If you would like information about an 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, the UA internal coordination sheet, and the C&BA supplemental coordination approval form.

**Personnel Research**

The Office of Naval Research Sabbatical Leave Program provides faculty the opportunity to conduct research at Navy facilities while on sabbatical leave. The Navy Personnel Research, Studies, and Technology (NPRST) Department of the Navy Personnel Command is the Department of Navy's personnel research and development laboratory. Its mission is to conduct research and development to improve the performance of individuals, teams, and organizations within the Navy and Marine Corps. Within NPRST, there are five research institutes:

- The Institute for Personnel Planning & Policy Analysis conducts research and develops new technologies and methods for managing the Navy’s workforce through planning and policy development.
- The Institute for Distribution & Assignment conducts research and development in new technologies and methods of distributing and assigning personnel to jobs to improve military readiness, better manage careers, and control costs.
- The Institute for Selection & Classification conducts research and development in technologies and procedures for recruiting, selecting, and classifying enlisted personnel to reduce attrition, while improving satisfaction, performance, and retention.
- The Institute for Organizational Assessment conducts research and development to improve the Navy’s understanding of its diverse workforce, and to assess programs and organizations designed to support the workforce.
- The Institute for Enabling Technologies assesses emerging technologies for application to manpower and personnel research and studies.

Participants will receive a monthly stipend making up the difference between salary and sabbatical leave pay from their home institution. In addition participants will receive reimbursement for travel to and from the laboratory site and a relocation allowance for those who must relocate their residence during their sabbatical leave tenure. Appointments are for a minimum of one semester and a maximum of one year. This is a residential sabbatical—participants must conduct research on site. The Center is in Memphis. Applications should be submitted at least six months prior to proposed sabbatical leave starting date.

**Russell Sage Foundation**

The Foundation currently pursues three principal programs:

1. A program of research on the future of work, run jointly with the Rockefeller Foundation, concerned with the causes and consequences of the decline in demand for low-skill workers in advanced economies.
2. A program of research on current U.S. immigration focused on the adaptation of the second generation to American society.
3. A program on cultural contact that focuses on understanding and improving relations between racial and ethnic groups in schools, workplaces, and neighborhood settings.

In addition to these programs, the Foundation also supports:

1. A special project on the analysis of the 2000 Census.
2. An initiative on the role of trust in shaping social relations.

3. The Behavioral Economics Roundtable, a forum for advancing the interdisciplinary analysis of economic life.

4. A special project, in partnership with the Carnegie Corporation, on the social dimensions of inequality and their relationship to the recent rise in economic inequality in the United States.

5. A joint project with the Century Foundation on Sustainable Employment analyzing the causes and consequences of the non-inflationary, high employment growth that took place in the American economy of the 1990s.

Awards range between $50,000 and $500,000. Applications for external awards should generally be preceded by a brief letter of inquiry to determine whether the Foundation’s present interests and funds permit consideration of a proposal for research. Letters of inquiry concerning research projects should summarize the project’s objectives, the work plan, the qualifications of persons engaged in the research, and an estimated budget.

**Deadlines:** All major proposals must be approved by the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, which meets to consider proposals only in June and November. Unless otherwise specified in the request for proposals in a particular research competition, the deadline for submissions to the November funding round is August 15, 2003, and to the June round is March 21, 2003.

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**Student Mobility**

The Department of Education is requesting proposals for the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. The focus of this competition is centered on Institutional Cooperation and Student Mobility in Postsecondary Education among the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The purpose of the program is to provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The Department encourages proposals designed to support the formation of educational consortia of American, Canadian, and Mexican institutions to encourage cooperation in the coordination of curricula, the exchange of students, and the opening of educational opportunities throughout North America.

Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education or combinations of institutions and other public and private nonprofit institutions and agencies. There is approximately $300,000 in funds available for this program. There will be approximately 10 grants ranging from $25,000 to $30,000. The deadline is April 11, 2003.

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**Health Care**

The Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research Program of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation provides funding to highly qualified individuals undertaking broad studies of the most challenging health, health care and health policy issues facing America. Grants of up to $275,000 are awarded to investigators from a variety of disciplines. Successful proposals reflect thinking that is creative and conceptual and crosses disciplinary boundaries in search of knowledge and of innovative solutions to critical health problems and policy issues.

Deadline for letters of intent is April 2, 2003.

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**Rockefeller Foundation**

The goal of the Working Communities program of the Rockefeller Foundation is to transform poor urban neighborhoods into working communities (safe, healthy, and effective neighborhoods) by increasing the amount and quality of available employment, improving the quality of all urban schools, and addressing inequities based on race, ethnicity, nationality and language; to increase the influence and voice of poor and excluded people in political decisions that affect their lives; and to expand public discourse to address problems of poverty, inequality and inequity.

Working Communities supports work in the following areas: research on the consequences of economic, technological and demographic trends on the structure of work, and their impact on the least skilled; and into the structural components of racial and ethnic exclusion and their implications for democracy.

Organizations seeking funding should send a short letter of inquiry briefly describing the project. If interested, the Foundation will request a full proposal.