If you would like information about any announcement, please contact Deborah Hamilton (8-2952).

Please visit our web site research.cba.ua.edu. This site has links to searchable databases such as SPIN and IRIS and to select funding agencies.

**C&BA Proposal Submission**

Please remember that all proposal submissions must be coordinated through the College. Proposals should include a University coordination sheet signed by the department head(s) and an approved supplemental compensation form if the proposal calls for supplemental compensation.

If you are to be on a proposal submitted by another UA college, the proposal still has to be coordinated through C&BA.

Thanks for your interest and support of the College’s contract and grant research program.

**OSP Web Site**

The University’s Office for Sponsored Programs has redesigned its web site. The new site is located at www.osp.ua.edu.

**Decision-Making and Valuation**

The National Science Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency seek research that will contribute to the development of practical, credible approaches for estimating the benefits and costs of environmental policies and improving decision-making about environmental issues. The FY02 Decision-Making and Valuation for Environmental Policy competition solicits proposals in three areas:

- research linking individual environmental values with group or community valuation of environmental amenities or research on community environmental decision-making in general
- research on the costs and benefits, use and affects of environmental information in environmental decision-making by individuals, communities, governments and other organizations

Approximately 10 awards, ranging from $60,000 to $200,000 per award per year, are expected. Deadline is May 15.

**Fulbright Grants**

Two opportunities are available that may interest business faculty:

Grant #116 Czech Republic seeks a specialist in economics to work with faculty in the School of Management at the University of Economics in Prague. Lecturing will be in English on business management and general economics, but the specialist may also select topics in his/her area of expertise.

Grant #103 People’s Republic of China, Tong Ji University is forming a new American Studies department that will specialize in the study of U.S. economy, economic policy, and the economic aspects of U.S. foreign policy.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with the next review cycle in April.

**Health Policy Research**

The Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research program challenges investigators from a variety of fields to tackle critical health problems and policy issues, to think creatively across disciplinary boundaries, and to explore innovative ideas that promise to contribute to improving the health and health care of Americans.
Applicants come from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds, including economics, health policy, the management sciences, and ethics. Research grants of up to $275,000 are available to support 24 to 36 month projects that have the potential to enhance society’s understanding of significant health problems and policy issues and to provide information useful to policymakers. Up to 10 awards will be made during the 2002 grant cycle. Deadline is April 5 for letters of intent.

**IIA Research Foundation**

The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Research Foundation research programs priorities are:

**Electronic Commerce**—The Foundation seeks to determine 1) what effect e-commerce is having on historical IT and business development control models; 2) how leading edge organizations are meeting this challenge; and 3) how audit approaches are being adapted accordingly.

**Role of Internal Auditing Services in Corporate Governance and Management**—Board and senior management responsibility for exercising prudent and effective principles of corporate governance has been a growing focus of regulators and organizational stakeholders throughout the economically developed world. Research is sought to examine how internal auditors are helping management and the board satisfy their corporate governance responsibilities.

**Auditing of Continuous/Online Controls**—The proliferation of high volume real-time systems and the growing reliance on electronic commerce and the Internet has challenged traditional IT control and audit techniques by requiring more timely operation and response. At the same time, the growth and sophistication of these systems have provided an opportunity to establish more sophisticated automated control and audit techniques, which may operate on a continuous basis. Some audit groups are placing increased reliance on continuous control monitoring as a substitute for traditional audit assignments and implications for the internal auditing profession.

Awards range from $2,000 to $50,000, although a few are for larger amounts. Deadlines are April 30 and October 31.

**Training Course**

The National Transit Institute is seeking proposals to deliver and continuously update a training course that provides a general introduction and overview of managing information for success. This course is designed to introduce data management to senior transit managers to demonstrate to them the importance of effective information management to their enterprise, and to obtain their support for subsequent more detailed information management training for their staff. Course goals include identifying strategic and policy implications of information management, making opportunities for improvement and change possible, and understanding problems or limitations that can be fixed or avoided. Deadline is March 19.

**North American Mobility**

The Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education promotes a student-centered, North American dimension to education and training in a wide range of academic and professional disciplines that complements existing forms of bilateral and trilateral exchange programs among the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Successful trilateral projects should integrate curriculum development and student mobility in a meaningful way. Activities include: development of organizational frameworks for student mobility that include transfer and/or recognition of credit for study abroad; development of innovative curricula, teaching materials, methods and modules; development of adequate language preparation and assessment; development of apprenticeships or work placements, where appropriate; and development of a cross-national framework for professional certification, licensure and/or program accreditation for North America.

Deadline is March 29.