

# RESEARCHNOTES

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For information on funding opportunities and other information related to sponsored research, please visit [research.cba.ua.edu](http://research.cba.ua.edu) or contact Deborah Hamilton (8-2952).

## ***Innovation in Accounting Education Award***

The American Accounting Association (AAA) requests nominations for the Innovation in Accounting Education Award. The award is intended to encourage innovation and improvement in accounting education. Further, it recognizes significant programmatic changes or a significant activity, concept, or set of materials. The primary criteria used by the Selection Committee to judge submissions include innovation, demonstrated educational benefits, and adaptability by other educational institutions or to other situations.

The winner will be announced in the *Accounting Education News*. The award, a plaque and \$5,000 funded by the Ernst & Young Foundation, will be presented at the 2008 AAA Annual Meeting. Although publication is not a requirement for receiving the award, the award-winning innovation will be eligible for publication in *Issues in Accounting Education* as a scholarly article, subject to the normal manuscript review process and acceptance of the paper by the editor of the journal.

Deadline is January 15, 2008.

<http://aaahq.org/awards/award6.htm>

## ***Notable Contributions to Accounting Literature Award***

The Screening Committee for the Joint American Institute for Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)/ American Accounting Association (AAA) Notable Contributions to Accounting Literature Award invites nominations of outstanding articles, books, monographs, AICPA-sponsored research studies, or accounting literature appearing in other types of publications. Nominated items must have been published from 2003 to 2007.

The award selection criteria include uniqueness and potential magnitude of contribution to accounting education, practice, or future accounting research (or

any combination thereof); breadth of potential interest; originality and innovative content; clarity and organization of exposition; and soundness and appropriateness of methodology.

The winner(s) will receive a plaque and a \$2,500 prize at the 2008 AAA Annual Meeting.

Deadline is February 15, 2008.

<http://aaahq.org/awards/nominat3.htm>

## ***NSF's Manufacturing Enterprise Systems***

The Manufacturing Enterprise Systems (MES) program addresses focused research on design, planning, and control of operations in manufacturing enterprises, from shop floors to the associated procurement and distribution supply chains. Contributions should extend the range of analytical and computational techniques addressed to these extended enterprise operations, or advance novel models offering policy insight or the prospect of implementable solutions.

Among the categories of research supported are the following:

1. Analytical and computational tools and systems for planning, monitoring, control, and scheduling of manufacturing and distribution operations
2. Methods for personnel planning
3. Methods for evaluation, comparison, and optimization of designs for manufacturing systems and facilities, especially in the presence of massive uncertainty and risk about the operating environment

Deadline is February 15, 2008.

[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=13342](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13342)

## ***NSF's Information Technology and Infrastructure Systems***

This program creates scientific and engineering knowledge for the intelligent renewal of civil infrastructure systems, such as transportation, water supply, sanitation, power generation, and the built environment, by promoting broad application of advanced information technologies to condition assessment, deterioration, and asset management sciences. It also creates scientific and engineering knowledge for the intelligent design, construction, maintenance, operation, and decommissioning of the built environment.

Important areas of inquiry are: intra-and inter-dependencies in infrastructure systems, health monitoring of infrastructure elements and systems, hydrogen fuel vehicles and transportation systems, infrastructure for hydrogen fuel storage and distribution, civil infrastructure protection, intelligent transportation systems, crash causation and crash avoidance measures in ground transportation, mobility in ground transportation through reduction or crash-caused delays and increases in the amount of vehicle throughput, fully automated and integrated project management processes across all life-cycle phases of the built environment, lean construction, engineering and management of job-site field operations through advanced information technologies.

Full proposal windows are January 15, 2008 - February 15, 2008.

[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=13352&org=NSF&from=fund](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13352&org=NSF&from=fund)

## ***Equipment Leasing and Finance Foundation***

The Equipment Leasing and Finance Foundation encourages research to expand the body of knowledge about equipment lease financing in the U.S. economy. In addition, the foundation seeks to broaden its constituency by establishing and maintaining mutually beneficial relationships with individuals in the academic community. Honorariums are available to encourage academics in all fields of scholarship to study topics of interest to the foundation and its constituency.

Topics of interest to leasing professionals include, but are not limited to, the following issues: strategic management or planning; accounting; financial reporting; tax; legislative or regulatory developments;

contracts and documentation; finance; sales and marketing; electronic commerce; credit and collections; software; economics; portfolio or risk management; operations; and benchmarking or best practices. The subject matter must have practical application to professionals in the leasing and finance business.

The average size of grant is \$10,000 to \$15,000. Proposals may be submitted by the 15th of each month.

<http://www.leasefoundation.org/Work/grants/rfps.htm>

## ***Kazanjian Foundation***

While the Kazanjian Foundation maintains a vital interest in the overall efforts to increase economic literacy, the Board of Trustees will give special attention to proposals and projects with national impact that addresses the following issues:

The Foundation has an abiding interest in elevating the nation's understanding of the need for economic education. It will support programs that raise various public's participation in economic education and/or create a demand for greater economic literacy.

The application of new strategies for teaching economics including on-line and web-based instruction is of interest to the Foundation.

Projects, policy studies, or programs that encourage measurement of economic understanding more often and/or more effectively are of specific interest.

The large number of students at risk of leaving school, and hence never effectively participating in the nation's economic system are of concern to the Foundation. Programs that help otherwise disenfranchised youth and/or young adults with children learn to participate in the economic system are very important to the Foundation.

Applications are due by February 15 for review in May/June.

<http://www.kazanjian.org/>