If you would like information about any announcement, please contact Deborah Hamilton (8-2952).

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**Financial Executives Research Foundation**

The Financial Executives Research Foundation sponsors research that benefits financial executives and enhances their professional development. Examples of current projects include:

- Assessing the Strategic Impact of Enterprise Resource Planning Systems
- The Balanced Scorecard: Integrated Performance Measurement System for Operating Managers (University of Texas at Dallas)
- E-Commerce: Challenges and Opportunities for the 21st Century (School of Business, Illinois Institute of Technology)
- Financial Turnarounds: Preserving Value (Darden Graduate School of Business, University of Virginia)
- Leverage Competencies: The Key to Achieving Financial Executive Leadership Success in the New Millennium (New York University Graduate School of Business)
- Risk Management (University of North Florida and University of Virginia)
- The Share Repurchase Decision (Rutgers University and San Diego State University)
- Visit FERF’s web site, www.ferf.org, for more information on proposal submission.

**Survey Methodology**

The National Science Foundation’s Methodology, Measurement and Statistics Program, in collaboration with a consortium of federal statistical agencies, supports research that furthers the development of new and innovative approaches to surveys.

The official program announcement is expected in late July and will probably be similar to last year’s announcement. Topics considered last year were:

- **Measurement issues**—calibration of and adjustment for measurement errors; measurement of complex social concepts such as disability, labor force attachment, poverty and income inequality; measurement of complex social indicators such as GDP, PPI, or CPI; measurement of rare and elusive populations and sensitive topics by network sampling; statistical models of survey measurement errors based on theories from the social and behavioral sciences.

- **Questionnaire design**—improvement of procedures for designing and pretesting survey questionnaires.

- **Survey technology**—secure and easy-to-use methods of collecting survey data via the web; graphical editing and data imputation, etc.

- **Analytical issues**—innovations that address and overcome reasons for nonresponse; integration of information across government surveys; creative uses of administrative records to supplement surveys, etc.

NSF expects to fund two to five awards, with an approximate duration of one to three years and an expected range of $60,000 to $125,000 per award per year. Tentative deadline is Nov 1.
**Secondary Analysis of Existing Data Sets**

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism seeks secondary analysis of existing data sets relevant to developing a knowledge base to improve the delivery of services for alcohol-related problems, including both treatment and preventive interventions.

Objectives include: determining the effects of various financing and reimbursement mechanisms on alcohol-related health care program availability, accessibility, delivery, organization, content, quality and outcomes; identifying organizational and managerial factors that influence the delivery of treatment and prevention services for alcohol-related problems, either within or across regions, populations and settings; evaluating the cost, cost-effectiveness, cost-benefit and cost-utility of alcohol-related treatment and prevention services; and more.

Deadlines are October 1, February 1, and June 1.

**MacArthur Foundation**

The MacArthur Foundation’s Initiative on Population, Consumption and the Environment supports research and practice focusing on interactions among demographic changes, consumer demand and environmental factors in tropical coastal and marine areas. Four research questions are of interest:

What are the specific socio-cultural and institutional factors and processes that mediate the relationship between population variables and coastal systems?

What adjustment mechanisms do people use in response to a changing environment?

What are key economic factors that influence migration, fertility changes and resource use?

What factors contribute to situations in which population changes coincide with positive changes in coastal and marine ecosystems?

Projects that address the impact of northern consumption on tropical coastal and marine resources also will be considered. Priority will be given to multidisciplinary research and collaborations between northern and southern institutions. Deadline is August 1.

**Institutional Linkage Programs**

The U.S. Department of State’s Institutional Linkage Programs support institutional partnerships that strengthen, through teaching, scholarship and professional outreach from partner institutions, mutual understanding and cooperation on specified themes of mutual interest to the U.S. and eligible foreign institutions. There are two linkage programs:

**College and University Affiliations Program**—program announcement is expected in July with a November deadline.

**NIS College and University Partnerships**—program announcement anticipated in August with proposals due in January.

**West Bank and Gaza**

The Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation in Development is planning to release a special RFP for U.S. higher education institutions interested in partnering with universities in the West Bank and Gaza. One primary areas of focus will be economic growth which will need the following specialties: management/administration, banking, entrepreneurship, accounting, auditing, and finance.

**CUPID**

The Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation in Development has launched a pilot effort to help higher education institutions worldwide meet their matches for international development cooperation.

The Colleges and Universities Partnering for International Development (CUPID) web site provides a place to post brief information about an institution’s international development needs and what the institution has to offer in a partnership. The site is located at www.aascu.org/alo/cupid/cupid.htm.