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

research.cba.ua.edu has links to searchable data bases and the UA internal coordination sheet. Proposals must be coordinated through the College before submission and those submitted jointly with another UA college as the lead still require C&BA prior approval.

**New Coordination Sheet**

The UA Office for Sponsored Programs (OSP) has developed a new interactive internal coordination (IC) sheet. The information gathered from this new IC sheet will ultimately be used to automatically populate certain fields in GrantsERA (a web-based software system designed for electronic research administration). When fully implemented, GrantsERA will allow PIs, Deans, or Department Heads access to the most current information regarding proposals and awards.

All proposals received by OSP on or after February 1, 2007 must have the new IC sheet attached.

http://osp.ua.edu/internalcoor-updatedinteractive.pdf

**Retirement Economics**

The National Institute on Aging invites applications for research on retirement economics. The research objectives of this program announcement include, but are not limited to, the determinants of retirement behavior; the variation in work patterns in later life; the evolution of health and economic circumstances of individuals through retirement and into later life; time use and life satisfaction before and during retirement; the implications of retirement trends; retirement expectations; international comparisons of retirement; and the development of innovative retirement modeling techniques. Deadline is June 5.


**Steve Berlin/CITGO Grant**

The purpose of the American Accounting Association’s (AAA) Steve Berlin/CITGO Grant program is to foster academics’ understanding of the contemporary external reporting and governance challenges faced by preparers. Such understanding might be fostered by academics conducting field research, field studies, working in the field, or other such activities.

Topic examples include, but are not limited to, - the application of judgment and expertise in arriving at estimates reported in financial statements; - the role of accounting in governance; preparation of an informative Management’s Discussion and Analysis in compliance with SEC guidelines; - enhancing the credibility and information value of voluntary disclosures; and - strategic uses of financial reporting to reduce information asymmetries.

The criteria that will be considered are (1) the relevance and timeliness of topic, (2) the likelihood of successful completion of the work in a timely and competent manner, and (3) the likelihood of the work having an effect on others’ understanding of the issue studied.

Applicants must be AAA members who are full-time accounting faculty. Deadline is March 12.

http://aaahq.org/awards/BerlinCitgo.htm

**Fundamental Research in Behavioral Science**

The U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences’ Basic Research Office is soliciting proposals for its contract program of fundamental research in behavioral science. Under this particular announcement, proposals are sought in the areas of training, leader development, and soldier/personnel issues.

http://fedbizopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/eps/spg/USA/DSS-W/DASW01/DASW01-04-R-000101/listing.html?notice=PRESOL

Deadline is March 31.
Sandell Grant Program for Junior Scholars in Retirement Research

The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College is soliciting proposals for the Steven H. Sandell Grant Program for Junior Scholars in Retirement Research, which is funded by a grant from the Social Security Administration to provide opportunities for scholars to pursue cutting-edge projects on retirement income issues. Junior scholars from a variety of academic disciplines, including actuarial science, demography, economics, finance, gerontology, political science, public administration, public policy, sociology, social work, and statistics are encouraged to submit a proposal, as are senior scholars working in a new area.

Grant proposals must focus on at least one of the following research areas: (1) Social Security and retirement; (2) macroeconomic analyses of Social Security; (3) wealth and retirement income; (4) program interactions; (5) international research; and (6) demographic research; within the six broad areas, three topics of particular interest include the future role of Social Security, assuring Social Security solvency, and global aging.

The principal investigator (PI) and co-principal investigator (Co-PI), if applicable, are required to have a Ph.D. or comparable professional certification. Grants are not intended to fund dissertation research. The PI and Co-PI must be non-tenured junior scholar(s) or senior scholar(s) working in a new area. A junior scholar has not obtained tenure and within the first one to six years of an academic or research appointment. A senior scholar working in a new area is a tenured faculty member who is trying a new interdisciplinary approach or applying a new methodological framework in their research.

Deadline is March 31.

http://www.bc.edu/centers/crr/sandellguidelines.shtml

RWJ Foundation, Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research program requests proposals to interpret, develop, or substantially advance ideas or knowledge that can improve health or health care policy in the United States. The program challenges investigators to think creatively about the most important problems affecting the health and health care of Americans that have implications for future health policy. It is hoped that the work produced under this program can be used to advance society’s understanding of these problems and will be of direct benefit to policymakers and health leaders.

The program will enable a select number of highly qualified individuals, from new investigators to distinguished senior scholars, to undertake studies that will, for example,
- explore the underlying values, historical evolution, and interplay among the social, economic, and political forces that have shaped health, health care, and health policy in the United States;
- apply new perspectives from a variety of disciplines to analyze the underlying principles, organization, and functions of the health care and public health systems;
- analyze social, political, and economic factors that influence the population’s health;
- develop innovative ideas that hold promise for improving the performance of the health care system; and
- explore the policy significance of existing studies concerning the functioning of the health care system and its participants.

Ideally, the research conducted under this program should support development of creative solutions to critical health issues or make an enduring intellectual contribution. Examples of research supported by this program include
- the problem of environmentally induced disease,
- the relationship of firearm policy to public health, and
- the impact of social inequalities on health disparities.

Other projects examine the issues related to the delivery of medical services including, for example,
- competition in the health care delivery system,
- hospital restructuring and the implications for patient outcomes,
- the problem of medical errors in the delivery system, and
- issues related to improving the functioning of the long-term care system.

Deadline is March 28.

http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19790