For information on funding opportunities and other information related to sponsored research, please visit research.cba.ua.edu or contact Deborah Hamilton (8-2952).

**NSF Cluster Exploratory**

In the last five years, the private sector has launched a number of highly effective internet-scale applications powered by massively scaled, highly distributed computing resources. Academic researchers have expressed a need for access to similar computing resources that will allow them to engage and explore this emerging and pervasive model of computing.

Through the Cluster Exploratory (CluE) program, NSF-funded researchers will use software and services running on a Google-IBM cluster to explore innovative research ideas in data-intensive computing.

Proposals funded are expected to cover a range of activities that first lead to advances in computing research, but that also explore the potential of this computing paradigm to contribute to science and engineering research and to applications that promise benefit to society as a whole.

Deadline is July 17.


**National Endowment for Financial Education**

The National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) is a Denver-based, nonprofit foundation dedicated to helping Americans acquire the information and gain the skills necessary to take control of their financial lives. The grants program seeks innovative research and research-based development projects that can make a profound contribution to the field of financial literacy. Inquiries from disciplines in fields as diverse as behavior, economics, neuroscience, sociology, psychology, marketing, finance, education, change theory, decision sciences, and others are encouraged. Project outcomes should be actionable in the field of financial literacy, directly relevant to the financial well-being of the public, and have the ability to be applied broadly.

NEFE awards grants each year in varying amounts. Recent grant awards for research projects have ranged from $100,000 to $208,000. Grant durations generally range from 12 to 36 months. Deadlines are June 3 and December 2.


**Pew Charitable Trusts**

**Advancing Policy Solutions**

The Pew Charitable Trusts are currently playing a leadership role in the following three areas: public health and human services policy, financial security, and science and technology.

Letters of inquiry will be accepted at any time. Applicants will be notified, usually within four to six weeks, whether or not their request meets the funding criteria of the program.


**Pew Charitable Trusts**

**Informing the Public**

These initiatives use public opinion surveys and other social science research tools to produce timely, objective information, and their thoughtful infusion of facts and trustworthy analysis make an invaluable contribution to political discourse, policy making, and public discussion. Most of this work is carried out through the Pew Research Center. The center is open to collaboration with think tanks, universities, and other
research organizations sharing an interest in this kind of work, and with those who wish to invest in it.

Programs at the center include the following:

2. The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life (www.pewforum.org)
3. The Pew Internet and American Life Project (www.pewinternet.org)
4. The Pew Hispanic Center (www.pewhispanic.org)
5. Stateline.org (www.stateline.org)
6. The Project for Excellence in Journalism (www.journalism.org)

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**Business Organizations**

**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation**

**Standard of Living and Economic Performance Program**

This program supports academic research and scholarship aimed at painting a realistic picture of how corporations and other business organizations function, with special emphasis on how the people in them actually behave, how they are motivated, and how they are rewarded. The foundation has sought to increase understanding of these organizations because of the enormous effect they have on the standard of living and quality of life for most people in the United States and around the world.

Much of the academic work concerned with the nature and purpose of business organizations has been carried out over the years by scholars in economics, corporate law, and business. The foundation has supported work in each of these areas, and plans to continue supporting innovative work in these fields as well as others, such as sociology, anthropology, political science and business history.

Grant requests can be made at any time. A brief letter of inquiry, rather than a fully developed proposal, is an advisable first step for an applicant.

http://www.sloan.org/programs/stndrd_role.shtml

**Domestic Public Policy Research Fellowship Program**

**Smith Richardson Foundation, Inc.**

This program seeks to support the work of the next generation of public policy researchers and analysts. The foundation will award research grants to individuals who are interested in conducting research and writing on domestic public policy issues. Grantees are expected to produce a book or an article suitable for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

Preference will be given to proposals that address policy issues that have been priority areas for the foundation’s Domestic Public Policy Program during the past three years: education and school reform; income support and anti-poverty policy; child and youth development; public finance; policies related to public entitlement programs, including Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid; urban and criminal justice policy; regulatory policy, including environmental policy; immigration policy; and the political process.

Fellowships will only be awarded to individual researchers. An applicant must have received a Ph.D. after January 1, 2002.

Deadline is June 30.