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 funding agencies.

**Work and Older Workers**

The National Institute on Aging seeks Small Grant applications. This program supports pilot research that is likely to lead to an individual research project grant focused on aging and/or a significant advancement of aging research.

One area of interest is Work and Older Workers—includes research on the demographic, economic, social, psychological, and human factors aspects of older workers in the workplace. Deadlines are July 17 and November 17.

**Effectiveness of Government**

PricewaterhouseCoopers Endowment for the Business of Government sponsors a competition for research on the effectiveness of government at the federal, state, local, and international level.

Focus areas are:

1) Leveraging Technology,
2) Redefining Public Service for the 21st Century,
3) Managing for Results: The “Nuts and Bolts” of Government,
4) Transforming Public Sector Organizations, and
5) Leveraging the Private Sector.

The Endowment also seeks proposals on topics of special interest:

1) Leveraging Technology—Electronic Business as it has been applied or can be applied in the public sector, and Enterprise Resource Planning in the public sector; and
2) the New Administration—projects related to the November 2000-January 2001 presidential transition, and projects related to the major management challenges facing the new administration.

The Endowment funds Research Grants ($15,000) and Thought Leadership Forums ($20,000) to design and host a two- to three-day forum on one of the priority areas. Deadline is June 30.

**Policy Research**

Research Development Grants for Policy Research on U.S. Poverty support research on the causes and consequences of poverty and policies aimed at alleviating the effects of poverty and inequality in the United States. Topics are: the changing labor market; the well-being of children and families; concentrated urban poverty; effects of recent policy changes, particularly on special populations, such as immigrants, low-skilled workers, persons with disabilities, and persons with substance abuse problems; and teenage and nonmarital childbearing.

Preference is for untenured researchers with full-time academic appointments; and for researchers using new approaches and innovative methods. Grants are funded by Health and Human Services and are for up to $30,000.

The Census Bureau funds two programs for research on the above topics: one for research using the Survey of Income and Program Participation and the other for research using the Survey of Program Dynamics. Requests for up to $40,000 will be considered. Deadline is May 1.

**Children’s Health Effects**

EPA has a new grant competition for research leading to improved valuation of children’s health effects. Because decisions on health protection often require benefit-cost analysis or related economic assessments, EPA seek economic valuation research that will enhance the ability of all public and private stakeholders to evaluate policies and actions that may protect children from environmental health threats.
To promote economic valuation research that would provide new knowledge on how to enhance valuation of children’s health effects, EPA requests applications in two areas: 1) parental and societal willingness to pay (WTP) for reductions in risks to children’s health; and 2) improved transfer of benefits from existing adult-oriented analyses to children.

Grants are expected to range from $50,000 to $200,000 per award per year up to three years. Deadline is May 8.

Transit Research

The Transit Cooperative Research Program undertakes research that responds to the needs of local transit service providers. Preliminary project descriptions have been announced for the coming year. Requests for proposals will be released throughout the year. Areas of interest include:

- Resource Requirements for Demand Responsive Services—issues include cost-benefit analysis of demand response service compared to fixed-route service, approaches to cost-containment; vehicle and technology requirements, labor issues, and more. Up to $250,000 is allocated.
- Public Transit Boards: Organizations and Characteristics—up to $150,000.
- Economic Benefits of Coordinating Human Service Transportation and Transit Services—up to $150,000.

Abe Fellowships

This program supports research in the social sciences related to one of the themes: 1) global issues; 2) problems common to advanced industrial societies; and 3) issues that relate to improving U.S.-Japan relations. Deadline is Sept 1.

Fulbright Awards

The 2001-2002 Fulbright Scholar Awards has opportunities for lecturing or advanced research in over 125 countries. Awards are available in many countries in management, finance, marketing, organizational behavior, accounting, management information systems, business policy and strategy, international business, human resource management, managerial economics, operations analysis, entrepreneurship, etc. Deadline is August 1.

Human Resource Management

The Society for Human Resource Management funds research in HRM that advances the profession and increases the knowledge of HR professionals. Deadlines are April 16 and Sept 17.

Marketing Dissertation Proposal Award

The Marketing Science Institute funds the Alden G. Clayton competition for the best doctoral dissertation proposal on important marketing subjects. They will grant up to five awards of $5,000 each. Deadline is July 31.

Travel Grants

The National Research Council will support travel to Central Europe and the former Soviet Union for two to six weeks to conduct research in the area of Technology and Industrial Economics. Proposals should address problems and potential technology commercialization and industrial development.

Appropriate topics include issues of intellectual property rights, small business development, industrial research and development, enterprise restructuring, and defense conversion. Awards range from $2,500 to $4,000. Deadlines are June 2 and December 8.

Truckstop Industry

The NATSO Foundation will award one grant of up to $10,000 for a project in the truckstop and travel plaza industry. Areas of interest include:

1) E-commerce/collaborative planning models;
2) any issues impacting operations of travel plazas;
3) travel plazas/truckstops as E-commerce centers; and
4) other research on issues relating to the travel plaza and truckstop industry. Deadline is April 21.