If you would like more 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 compensation form.

**Reminder**

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

Proposals that call for supplemental compensation need to include an approved C&BA supplemental compensation form with the proposal submission.

**Employee Benefits**

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Policy and Research of the Employee Benefits Security Administration solicits proposals for research projects concerning private employment-based pension, health, and other benefits.

Proposed projects must relate to employee benefits programs or related public policy, cost $25,000 or less, and be completed in one year. Projects must not involve original survey data collection. Proposals should be for new research, rather than research already in progress. Higher priority will be given to projects that are technically sound, cost effective, national in scope, and closely related to DOL’s responsibilities and current policy issues under Title I of ERISA. Deadline is June 30.

**Domestic Public Policy**

The Domestic Public Policy Program of the Smith Richardson Foundation seeks to help ensure the vitality of our social, economic, and governmental institutions. It supports projects on the problems of contemporary governance, such as entitlement and regulatory reform. The Foundation supports research, writing, and analysis that inform the thinking of policy makers and the public. It also seeks opportunities to support the creation of innovative institutions and solutions that directly address issues in its areas of interest.

Preference will be given to proposals that address policy issues that have been priority areas during the past three years: child and youth development, including child care policy; family environment; school reform; income support, including research on welfare policy; nongovernmental approaches to social policy; values and attitudes, including the impact of entertainment media on children; public finance, including tax and Social Security policies; public management, including crime and urban policy; regulatory policy, including environmental policy; and the political process.

A concept paper or letter of application is the first step. An initial submission should not exceed five pages. If the Foundation determines that the project warrants further consideration, an applicant will be asked to submit a full proposal.
**Intel Corporation**

The Intel Research Council awards university research grants for projects designed to advance key research in the following focus areas: applications, interfaces and media; communications and networking; manufacturing and supply network; microprocessors; and silicon.

Current interests are:

1) Supply network performance—research leading to improvements in Intel’s ability to design and operate supply networks to maximize customer and shareholder value. Create value for Intel by developing new capabilities in the areas in the supply chain and harvest them into their business processes, including: virtual connection with suppliers and customers; aggressive goals to reduce cycle time and costs; and positive impact on bottom lines of Intel and its customers.

2) Intelligent Manufacturing—research leading to better manufacturing understanding and performance. This includes: predictive maintenance; automated diagnostics; and computational architectures enabling optimal manufacturing decisions.

3) Operational Modeling—research leading to high fidelity and accurate computational models of manufacturing and business operations. This includes: factory modeling; scheduling; predictive maintenance scheduling; cost modeling; demand planning and forecasting; and labor modeling.

4) Knowledge and Learning—research leading to the expansion and the improved use of the core intellectual assets in manufacturing to enhance decision making and improved human performance. This includes: excellence in execution; business synchronization; effective knowledge sharing culture; organizational structures, cultures and relationships, and value drivers for competitive advantage.

Proposals are accepted at any time. It is recommended that you send a short abstract before sending a full proposal.

**Employment Research**

The W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research invites submissions for its annual prize for the best Ph.D. dissertation on employment-related issues. A first prize of $2,000 is being offered. Up to two honorable mention awards of $750 may also be given.

The Institute supports and conducts policy-relevant research on employment, unemployment, and social insurance programs. The dissertation award may come from any academic discipline, but it must have a substantial policy thrust.

Dissertations will be evaluated by a panel of economists using the following criteria: policy relevance, technical quality of the research, and presentation.

Deadline for submission is July 7.