National Science Foundation

Economics Program

The program supports research designed to improve the understanding of the processes and institutions of the U.S. economy. This program strengthens both empirical and theoretical economic analysis as well as the methods for rigorous research on economic behavior. It supports research in most areas of economics, including econometrics, economic history, environmental economics, finance, industrial organization, international economics, labor economics, macroeconomics, mathematical economics, and public finance.

The program welcomes proposals for individual or multi-investigator research projects, doctoral dissertation improvement awards, conferences, workshops, symposia, experimental research, data collection and dissemination, computer equipment and other instrumentation, and research experience for undergraduates. The program places a high priority on interdisciplinary research. Investigators are encouraged to submit proposals of joint interest to the Economics Program and other NSF programs.

The program also funds conferences and interdisciplinary research that strengthens links among economics and the other social and behavioral sciences as well as mathematics and statistics.

Deadline is August 18.

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5423

Decision, Risk, and Management Science

The program supports research directed at increasing the understanding and effectiveness of decision making by individuals, groups, organizations, and society. Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research, doctoral dissertation research, and workshops are funded in the areas of judgment and decision making; decision analysis and decision aids; risk analysis, perception, and communication; societal and public policy decision making; management science; and organizational design. The program also supports small grants for exploratory research of a time-critical nature, such as decision making in response to extreme events.

Deadline is August 18.

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5437

Broadening Participation in Computing

The Broadening Participation in Computing (BPC) program aims to significantly increase the number of U.S. citizens and permanent residents receiving postsecondary degrees in the computing disciplines, with an emphasis on students from communities with longstanding underrepresentation in computing.

The BPC program seeks to engage the computing community to develop and implement innovative methods, frameworks, and strategies to improve recruitment and retention of these students through undergraduate and graduate degrees. Projects that target stages of the academic pipeline from middle school through the early faculty ranks are welcome. New with this solicitation is the emphasis on national impact: All BPC projects must have the potential for widespread impact. That is, they should either develop an effective practice that could be widely deployed or they should deploy existing effective practices so as to reach larger audiences.

The BPC program will support three categories of awards: Alliances, Demonstration Projects, and Leveraging, Scaling, or Adapting Projects.

Deadline is May 12.

Nonprofit Capacity Building Program
Corporation for National and Community Service

The Nonprofit Capacity Building Program, a new program authorized by the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, will increase the capacity of a small number of intermediary grantees to work with small and mid-size nonprofits in communities facing resource hardship challenges to develop and implement performance management systems.

Grantees will provide recipients with organizational development assistance to establish procedures for measuring progress and improving performance to intended outcomes leading to community impact.

The Corporation expects that organizations funded will focus on implementing an organizational development assistance program that emphasizes the development and implementation of performance management systems that enable nonprofit recipients to measure their progress and improve their performance toward intended outcomes. The desired organizational performance management systems may also seek to align organizational goals and services with performance plans of staff and volunteers and be used to measure and reward performance toward specific outcomes. The applicant may also provide assistance in additional areas of best practices in nonprofit management tailored to the specific needs of individual nonprofit recipients.

Deadline is May 18.

http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=81

Research on Foreclosures and Crime
National Institute of Justice

NIJ seeks to fund research proposals that explore and explain the links between place and crime in the specific context of the recent wave of residential property foreclosures. Proposals may address either short-term or long-term patterns linking place and crime. Applications proposing research should explain how the proposed project will fill a critical gap in the field’s knowledge and practice as well as identifying policy implications related to criminal justice.

Research proposed under this solicitation should consider how the following factors might be linked to vacant properties, neighborhood instability, and crime:

1. Mortgage Fraud—The crime of mortgage fraud has led to unparalleled foreclosure numbers, many of which are geographically concentrated. Fraud may be perpetrated by agents that engage in unethical practices or by homebuyers who falsify loan applications in order to purchase a house. The direct and indirect effects of each of these practices on neighborhood crime are not well documented.

2. Foreclosures—The geographic distribution of foreclosures is uneven, and many neighborhoods have been hard hit while others have been largely untouched during the recent wave. In many cases, foreclosure results in the abrupt abandonment of a property; in other cases, however, residents may continue to occupy a home during a protracted foreclosure process. Some foreclosed properties may be quickly repurchased and reoccupied by new owners, but the overwhelming pattern is one of extended vacancy.

Deadline is June 1.


Society for Human Resource Management

The SHRM Foundation funds high impact HR research, aimed at an academic audience while also having direct actionable implications for HR practice, whether the focus is on addressing current challenges or understanding emerging trends. Any topic will be considered, however the grant must be for original rigorous empirical academic research that advances the HR profession.

While aimed at an academic audience, funded research should also have clear applicability for HR practice and help contribute to evidence-based HR. As such, projects submitted for funding should have a high likelihood of both adding value to the HR academic literature (i.e., be suitable for leading academic journals) and yielding practical implications for HR managers (i.e., applied outlets should be interested in the research results).

Deadline is August 16.

http://www.shrm.org/about/foundation/research/Pages/default.aspx