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

Our web site research.cba.ua.edu has links to the new UA internal coordination sheet, the updated benefit rate schedule, and to the C&BA supplemental compensation form.

**Research on Retirement Issues**

The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College seeks proposals for the Steven H. Sandell Grant Program for Junior Scholars in Retirement Research. The program promotes research on retirement issues by junior scholars in a variety of disciplines, including actuarial science, demography, economics, finance, gerontology, political science, public administration, public policy, sociology, social work, and statistics. The program is funded through a grant from the Social Security Administration.

Each grant awarded will be up to $25,000. The number of awards made depends on funding availability. Awards will be made in January 2003 and final projects must be completed within a year of the award. Deadline for submission is November 15.

**Aspen Institute**

The Nonprofit Sector Research Fund, a program of the Aspen Institute, was established in 1991 to expand understanding of nonprofit activities through the support of high-quality research. The Fund has announced the availability of grants to support research on philanthropy and the nonprofit sector, including hospitals, universities, human service agencies, arts organizations, advocacy groups, and other tax-exempt entities.

The Fund encourages applications from researchers currently engaged in the study of the nonprofit sector, and also from scholars grounded in academic disciplines (e.g., economics, political science, sociology, law, public policy, history, management, etc.) who are new to nonprofit research.

The Fund is currently accepting applications for research support in the following areas: Nonprofits, philanthropy, and public policy, including privatization and contracting issues and studies of the impact of government spending on philanthropy, nonprofits, and the people they serve; and foundations, including studies of foundation leadership, strategies, and impact. Grants in these two fields of interest will be awarded to institutions and individuals. Proposals from university-based researchers, independent scholars, nonprofit practitioners, and other researchers are welcome. Grants generally will range from $10,000 to $150,000, depending on the scope of the project. Applications at all funding levels are encouraged. Deadline is October 1.

**Leavy Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education**

These awards honor outstanding educators who excite a commitment in their students to the free enterprise system. Established in 1977, and now permanently endowed by the Thomas and Dorothy Leavoy Foundation of Los Angeles, the program honors instructors who unleash the entrepreneurial skills of their students.

A special independent panel of leaders, drawn from the economic, business, and academic communities meets each November to evaluate nominations and select recipients of the Leavy Awards. The panel may recommend up to 20 awards of $7,500 each annually. In addition, the panel may recommend a special award of $15,000 for an unusually meritorious entry. In the event a selected nomination involves more than one instructor, the award will be shared equally among the recipients. Deadline is October 1.

**Motorola Foundation**

The Motorola Foundation provides funding to higher education, as well as primary and secondary education programs, with the goal of augmenting the
education levels for youth throughout the world where Motorola does business. Global priority giving areas include programs reaching traditionally underrepresented groups in the areas of math, science, engineering, and business.

Query letters are strongly encouraged. Submit a maximum two-page description of the goals and objectives of the organization or program. Include the following: geographic and demographics served by the organization, name, address and telephone number of the chief executive officer, the dollar amount requested, and a copy of the IRS tax determination letter.

The Foundation funds on a calendar year basis, therefore requests are reviewed throughout the year. Funding cycles vary by community and it is recommended that applicants contact the community relations contact at the site nearest them.

**Entrepreneurial Leadership**

The Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership is the largest organization focused solely on entrepreneurial success at all levels. The Kauffman Center works to accelerate entrepreneurship in America by reaching individuals of all ages through two focus areas: the delivery of entrepreneurship education and development, and the promotion of an entrepreneurial environment.

The Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership is accepting applications for the second round of the Kauffman Emerging Scholars Initiative, a new program designed to accelerate research into entrepreneurial activity. The program is designed to help launch a new group of world-class scholars to further the study of the field of entrepreneurship, and to help provide new knowledge with immediate application for policymakers, educators, service providers, and entrepreneurs.

Five Ph.D. student recipients of the Kauffman Emerging Scholars Initiative will each receive a maximum of $15,000 to support academic research into entrepreneurship. Ph.D. students from accredited U.S. institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for the grant. While this program is ideal for students who are in the process of formulating their dissertation proposal, doctoral candidates with approved dissertation proposals may also apply.

Proposals submitted to the Kauffman Emerging Scholars Initiative must address research issues of theoretical and practical importance to the domain of entrepreneurship. That is, they must focus on individuals or for-profit organizations involved in launching new ventures or growing established ones. Special consideration will be given to submissions that also provide insight on the topic of entrepreneurship and women, minorities, education, finance, or the environment.

Deadline is January 3.

**SSRC Fellowships**

The Social Science Research Council’s Eurasia Program has announced a fellowship program for research on the Russian Empire, the Soviet Union and the New Independent States, funded by the U.S. Department of State under the Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII).

Fellowships are offered in three categories. Predissertation Training Fellowships are for first or second year graduate students to enhance their disciplinary, methodological, or language training. Dissertation Write-up Fellowships are for those graduate students who have completed their dissertation research and expect to complete writing the dissertation during the 2003-2004 academic year. Postdoctoral Fellowships are designed to improve the academic employment and tenure opportunities of recent Ph.D. recipients (up to three years past the Ph.D.). All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. All fellowships awarded under this program are contingent upon the receipt of funding from the U.S. Department of State. Deadline is November 1.