If you would like information about any 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 and to select funding agencies. We have added a link for C&BA research reports.

**Proposal Development Assistance**

The University Office for Sponsored Programs is now offering help with proposal development. This assistance includes writing and editing and general help in putting together a proposal. For more information, contact Debbie Hahs at 8-0769.

**Samuelson Award**

The Paul A. Samuelson Award recognizes and rewards outstanding scholarly writing on issues related to lifelong financial security. The award is given each year in recognition of an outstanding research publication containing ideas that the public and private sectors can use to maintain and improve Americans' financial well-being. The author(s) of the winning publication will receive an award of $20,000, and each contributing author of publications given Certificates of Excellence will receive a $1,000 prize. Deadline is September 14.

**Entrepreneurship Education**

The Entrepreneurship Awareness and Education Grant Program supports innovation and change in the structure of entrepreneurship education. Cutting edge state-of-the-art proposals are required. Grants are for up to $50,000. Sponsored by the Coleman Foundation and the U.S. Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Deadline is October 15.

**Private Employment-Based Benefits**

The Department of Labor's Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration seeks research concerning private employment-based pension, health and other benefits. Projects must relate to employee benefits programs or related public policy, cost $25,000 or less, and must not involve original survey data collections.

Topics of particular interest are:

1) Employers' and workers' access to affordable health benefits coverage and the nature and quality of such coverage; health insurance market structure and regulation; tax preferences and other subsidies for health insurance; and health care consumer protections and health benefit mandates.

2) Costs and benefits of parity between coverage of medical and behavioral health care services.

3) Workers' retirement income security and adequacy; pension contribution limits and related legal constraints; workers' decisions regarding retirement account contributions, investments and disposition; and employers' efforts to inform or influence workers' elections.

4) Employer-stock related compensation, including stock option programs and the investment of retirement accounts in employer stock.

5) Other issues pertaining to employer-sponsored retirement and health benefit plan coverage, design, finances, administration and regulation, including: determinants of retirement behavior and retirement income security; affordability, accessibility and quality of employees' health care; implications of demographic and economic trends; employer decisions to sponsor, amend or terminate employee benefit plans; issues surrounding the possible use by pension funds of various modern financial...
management practices; and effects of proposed pension and health benefits legislation and policy options.

Deadline is July 27.

Spencer Foundation

The Foundation’s Major Research Grants Program supports research projects requiring more than $35,000. Research projects vary widely, ranging from medium-sized studies that can be completed in a year by an individual researcher to more extensive collaborative studies that can last several years. The Foundation does not establish funding priorities for subjects of research. Funded projects originate from research ideas initiated in the field by scholars. Inquiries and preliminary proposals are welcome at any time.

Tinker Institutional Grant

To be considered for a Tinker Institutional Grant, a proposal must be submitted by an institutional entity and be geographically focused on Latin America, Iberia or Antarctica. Topically, the projects should deal with environmental policy, governance, or economic policy. Support may be for research projects, conferences, and workshops. First step is to submit a brief description of the project to ascertain the Foundation’s interest. Deadline for proposals to be reviewed at the winter Board of Directors’ meeting is September 1.

Economic Impact Analysis, Risk Assessment, and Cost Benefit Analysis

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Economics has a requirement for technical support in the areas of economic impact analysis, risk assessment, risk management, and cost benefit analysis. The solicitation will be issued on or about August 6.

Management Systems

The U.S. Department of Education needs contractor services to provide the Planning and Evaluation Service (PES) with technical support in developing effective and efficient management systems that align with and support the Department’s management initiative. Primary focus will be identifying major management challenges in PES’ structure, systems, policies, and practices, and developing and implementing improvement strategies to help managers and staff achieve their goals. Solicitation will be issued o/a July 13.

Health Services Research

Health Services research is sought on the organization, management and economics of drug abuse treatment and prevention services, and the effects of these factors on the quality, cost, access to, effectiveness and outcomes of care for drug abuse and addictive disorders. Deadlines are October 1 and February 1.

Economic Inequality and Global Finance

The Social Science Research Council has a new program, Global Security and Cooperation, which focuses on issues of peace and security. The program seeks to nurture innovative research and collaboration across geographic regions and between the worlds of academics and practitioners. The program will work through an integrated system of international research fellowships and grants, field-building research and networking initiatives, and collaborative research and training activities. Deadline is December 1.

Research Experiences for Undergraduates

The Research Experiences for Undergraduates program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation, including economics and decision, risk and management science. Projects must involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs or in research projects specially designed for the purpose. Deadline is September 15.