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

research.cba.ua.edu has links to searchable databases and the UA internal coordination sheet.

All proposals must be coordinated through the College before submission. Proposals submitted jointly with another UA college as the lead still require C&BA approval.

U.S. and E.U. Cooperative Projects

The Office of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education is accepting applications for grants to support projects involving American and European institutions of higher education, so that they can exchange students, coordinate curricula, and open educational opportunities between the United States and the European Union. Deadline is April 16.

NSAF Small Grants

The Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management seeks proposals for small grants to support research for the 2003-04 academic year. As many as five grants of up to $20,000 each will be made to encourage the use of the National Survey of America’s Families (NSAF). An initiative of the Urban Institute, the NSAF is an important data resource for research on issues related to poverty, welfare, health care, economic development, and social and family policy.

Preference for the program will be given to proposals that demonstrate the potential to improve understanding of the social and economic issues affecting America’s disadvantaged families and neighborhoods, and to provide insights into their circumstances and efforts to overcome obstacles to their progress and success.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. at time of award and apply through an academic institution or other qualified nonprofit research organization. Funds may be used as compensation for the principal investigator’s time; research assistance; travel and conference fees; purchase of data, computers, or other research related items; indirect cost recovery/overhead up to 5 percent of the total grant to a maximum of $952. Applications for summer support in 2004 especially are encouraged. Deadline is March 23.

AERA Research Grants

With support from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences, the AERA Grants Program seeks proposals to the Research Grants Program. The program’s goals are: (1) to stimulate quantitative policy- and practice-related research on U.S. education using large-scale, nationally-representative NCES and NSF data sets; (2) to improve the U.S. educational research community’s firsthand knowledge of the range of data available at the two agencies and how to use them; and (3) to increase the number of U.S. educational researchers using the data sets. Minority researchers are strongly encouraged to apply. Deadline is March 10.

Research Grants are available for faculty at institutions of higher education, postdoctoral researchers, and other doctoral-level researchers. Applicants must have received the doctoral degree by the start date of the grant. Awards are for up to $20,000 for one-year projects, or up to $35,000 for two-year projects.

Principal investigators will consult with NCES or NSF staff regarding their proposed research projects and the handling of NCES, NSF and other federal agency data sets pertinent to their projects.

Research topics may cover a wide range of policy- and practice-related issues that include but are not limited to: school persistence and career entry; teachers and teaching, including supply, quality, and demand; policies and practices related to achievement; policies and practices that influence student and parental attitudes; contextual factors in education; education in middle schools; educational participation and persistence; at-risk students; early childhood education; U.S. education in an international context; school finance; materials (curriculum) development, research and informal science education; undergraduate science, engineering, and mathematics education; the supply of students taking mathematics and science courses from K-12; career development; the quality of educational institutions; and methodological studies.
Army Research Institute

The U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences (ARI) is the Army’s lead agency for research, development and analyses in training, leader development, and soldier/personnel issues. It seeks to maximize individual and unit readiness and performance against the full range of Army-wide missions. Collaboration is encouraged between universities, commercial organizations and the other U.S. military services. Deadline is May 1.

Areas of special interest to ARI: training and learning; leadership; human resource practices; social structures; cognition; understanding the role of affect (emotions) in calibrating behavioral action and cognition; and understanding the origins and development of social systems and networks.

National Endowment for Financial Education

The National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) seeks to help Americans acquire the information and gain the skills necessary to take control of their financial lives. The NEFE Grants Program was established to encourage those outside the Foundation to pursue activities that will help further the Foundation’s mission. NEFE’s current initiatives are:

- To empower America’s citizens to achieve their life goals through the prudent and informed management of their financial resources.
- To help instill in all Americans the commitment to save toward the realization of their financial goals and their future financial security.
- To assist consumers in understanding and actively participating in the management of their investments.
- To better prepare all Americans for their retirement years.
- To encourage in the nation’s young people an understanding of personal financial planning and the acquisition of sound money management skills.
- To effect the financial education of individuals in special circumstances and to support the development and delivery of programs and materials related to their unique needs.

In addition to Requests for Proposals (RFPs) on specific topics, NEFE awards unsolicited grants in response to funding requests from nonprofit groups and organizations, or from individuals sponsored by a nonprofit organizations, for self-initiated projects that support one or more of the Foundation’s public education initiatives. Prior to submitting an unsolicited request, review the list of RFPs on NEFE’s web site to avoid duplication or overlap.

In considering grant requests, the merits of the proposed project are the primary focus. Past awards have ranged from $20,000 to $131,200. Average grant is in the range of $50,000 and median grant in the range of $65,000. Deadline is April 6.

DENSO North America Foundation

DENSO North America Foundation is dedicated to the advancement of higher education in engineering and related business programs through grantmaking to the North American educational community. The Foundation considers applications from educational institutions that: are recognized 501(c)(3) entities; located in North America; seek a minimum of $2,000 in funding; and seek funding in one of the following areas:

- Capital Campaigns - Funding is provided for building campaigns including new projects, expansions and major maintenance, permanent installations and exhibits. Also supported is the purchase of equipment, and classroom/lab sponsorships, including development of electronic educational/training systems. Projects must be related to business or engineering.
- Scholarships - The Foundation will consider proposals for expendable scholarships for promising students seeking a Bachelor’s or graduate degree in business or engineering. Scholarship proposals should be designed to support a student with high academic achievement who is involved in extracurricular activities, particularly those that involve teamwork and demonstrate leadership.
- Student Projects - Support is provided for university-sanctioned student competitions. Projects must be related to the advancement or understanding of business or engineering principles and must represent a team effort.
- Undergraduate Research - Grant support if provided for undergraduate research projects of independent study, preferably for junior or senior level students. Projects must be approved by the university and guided by an academic advisor. Projects should be related to advancing business or engineering principles.

Proposals are accepted at any time.