the CDC's technologies with the capabilities of the academic community. By supporting this program, the CDC will enhance the educational programs offered by academic institutions, strengthen the scientific and technical manpower base, transfer its knowledge and technology to the academic community, and support a growing national commitment to science education.

[http://www.orau.gov/cdc/presearchFRAMESET.htm](http://www.orau.gov/cdc/presearchFRAMESET.htm)

**Deadline:** Rolling

**NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

**National Institute on Aging**

**Implications of the Economic Downturn for Health, Wealth, and Work at Older Ages (R01)**

Research is encouraged that explores the ways in which individuals have been affected by the recent financial crisis or comparable elements of past economic downturns. Beyond individual effects, the financial crisis has resulted in changes in living arrangements and household composition that may have long-term implications. The following topics are examples of relevant research areas only. Applications are not limited to these areas. NIA encourages applicants to discuss their topics with program staff prior to submission.

**(PA-12-009)**

**Deadline:** Multiple dates, see announcement.

**National Science Foundation**
CREATIV: Creative Research Awards for Transformative Interdisciplinary Ventures

The INSPIRE initiative was introduced by NSF Director Subra Suresh with the fiscal year 2012 NSF budget request to Congress. From his remarks (http://www.nsf.gov/news/speeches/suresh/11/ss110214_nsfbudget.jsp): “INSPIRE is aimed to encourage cross-disciplinary science. INSPIRE will help to break down any disciplinary barriers that may exist within NSF and encourage its program managers to use new tools, collaboration modes and techniques in the merit-review process to widen the pool of prospective discoveries that may be hidden from or circumvented by traditional means.”

CREATIV is the first grant award mechanism under INSPIRE, and will be the only one launched in FY 2012. In brief, its distinguishing characteristics are: only internal merit review is required; proposals must be interdisciplinary and potentially transformative; requests may be up to $1,000,000 and up to five years duration (further details and specifications below). In the future, further announcements will be made regarding INSPIRE activities to be launched in FY 2013 and beyond. The funding for INSPIRE in future years is expected to increase substantially each year, reaching a steady state in FY 2016.

Goals of the CREATIV grant mechanism

Create new interdisciplinary opportunities that are not perceived to exist presently.

Attract unusually creative high-risk / high-reward interdisciplinary proposals.

Provide substantial funding, not limited to the exploratory stage of the pursuit of novel ideas.

Designate no favored topics; be open to all NSF-supported areas of science, engineering, and education research.


Deadline: CREATIV proposals for support in FY 2012 can be submitted at any time between December 1, 2011, and June 15, 2012. Any submission after June 15, 2012, will be too late for consideration in FY 2012, but could be considered in FY 2013 if the CREATIV pilot continues.

National Science Foundation

Smart Health and Wellbeing
Through the Smart Health and Wellbeing (SHB) Program, NSF seeks to address fundamental technical and scientific issues that would support much needed transformation of healthcare from reactive and hospital-centered to preventive, proactive, evidence-based, person-centered and focused on wellbeing rather than disease. The issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to, sensor technology, networking, information and machine learning technology, modeling cognitive processes, system and process modeling, and social and economic issues. Effective technology-based solutions must satisfy a multitude of constraints arising from clinical needs, social interactions, cognitive limitations, barriers to behavioral changes, heterogeneity of data, semantic mismatch and limitations of current cyberphysical systems.

**Deadline:** February 06, 2012, Type I: Exploratory Projects (EXP)

February 21, 2012, Type II: Integrative Projects (INT)

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**National Aeronautics and Space Administration**

**ROSES 2011: Lunar Advanced Science and Exploration Research**

This NASA Research Announcement (NRA) solicits proposals for supporting basic and applied research and technology across a broad range of Earth and space science program elements relevant to one or more of the following NASA Research Programs: Earth Science, Heliophysics, Planetary Science, and Astrophysics. This ROSES NRA covers all aspects of basic and applied supporting research and technology in space and Earth sciences, including, but not limited to: theory, modeling, and analysis of SMD science data; aircraft, stratospheric balloon, suborbital rocket, and commercial reusable rocket investigations; development of experiment techniques suitable for future SMD space missions; development of concepts for future SMD space missions; development of advanced technologies relevant to SMD missions; development of techniques for and the laboratory analysis of both extraterrestrial samples returned by spacecraft, as well as terrestrial samples that support or otherwise help verify observations from SMD Earth system science missions; determination of atomic and composition parameters needed to analyze space data, as well as returned samples from the Earth or space; Earth surface observations and field campaigns that support SMD science missions; development of integrated Earth system models; development of systems for applying Earth science research data to societal needs; and development of applied information systems applicable to SMD objectives and data. Awards range from under $100K per year for focused, limited efforts (e.g., data
(analysis) to more than $1M per year for extensive activities (e.g., development of science experiment hardware).

http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&opplId=130174

**Deadline:** January 27, 2012