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.

Reminder New Internal Coordination Sheet

The UA Office for Sponsored Programs (OSP) has developed a new interactive internal coordination (IC) sheet. All proposals received by OSP must have the new IC sheet attached.

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

Improving Investor Protection

The NASD Investor Education Foundation invites eligible organizations to submit competitive grant proposals for research and/or education projects that protect retail investors from fraud. Applicants are encouraged to establish partnerships that combine research and technical expertise with the ability to influence large audiences through highly credible communications vehicles and networks. Successful proposals might, for example,

- develop and test investor protection communications strategies that are effective in raising defenses against fraud
- improve awareness among organizations (e.g. community groups and their leaders) about affinity fraud and the unwitting role that such organizations sometimes play in scams
- encourage individuals to take precautions against fraud
- increase the reporting of investment fraud to public authorities

Project deliverables may include any combination of research reports, published papers and articles, communications tools, and turnkey programs. For education projects, applicants are encouraged to devise cost-effective ways of evaluating their efforts. Research proposals must have practical outcomes for individual investors, regulators, and nonprofit organizations active in the field of personal finance.

Of particular interest to the Foundation are projects that reach a large, but precisely defined, audience through multiple communications channels; are well grounded in research; have measurable objectives and reliable methods for evaluating outcomes; avoid duplication of existing initiatives and research; and are sustainable beyond the grant term.

Proposals must be postmarked on or before June 11, 2007. Applicants will be notified of the funding decision in October 2007. There is no set minimum or maximum grant amount. In considering grant requests, the merits of the proposed work are the primary focus. In 2006 grants ranged from $153,725 to $629,310; the average grant award was $421,031.

http://www.nasdfoundation.org/investor_protection07.asp

Health Care Financing and Organization

This program from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation supports policy analysis, research, evaluation, and demonstration projects that provide policy leaders timely information on health care policy and financing issues. This Call for Proposals is...
intended to support projects that: 1) examine significant issues and interventions related to health care financing and organization and their effects on health care costs, quality, and access; and 2) explore or test major new ways to finance and organize health care that have the potential to improve access to more affordable and higher quality health services.

Researchers, as well as practitioners and public and private policy-makers working with researchers, are eligible to apply. Projects may be initiated from within many disciplines, including health services research, economics, sociology, political science, public policy, public health, public administration, law and business administration. Multidisciplinary teams and researchers who are just beginning their careers—perhaps teaming with a more senior researcher to develop the analytic approach—are especially encouraged to apply. Deadline is open.

http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19274

**NSF Economics Program**

The Economics Program supports research designed to improve the understanding of the processes and institutions of the U.S. economy and of the world system of which it is a part. The program strengthens both empirical and theoretical economic analysis as well as the methods for rigorous research on economic behavior. Topics of current interest are computational economics, the transformation of command economies, human resource-related issues (poverty, labor productivity, the family, gender, and racial discrimination, etc.), and global environmental change.

The program funds conferences and interdisciplinary research that strengthens links among economics and the other social and behavioral sciences, as well as mathematics and statistics. The program supports research in almost every subfield of economics, including econometrics, economic history, finance, industrial organization, international economics, labor economics, public finance, macroeconomics, and mathematical economics. Deadline is August 18.

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5437&org=SES&from=home

**Fulbright: Siena (Italy) Chair in Economics**

The chair holder is expected to teach one graduate course (maximum 20 hours of lecturing, possibly six hours per week). The average class size is 12-14 students. The scholar will offer one or two seminars in area of specialization and advise graduate students. Research opportunities range from macro to microeconomic theory and applications.

A total sum of Euro 16,000 for 3 months is provided. This sum includes maintenance allowance and a lump sum of transportation allowance of Euro 1,500. Housing will be provided by the University of Siena at the Certosa di Pontignano. Euro 150 monthly will be provided for each accompanying dependent. International travel is for grantee only. Approximately 1000 Euro settling-in allowance is provided. The chair lasts three months. Deadline is May 1.

http://www.cies.org/ab_dc/ab_dc2008/award/Sie8023.htm

**NSF Information Technology and Infrastructure Systems**

This program creates scientific and engineering knowledge for the intelligent renewal of civil infrastructure systems, such as transportation, water supply, sanitation, power generation, and the built environment, by promoting broad application of advanced information technologies to condition assessment, deterioration, and asset management sciences. It also creates scientific and engineering knowledge for the intelligent design, construction, maintenance, operation, and decommissioning of the built environment.

Important areas of inquiry are: intra- and inter-dependencies in infrastructure systems, health monitoring of infrastructure elements and systems, hydrogen fuel vehicles and transportation systems, intelligent transportation systems, crash causation and crash avoidance measures in ground transportation, mobility in ground transportation through reduction or crash-caused delays and increases in the amount of vehicle throughput, fully automated and integrated project management processes across all life-cycle phases of the built environment, lean construction, engineering and management of job-site field operations through advanced information technologies.

Full Proposal Window: September 1-October 1, 2007